

PSALMS OF JOY & THANKSGIVING

PSALM 1



# Welcome to our church!

We're glad you're here! We hope you experience the warmth and welcome of Christ our Savior in this community.

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**If this is your first time visiting**, please fill out a **Visitor's Card**. We would love to meet you and help you get connected. Please visit **[tcpca.org/visitor](http://tcpca.org/visitor)** or scan the QR code to the left with your smartphone camera, or fill out the Visitor Card in your pew and place it in the Offering bowl.



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**Officers On Duty** Today's points of contact for spiritual or physical needs.

**Elder on duty:**  
Jamie Hinely

**Deacons on duty:**  
Wes Anderson and Ben Commerford

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## *Preparing Our Hearts for Worship...*

“He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life’s narrow way.  
He lives! He lives salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives?  
He lives within my heart.”

- Alfred Ackley

### **COVER ARTWORK**

*Cape Nelson Lighthouse, Australia*

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# Order of Worship

June 11, 2023 at 9:00 and 11:15 AM

## Liturgy Notes

Do you have questions about how we worship? This column answers the “what” and “why” of each element of our liturgy.

### PLEASE NOTE:

During responsive readings, the part of the Leader will be in plain text, **and the part of the People will be in bold.**

## Call to Worship

The Call to Worship is traditionally the first element in a Christian liturgy, serving as the moment of consecration. God’s Word is used to invite us into the sacred time of corporate worship, and we respond with our voices as an answer to His call.

## Congregational Singing

A unique aspect of Christian worship is that we sing together. Our singing is an expression of love for God and joy in His gospel. Singing strong hymns grounded in the truths of our theology raises our eyes from awe of the created to awe of the Creator. Scripture commands us to sing. Beautiful voices are not required, but a community joining together to sing truth and to sing it with passion and conviction is beautiful to our God.

## REJOICE Declare the praises of God

### Call to Worship from from Zephaniah 3:14, Isaiah 30:18, and Hebrews 10:19-20

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, for the Lord waits to be gracious to you, and therefore He exalts Himself to show mercy to you.

**Let us now with meekness and boldness enter into the most holy place by the blood of Jesus, which He has opened for us.**

### Hymn *O Worship The King*

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O worship the King all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing His power and His love;  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

## Welcome & Announcements

## Membership Vows

9:00 - Brenda Sisk

## Choir Anthem *I'd Rather Have Jesus*

George Beverly Shea/Martin

*Give me Jesus. You can have all this world. Give me Jesus. I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold. I'd rather be His than have riches untold. I'd rather have Jesus than houses or lands. I'd rather be led by His nail-pierced hand than to be the king of a vast domain, or be held in sin's dread sway. I'd rather have Jesus than anything this world affords today. He's fairer than lilies of rarest bloom. He's sweeter than honey from out of the comb. He's all that my hungering spirit needs. I'd rather have Jesus and let him lead.*

## RENEW Receive the grace of God

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### Scripture Reading

*Philippians 4:4-9 (Pew Bible p. 982)*

All men are like grass, their glory like flowers of the field. The grass withers and the flowers fall, **but the Word of the Lord stands forever.**

### Confession of God's People

**O God, early in the morning we cry to You. Help us to pray and to concentrate our thoughts on You:**

**We cannot do this alone.**

**In us there is darkness,**

**But with You there is light;**

**We are lonely, but You do not leave us;**

**We are feeble in heart, but with You there is help;**

**We are restless, but with You there is peace.**

**In us there is bitterness, but with You there is patience;**

**We do not understand Your ways,**

**But You know the way for us...**

**Restore us to liberty,**

**And enable us to live now**

**That we may answer before You and before us.**

**Lord, whatever this day may bring,**

**Your name be praised. Amen.**

*- Silent Prayers of Confession -*

### Repentance of God's People

Is the Father love? **He is.**

Is the Son enough? **He is.**

Is the Spirit able? **He is.**

Will you turn from your pride and trust your God? **We will.**

### Confession of God's People

In the Confession of Sin we humbly agree with Scripture's claim that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. This is the most honest moment of our week, as we confess our sin and shame together. We do this corporately through a unison litany or prayer and individually through a moment of silence for private confession.

### Repentance of God's People

Our time of confession becomes a time of fresh commitment through corporate repentance. Together we boldly turn from all evil and offer our lives again to God. Only say these words if you are indeed willing to repent of your sins.

## Assurance of God's Pardon

Confession and repentance is always met with the surety of God's grace. The minister proclaims to the penitent community words of pardon from Scripture, assuring our hearts of the grace that is already ours in Christ Jesus.

## Assurance of God's Pardon from Zephaniah 3:17

The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in His love He will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with loud singing.

## Greeting of the Peace of Christ

### Hymn *Blessed Assurance*

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Blessed assurance Jesus is mine  
O what a foretaste of glory divine  
Heir of salvation purchase of God  
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

#### **REFRAIN:**

*This is my story this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long  
This is my story this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long*

Perfect submission perfect delight  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy whispers of love **(REFRAIN)**

Perfect submission all is at rest  
I in my Savior am happy and blest  
Watching and waiting looking above  
Filled with His goodness lost in His love **(REFRAIN)**

## Confession of Faith Westminster Larger Catechism Question #157

How is the Word of God to be read?

**The Holy Scriptures are to be read with a high and reverent esteem of them; with a firm persuasion that they are the very Word of God, and that He only can enable us to understand them, with desire to know, believe, and obey the will of God revealed in them; with diligence, and attention to the matter and scope of them; with meditation, application, self-denial, and prayer.**

## Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heav'nly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; Amen.

## Offertory Prayer

### Offertory Solo *This My Plea*

Text: Frances Jane Crosby  
Music: Benjamin Lynerd  
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What I am, Your eye can see, Yet I come, O Lord, to Thee. Tho' my sins are crimson red, yet for me Your blood was shed. *This my plea, my only plea: Through your off'ring once for me, I may cast myself on Thee, Jesus my Redeemer.* As I am, I seek Your face; kneeling at the door of grace; O forgive this heart of mine, cleanse me now and seal me Thine. As I am, O blessed Lord, I believe and trust Thy Word; Let my soul no longer roam, Take, O take the wand'rer home.

### GOSPEL STORYTIME

*At this time, children ages 4 - Kindergarten may be dismissed to Room 103 for prayer, singing, and a lesson from the Gospel Story Bible. They will return to the Sanctuary at the end of the sermon to be with their families during Communion.*

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### Confession of Faith

We confess together the convicting truths of orthodoxy by reciting the ancient creeds of our faith. We share these words with saints throughout the centuries as well as those throughout the world today. This also serves as a bold proclamation to the watching world of what we believe is true.

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### Offering

The offering is received, not merely as a way to pay the bills, but as an act of worship. In response to the God from whom all blessings flow, we give freely, joyfully, and sacrificially to His beloved bride, the Church.

**Scripture Reading** Psalm 1 (p. 448)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** Rev. Will Witherington

**“A Heightened State of Happiness”**

**Sermon**

The preaching of God’s Word in the context of holy worship is the primary means of God’s voice to His people. Our trust is not in the ability of the preacher, but in the promise that God, by His Spirit working in and through His word, is speaking to us in exceptional ways. Therefore, we open our minds and hearts to the uniquely formative power of ordained preaching.

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## The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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### PLEASE NOTE:

You will be released from your pew to come forward and receive the communion elements, and we will take the elements together once everyone has been served.

### Words of Institution

Let us together proclaim the hope of the Church:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ shall come again!**

I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper, He took the cup saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

### Holy Communion

#### Hymn *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Text: Henry van Dyke

Music: Ludwig van Beethoven

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Joyful joyful we adore Thee  
God of glory Lord of love  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee  
Opening to the sun above  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness  
Drive the dark of doubt away  
Giver of immortal gladness  
Fill us with the light of day

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#### Communion

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper is a holy ordinance, wherein Christ and his gospel are represented and applied to His people. Though the bread and wine are not literally the body and blood of Jesus, this meal is far more than a sentimental reminder. It is spiritual nourishment to our souls and a means of growth in His grace. Communion is the family meal of Christians, and all followers of Jesus who are in good standing with His Church are invited to partake.



All Thy works with joy surround Thee  
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays  
Stars and angels sing around Thee  
Center of unbroken praise  
Field and forest vale and mountain  
Flowery meadow flashing sea  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in Thee

Thou art giving and forgiving  
Ever blessing ever blest  
Wellspring of the joy of living  
Ocean depth of happy rest  
Thou our Father Christ our Brother  
All who live in love are Thine  
Teach us how to love each other  
Lift us to the joy divine

***(Sung in unison)***

Mortals join the mighty chorus  
Which the morning stars began  
Father love is reigning o'er us  
Brother love binds man to man  
Ever singing march we onward  
Victors in the midst of strife  
Joyful music lifts us sunward  
In the triumph song of life

## Benediction

Go love your God. **Go love your neighbor.**



## Giving Report

For more information, visit [tcpca.org/give](http://tcpca.org/give).

May Giving:	\$159,553	FY Giving from Oct-May:	\$1,724,415
May Goal:	\$163,729	Giving Goal for Oct-May:	\$1,855,598
<b>Difference:</b>	<b>-\$4,176</b>	<b>Difference:</b>	<b>-\$131,183</b>
		<b>FY Giving Goal (Oct-Sep):</b>	<b>\$2,728,820</b>

## Prayer Chain

If you would like to share prayer requests with our church prayer chain, we would love to pray for you. Please feel free to send an email to:

Kathryn Lyon  
[KRL40502@aol.com](mailto:KRL40502@aol.com)

Janet Whitley  
[janetjwhitley@gmail.com](mailto:janetjwhitley@gmail.com)

## ACCESS Prayer Group

The Access Prayer Group meets each Thursday at noon to pray for our church and our community. Send prayer requests to:

Mary Beth Moore  
[mdmoorefamily@gmail.com](mailto:mdmoorefamily@gmail.com)

# Announcements

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## Last Chance to Register for VBS!

Join us for a fun-filled week at Vacation Bible School (VBS) June 19th-23rd from 9am to 12pm each day as we learn about Jesus' love and what that means for us! Each day at VBS, kids will participate in awesome Bible adventures, play teamwork-building games, sing catchy songs, devour yummy treats, make fun crafts and have lots of fun! VBS is for kids aged 4 through rising 5th graders. (We offer childcare for children ages 0-3 years for parents who volunteer during VBS) Registration closes TOMORROW, June 12, so sign up today by scanning this QR code or visit [tcpca.org/vbs](http://tcpca.org/vbs).



## Local Mission Opportunity This Summer!

Last year, our VBS program hosted over 80 kids from families that do NOT attend TCPC, making it one of our largest community outreach opportunities of the year! We are still in need of 20 more volunteers to serve at VBS on June 19-23 from 8:30am-12:30pm, so please consider volunteering to make this a wonderful experience not only for our kids but also for our neighbor's kids! Sign up at [tcpca.org/vbs](http://tcpca.org/vbs), or email Nicole at [ndorton@tcpca.org](mailto:ndorton@tcpca.org) with any questions.

## Women's Retreat on September 8-9

The Women's Ministry invites you to join us for our Fall Retreat! The theme is "Bring Shalom" and the retreat will include teaching times, small group discussion, fellowship, music, activities, prayer, and lots of fun. We will meet starting with dinner on Friday, September 8th, and conclude around lunch the next day. This will all take place at the Origin Hotel, and we would love for you book a room and stay the night with friends (scan QR code and look for "Origin Hotel Booking" button). The registration fee is \$65 from now until July 1, and is \$80 after July 1. Learn more and register today by scanning this QR code or go to [tcpca.org/women](http://tcpca.org/women).



## Bring Baby Bottles Back Next Week!

Baby Bottle Blessings, a fundraiser for Assurance for Life, is an easy and fun way to support those facing unplanned pregnancies in our community. Assurance has provided us with empty bottles that you can pick up from the Narthex. Bring them back filled up with change, cash, or checks on or before Father's Day, or, you can give online at [babybottleblessings.org](http://babybottleblessings.org)

## Youth Summer Retreat June 25-27

This Summer, the Youth Group will be spending three days and two nights in the main lodge at Cliffview Resort in Red River Gorge. There will be plenty to do, from hiking and fishing to games at the cabin, as well as growing in our faith together in small groups and large group sessions. This is going to be a fantastic retreat in one of Kentucky's most beautiful places. Cost is \$150 per student (\$200 if you'd like to do the zipline). Scan this QR code to sign up, or if you have any questions, send an email to [lraekstraw@tcpca.org](mailto:lraekstraw@tcpca.org).



## Meeting & Dessert for Mexico Medical Missions Trip Participants

If you are participating in the Mexico Medical Missions Trip later this year, join us at Charlie Kennedy's house on June 12th at 7:00 PM to meet together as a team and discuss this trip.



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