



THE PRAYERS OF OUR SAVIOR

JOHN 17

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.

If this is your first time visiting, please fill out a **Visitor Form**. We would love to meet you and help you get connected. Please visit **tcpca.org/visitor** or scan this QR code with your smartphone camera.



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

Elder on duty:
Ken Iverson

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Wes Anderson and Justin Provost

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship...

“I am willing to receive what You give.
I am willing to lack what You withhold.
I am willing to relinquish what You take.
I am willing to suffer what You inflict.
I am willing to be what You require.”

- Anonymous

Order of Worship

August 20, 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 1 Chronicles 16

Give thanks to the LORD, call on His name; make known among the nations what He has done.

Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wonderful acts.

Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Look to the LORD and His strength; seek His face always.

ALL: Remember the wonders He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He pronounced!

Hymn *Christ Our Hope In Life And Death*

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What is our hope in life and death
Christ alone Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand
What comes apart from His command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ in which we stand

O sing hallelujah

Our hope springs eternal

O sing hallelujah

Now and ever we confess

Christ our hope in life and death

What truth can calm the troubled soul
God is good God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known
In our great Redeemer’s blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise
Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

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REFRAIN

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Now and ever we confess

Christ our hope in life and death

Unto the grave what will we sing

Christ He lives Christ He lives

And what reward will heaven bring

Everlasting life with Him

There we will rise to meet the Lord

Then sin and death will be destroyed

And we will feast in endless joy

When Christ is ours forevermore **(REFRAIN)**

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn *Gentle Shepherd (Psalm 23)* **(Music on Page 14)**

Erik Dewar

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Gentle Shepherd, walk beside me, for with You I shall not want.

With Your presence cheer and guide me; along the path forsake me not.

By the waters gently lead me; in the pastures let me lie,

For in faithfulness You feed me, and by Your grace my needs supply.

Gentle Shepherd, come restore me; let me walk in righteous paths.

For Your name lead on before me, and guide me in Your sovereign plans.

Through the valley, Lord, be near me, then no evil shall I fear.

In Your mercy stoop to hear me, when in the dark I lift my pray'r.

Gentle Shepherd, now sustain me, at the table You prepare.

In the sight of those who hate me, Your blessings flow beyond compare.

Surely Love shall e'er pursue me, though I wander far away.

In Your house, O Lord, renew me, where I shall dwell for all my days,

Where I shall dwell for all my days.

Scripture Reading Genesis 3:1-7 (Pew Bible p. 2)

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 from the Book of Common Worship

God of mercy, You sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from You and turned aside from Your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored Your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

- *Silent Prayers of Confession* -

Repentance of God's People from 1 Corinthians 13

Do you renounce your sinful thoughts, words, and deeds that offend God, harm others, and ruin creation? **We do.**

Do you renounce the ways and idols of this fallen world that oppose God's Kingdom and glory? **We do.**

Do you renounce Satan and all spiritual forces of darkness that rebel against the one true God? **We do.**

Assurance of God's Pardon from Philippians 3:20-21

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who by the power that enables Him to bring everything under His control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body.

Greeting of the Peace of Christ

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.

Hymn *I Stand Amazed*

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I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene,
And I wonder how He could love me,
A sinner, condemned, unclean.

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*How marvelous! How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be;
How marvelous! How wonderful!
Is my Savior's love for me!*

He took my sins and my sorrows,
He made them His very own;
He bore the burden to Calvary,
And suffered and died alone. **(REFRAIN)**

When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see,
'Twill be my joy through the ages
To sing of His love for me. **(REFRAIN)**

Confession of Faith

We confess together the convictional 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.

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.

Confession of Faith from Westminster Catechism

What is the chief end of man?

The chief end of man is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.

What is God?

God is a spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

Are there more Gods than one?

There is but only one, the living and true God.

How many persons are there in the Godhead?

There are three persons in the Godhead; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

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 *Blest Be The Tie That Binds*

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Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love, the fellowship of kindred hearts is like to that above. Before our Father's throne we pour our fervent prayers, our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares. We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear, and often for each other flows a sympathizing tear. When for a while we part, this thought will soothe our pain: in Christ we still are joined in heart, and we shall meet again. This glorious hope revives our courage on the way, while each in expectation lives and longs to see that day. From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

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.

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

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

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.

Hymn *Ancient Of Days* (Music on Page 15)

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Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall,
There is still one King reigning over all.
So, I will not fear for this truth remains:
That my God is the Ancient of Days.

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*None above Him, none before Him;
All of time in His hands.
For His throne, it shall remain and ever stand.
All the power, all the glory, I will trust in His name.
For my God is the Ancient of days.*

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul,
He is here with me. I am not alone.
O, His love is sure and He knows my name.
For my God is the Ancient of Days. **(REFRAIN)**

Though I may not see what the future brings,
I will watch and wait for the Saviour King.
Then, my joy complete, standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of Days. **(REFRAIN)**

Benediction

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



Giving Report

For more information, visit tcpca.org/give.

July Giving: \$196,439

July Goal: \$218,306

Difference: -\$21,867

FY Giving from Oct-Jul: \$2,092,534

Giving Goal for Oct-Jul: \$2,237,633

Difference: -\$145,099

FY Total Giving Goal (Oct-Sep): **\$2,728,820**

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

Janet Whitley
janetjwhitley@gmail.com

ACCESS Prayer Group

The Access Prayer Group meets each Thursday at 12:30 PM to pray for our church and our community. Send prayer requests to:

Mary Beth Moore
mdmoorefamily@gmail.com

Announcements

Combined Sunday School Today and the Next Week

AUGUST 20: Join us in the Sanctuary between services today as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of our denomination, the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). Mark Randle will be leading our time to reflect on what God has done, to share about important initiatives happening in the PCA right now, and to pray that God would continue to bless the work of the PCA for years to come. Children ages 4 and up can be dropped off at the Youth Room and Gym for activities during this Sunday School.

AUGUST 27: On Sunday, August 27, we will be hosting a Sunday School Kickoff Event. Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 10:20, where there will be pastries, fruit, and coffee served. Children will join us at the beginning for a brief introduction and then will be dismissed to the gym with their teachers for inflatables and other fun activities. The adults will remain in the Fellowship Hall to hear about the Sunday School classes being offered this year.

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 (see website for discounted nightly rate). The registration fee is \$80. Learn more and register today by scanning this QR code or by going to tcpca.org/women.



Save the Date! Next Senior Ministry Luncheon on September 17

All of us are eager to share our faith and help others to grow, but most of us are stumped at how to get started. At our next luncheon Tom Gold is going to talk about mentoring one-on-one with others, and Nicole Dorton is going to present ideas on how we can help with the children. We'll be meeting in the Fellowship Hall immediately after the second service, and we always encourage all ages, not just seniors, to come and enjoy a free lunch and time of fellowship with others. We do prepare name tags in advance and we want to be sure we have enough food, so please reserve your spot by emailing Eileen Frisinger at bifrisinger@aol.com.

Game Night for Recent Grads

If you find yourself between the ages of 22-25, and you've recently graduated from college or are currently in grad school, join us for a Game Night at the Rouse House on Sunday August 27 at 6pm. If you'd like to attend, email Daniel Rouse at dmrouse13@gmail.com for more info.

Handbell Players Needed

The handbell choir is looking for 1 or 2 new players for our Aug/Sept session as well as people willing to substitute if the need arises. You do not need to have played bells before but an understanding of music rhythm reading is important. We will be rehearsing on Wednesday nights 8-9:10pm this session and plan to play in worship Sept. 17. Please contact Suzanne Dovel at sdovel@tcpca.org if you are interested or for more information.

FALL KICKOFF

Learn about the new opportunities we are offering this ministry year to get involved, to meet other churchgoers like you, and to grow in your faith and understanding of God, and watch this section in the coming weeks as we add more Sunday School classes and Bible Studies.

MINISTRIES & SMALL GROUPS FOR ADULTS

Join a Parish Group Parish Groups are multi-generational gatherings of people that live near you. These gatherings take place on a consistent basis throughout the year, and often involve food, fellowship, and discussion about that week's sermon. Even if you were in a group last year and want to remain in the same group, please sign up by August 31! This helps us plan well for these groups and place people in the best group according to where they live.



Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study The Wednesday Morning Women's Bible study will begin on September 13, 9:00 - 11:00 AM, with nursery provided. We will be studying the first half of the Gospel of Matthew using Jen Wilkin's study materials. There is also the option to watch the large group gathering via livestream and to join a small group via Zoom if you are unable to attend in-person. Cost of materials is \$10. Childcare is provided (please fill out the form on our website). If you have any questions, please contact Julia Meador at jamat10215@aol.com. Scan this QR code to sign up (look for "Morning Bible Study").



Wednesday Men's Bible Study The Wednesday Men's Bible Study meets each Wednesday at noon in the lower-level boardroom. Our first class will be September 13th. We will be studying the gospel of Luke, the only gospel written by a gentile. God provides, through Luke, the story of Jesus and His ministry in a clear, chronological way. God's gift of salvation for all who believe unfolds in a well written, easily understood manner. All men of all ages are welcome to join us for a time of fellowship, study, and prayer. We have been known to enjoy some coffee and a donut or two, as well! If you would like more information, please email Harry Standinger at hstandin@hotmail.com or just come and join us!

Sing in the Choir Choir rehearsals will resume soon. The fall is a busy season preparing for our Christmas Cantata along with beautiful music for regular Sundays. If you are looking for a way to serve at TCPC, be part of a fun and supportive community, and enjoy God's gift of music; come join us! Newcomers are always welcome! Email Chelsea at csteyn@tcpca.org for information.

ACCESS Prayer Group ACCESS is a group that has been meeting weekly for well over 20 years to intercede for the needs of TCPC. The name is an acronym for the order of our prayers: Adoration, Confession, Contrition, Entreaties, Supplications, and Submission. We pray for our pastors, officers, staff, ministries, missions, and the personal requests of TCPC members. A prayer guide is prepared and emailed every Wednesday afternoon, and the group meets to pray together in the parlor at the church on Thursdays at 12:30. However, for those who are called to this ministry but are unable to attend the meetings, the guide is also sent to those who commit to pray through it in the privacy of your closet. If you sense the Lord's leading for you to participate, whether it be in-person or on your own, please contact Preston Hicks at epnjphicks@twc.com. If you have a personal prayer request, please send it to Mary Beth Moore at mdmoorefamily@gmail.com, who prepares the guide every Tuesday.

Serve in the Children's Ministry Our Children's Ministry program is growing and we need your help to "tell the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord" (Psalm 78). There are openings for Nursery, Sunday School and Gospel Storytime teachers. Scan this QR code to fill out an interest form and Nicole Dorton will be in touch with you soon to find the best fit!



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ADULTS

The following classes meet each Sunday at about 10:20 AM, starting September 10th (unless otherwise noted).

Apply for Parenting Class This year we are offering a class for parents of children ages 2 to 10. The class will run thru May 2024, and will require a high level of commitment. In order to make the most of the class, we are taking a limited number of couples and we are having an application process. Please scan the QR code to access the application and read a cover letter that gives more information. If you have questions please contact Will Witherington at wwitherington@tcpca.org. Applications are due no later than August 28.



Bridge Class The Bridge Sunday School Class will resume on September 10 as we continue to make our way through the Old Testament, following the Gospel Project outline that is also being taught in our children's classes. It has been said that the Bible is "shallow enough for a child to wade in, but deep enough for an elephant to swim" so whether you're brand new to the Bible or know it well, each week we look forward to learning more as we discuss together. Our teachers will be Luke Rakestraw and Tim Green. The Bridge Class meets at 10:20 in the Youth Room, next to the Gym.

VERTIAS Class The VERITAS Adult Sunday School Class will resume its climb through the glorious mountains of Romans on September 10th. We meet at 10:15 in the Lower Level Classroom. Join us as we continue our study of Paul's fullest, grandest, and most comprehensive statement of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Our teacher will be Ron Whitley. For more information and a time of class fellowship, connect with us for coffee and bagels on September 3rd.

Bread & Water Class Bread & Water is a new Sunday School Class taught by Tim Bickel, beginning with an introduction September 10th and then begins meeting weekly Sunday, October 1st. The purpose of this class is to develop a hunger and thirst for righteousness by cultivating and deepening our love for and knowledge of God's Word. Along with His Word, this class will be designed to pursue intentional discussion, relationships, community and accountability within the Sunday School hour as well as get-togethers outside of Sunday mornings.

Vine Class Why do the Ten Commandments matter to Christians today? Are they just simplistic rules from over 1,000 years before Christ, or the words of a loving Father who wants the best for his people? The Ten Commandments are more than God's regulations for Israel, they are a guide as we live to please God, a reflection of what God created the human heart to be, and a restraint against sin. Most of all, the Ten Commandments are about God. They reveal both his character and his will for us, and they point us to the Gospel. In the Fall semester of the Vine class, we'll look at the implications of the Ten Commandments for the world and for the Christian life.

FOR 6TH-12TH GRADE STUDENTS

Student Ministry Kickoff The Student Ministry for 6th-12th grade students will begin with a kickoff event on Wednesday, September 6 from 7:00 - 8:30 PM. The Sunday School class will begin on September 10.

FOR CHILDREN

TCPK Kids Sunday School Kickoff Our Sunday School program for kids ages 3 through 5th grade will start with a special kick-off during the Sunday School hour on Sunday August 27th. Kids will start in the Fellowship Hall at 10:20am and then after a short lesson they will go to the gym for inflatables and fun!

Nursery Childcare Program: Tuesdays this Fall Our nursery will be starting a playtime program on Tuesday mornings this Fall, led by Amber Waldrop. The program starts on August 22, 2023 This will be a time for parents to drop off their children for childcare from 9:00am-11:30am. The cost will be \$18 per child (additional siblings \$15). Scan this QR code to sign up!



Gentle Shepherd (Psalm 23)

Erik Dewar

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1. Gen - tle Shep - herd, walk be - side me, for with You I shall not
2. Gen - tle Shep - herd, come re - store me; let me walk in right - eous
3. Gen - tle Shep - herd, now sus - tain me, at the ta - ble You pre -



want. With Your pre - sence cheer and guide me; a -
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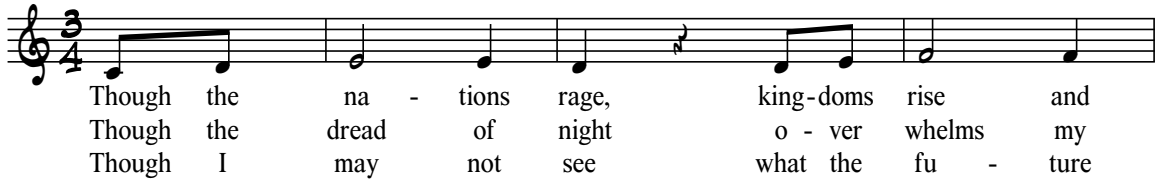
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Ancient Of Days

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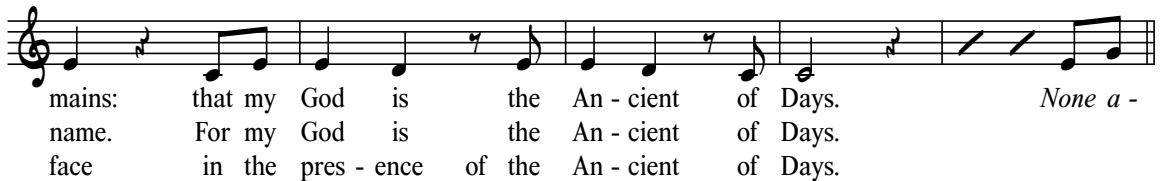
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soul, He is here with me. I am not a -
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