



# 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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**Elder on duty:**  
Chris Matocha

**Deacons on duty:**  
Ken Iverson, Jr. and Jay Siekmann

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

“Jesus has not only saved us from the evils which oppress us; He has felt for and with us in our oppression, and under the impulse of these feelings has wrought out our redemption.”

- B.B. Warfield

# Order of Worship

September 3, 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 Isaiah 49

Sing for Joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;  
break forth, O mountains, into singing!

**For the Lord has comforted His people  
and will have compassion on His afflicted.**

### Hymn *Lead On O King Eternal*

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Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come  
Henceforth in fields of conquest thy tents shall be our home  
Through days of preparation thy grace has made us strong  
And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin’s fierce war shall cease  
And holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace  
For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums  
But deeds of love and mercy, the heav’nly kingdom comes

Lead on, O King eternal, we follow, not with fears  
For gladness breaks like morning where’er thy face appears  
Thy cross is lifted o’er us, we journey in its light  
The crown awaits the conquest, lead on, O God of might

## Welcome & Announcements

## Hymn *I Will Praise Him Still* (Music on Page 9)

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When the morning falls on the farthest hill  
I will sing His name I will praise Him still  
When dark trials come and my heart is filled  
With the weight of doubt I will praise Him still

### **REFRAIN**

*For the Lord our God He is strong to save  
From the arms of death from the deepest grave  
And He gave us life in His perfect will  
And by His good grace I will praise Him still*

## **RENEW** Receive the grace of God

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### **Scripture Reading** Psalm 13 (Pew Bible p. 453)

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**

**Heavenly Father, Your promises are endless, but we find it so hard to believe and trust. You are sovereign, but we fear our circumstances. You are faithful, but we fear the future. You are mighty, but we fear the world. You are gracious, but we fear our sins. You are risen, but we fear our death. Forgive our unbelief and restore to us an unshakable confidence in You.**

*- Silent Prayers of Confession -*

### **Repentance of God's People**

Do you turn from your faithlessness? **We do.**

Do you return to the faithfulness of your God? **We do.**

### **Assurance of God's Pardon** from Isaiah 53:4-5

Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed.

### **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** *My Worth Is Not In What I Own*

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My worth is not in what I own  
Not in the strength of flesh and bone  
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross  
My worth is not in skill or name  
In win or lose in pride or shame  
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross

### **REFRAIN:**

*I rejoice in my Redeemer  
Greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul  
I will trust in Him no other  
My soul is satisfied in Him alone*

As summer flowers we fade and die  
Fame youth and beauty hurry by  
But life eternal calls to us at the cross  
I will not boast in wealth or might  
Or human wisdom's fleeting light  
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross **(REFRAIN)**

Two wonders here that I confess  
My worth and my unworthiness  
My value fixed my ransom paid at the cross **(REFRAIN)**



## Confession of Faith The Apostles Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried: he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic<sup>†</sup> Church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*† Worldwide communion of faith, past, present, and future.*

## 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 *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*

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Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die! Would He devote that sacred head for sinners such as I? Was it for crimes that I have done, He groaned upon the tree? Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree! Well might the sun in darkness hide, and shut its glories in, when God, the mighty maker, died for His own creature's sin. Thus might I hide my blushing face while His dear cross appears; dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt mine eyes to tears. But drops of tears can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe. Here, Lord, I give myself away; 'tis all that I can do.

### **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.*

## 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.

## 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 John 11:17-44 (p. 897)

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

## Sermon Rev. Luke Rakestraw

**“Learning Lament”**

## 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

### 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.

### 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 *Be Still My Soul*

Text: Katharina von Schlegel

Tune: Jean Sibelius

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» *The Mercy Fund offering will be collected at the beginning of this hymn. If you would also like to contribute your time and talents, please visit [tcpca.org/mercy](http://tcpca.org/mercy) and fill out an Interest Form or Gifting Survey.*

Be still, my soul, the Lord is on your side  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain  
Leave to your God to order and provide  
In ev'ry change he faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul, your best, your heav'nly Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul, your God will undertake  
To guide the future as he has the past  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last  
Be still, my soul, the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below

Be still, my soul, when dearest friends depart  
And all is darkened in the vale of tears  
Then shall you better know his love, his heart  
Who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears  
Be still, my soul, your Jesus can repay  
From his own fullness all he takes away

Be still, my soul, the hour is hast'ning on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone  
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored  
Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last

## Benediction

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



## Giving Report

For more information, visit [tcpca.org/give](http://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](mailto:KRL40502@aol.com)

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



# I Will Praise Him Still

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When the morn - ing falls on the far - thest hill I will  
sing His name, I will praise Him, still. When dark  
tri - als come and my heart is filled with the  
weight of doubt, I will praise Him,  
still. For the Lord our God, He is strong to save from the  
arms of death, from the deep - est  
grave; and He gave us life in His per - fect will and by  
His good grace I will praise Him, still.

The musical score is written in G minor (three flats) and common time (C). It consists of eight staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of three flats, and a common time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The second staff introduces a 2/4 time signature change. The third staff returns to common time. The fourth staff introduces another 2/4 time signature change. The fifth staff returns to common time. The sixth staff introduces a 2/4 time signature change. The seventh staff returns to common time. The eighth staff introduces a 2/4 time signature change and ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

# Announcements

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## **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY\***

Our Sunday School classes will not be meeting today due to the Labor Day holiday weekend.

*\*The VERITAS Class has invited all who are interested in attending the class to join them this Sunday in between services to learn more about the class and to fellowship over coffee and bagels.*

## **Next Fellowship Dinner on September 6**

Join us on Wednesday, September 6th at 6:00 PM for our next church-wide Fellowship Dinner! The dinner theme will be a taco night, and you can RSVP today by scanning this QR code.



A recommended payment of \$8 per person or \$30 per family is appreciated. Cash and check are accepted, or if you'd like to pay your recommended payment digitally, send a text to 859-287-1144 with the message "Fellowship" to use our digital payment system.

## **Foundations Membership Class RESCHEDULED**

The Foundations membership class which was scheduled for September 15-16 has been rescheduled to November 17-18. More details about registration will be included in this email in the months to come.

## **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. Please reserve your spot by emailing Eileen Frisinger at [bifrisinger@aol.com](mailto:bifrisinger@aol.com).

## **Last Chance to Sign Up for the Women's Retreat**

The Women's Ministry is hosting a retreat at the Origin Hotel this Friday night and Saturday morning. The theme is "Bring Shalom" and the retreat will include teaching times, small group discussion, fellowship, music, activities, prayer, and lots of fun. The registration fee is \$80. Learn more and register today by scanning this QR code or by going to [tcpca.org/women](http://tcpca.org/women).



## **Sing in the Choir!**

Choir rehearsals will resume on August 30th at 6:45 PM. 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](mailto:csteyn@tcpca.org) for information.

## **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](mailto:sdovel@tcpca.org) if you are interested or for more information.

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## Student Ministry Kickoff

The Student Ministry for 6th-12th grade students is kicking off with an EPIC gathering this Wednesday, September 6 from 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Don't miss it!

## Hymn Sing at The LaFayette

We are looking for a few folks to sing and to fellowship with residents of The LaFayette at 2 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month beginning in October. The LaFayette is a senior living community located on Mason Headley Road, where TCPC members have been volunteering to lead times of singing and Bible study for years. Singers and instrumentalists of all ages and skill levels welcome! For more info, contact Rachel Baxley at 859-760-7010 or rachelmadden19@gmail.com.

## Mexico Trip Information Meeting Next Sunday, September 10

TCPC has been invited to help Pastor Filomeno Chay Tuz minister to his church and their sister churches in the Valladolid, Mexico area. Pastor Filo is one of our church's Global Partners, located in Valladolid, Mexico at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church. Filo also oversees churches in nearby villages as well. We will work on construction projects in the morning and then share the love of Jesus Christ in the afternoons with children, youth, and adults.

The trip will take place January 20-27, 2024. Middle & high school students can participate as long as one of their parents is going with them.

Anyone who is interested in going on this mission trip is invited to an informational meeting on Sunday, September 10 (after the second service) in the Lower Level Boardroom. Please email any questions to Nate Jones at [njones@tcpca.org](mailto:njones@tcpca.org).

## Guest Speaker Justin Whitmel Earley

On the evening of September 15th, Trinity has invited Justin Whitmel Earley to speak about gospel-centered parenting, including how to establish helpful family habits and practices designed to form us in the love of God and neighbor. Justin is the author of the award-winning book on habits and spiritual formation, *The Common Rule*, as well as the bestselling book on gospel-centered habits of parenting, *Habits of the Household*. All TCPC parents are invited to attend! Join us at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall on September 15. If you would like to sign up for childcare, please scan this QR code.



## Fiscal Year Giving Goal

The TCPC fiscal year concludes at the end of September, and we are currently behind in our giving for the year. In order to meet budget, \$445,000 is the amount of giving needed during the month of September. As you plan your giving, would you prayerfully consider making an offering to the general fund of our church in addition to your regular tithe? You can give online by visiting [tcpca.org/give](http://tcpca.org/give), or you can scan this QR code to read the letter from Mark with more details about giving.





# FALL KICKOFF

Learn more on our website about the ministries, activities, and small groups that are starting in the coming weeks as part of our Fall Kickoff.

Scan this QR code or go to  
[tcpca.org/fallkickoff](https://tcpca.org/fallkickoff)



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