

# *Welcome to our church!*

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

**Elder on duty:**  
Kelly Holt

**Deacons on duty:**  
Drew Farr and Tim Meador

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

“Do not live for death, pay it no fear or wonder. This is the firmest law of the truest faith. Death is the dew that wets the grass in the early morning dark. It is God’s entirely. Withdraw your fatal homage, and live.”

- **Wendell Berry**

# Order of Worship

September 10, 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 Psalms 95 and 29

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!**

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all kings.

**In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also.**

**ALL: Therefore let us ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; let us worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.**

### Hymn *Brethren We Have Met To Worship*

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Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God  
Will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the Word?  
All is vain, unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down  
Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around

Brethren, see poor sinners round you slumb’ring on the brink of woe  
Death is coming, hell is moving– can you bear to let them go?  
See our fathers and our mothers and our children sinking down  
Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around

Sisters, will you join and help us? Moses’ sister aided him  
Will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin?  
Tell them all about the Savior– tell them that He will be found  
Sisters, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around

Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other too  
Let us love and pray for sinners ‘till our God makes all things new  
Then He’ll call us home to heaven, at His table we’ll sit down  
Christ will gird Himself and serve us with sweet manna all around  
*Brethren join your cries to help them sisters let your prayers be heard*  
*Pray O pray that holy blessings will be showered all around*

# Welcome & Announcements

## Membership Vows

9:00 - Tom & Denise Wilson

## Hymn *Were I To Cross (Psalm 139)* **(Music on Page 12)**

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Were I to cross from land to land  
And sail afar by sea  
Descend the depths or climb the heights  
My Lord remains with me

Before the blood ran in these veins  
The days ordained for me  
Were written in Your book O Lord  
Before I came to be

I grieve to hear Your enemies  
Speak hatred, Lord, of You  
Long though they scheme with ill-intent  
Their days are numbered too

How precious are Your thoughts to me  
How countless, Lord, they are  
More than the shores have grains of sand  
More than the skies have stars

Come search and test this heart O Lord,  
Dispel each anxious thought  
And lead me onward evermore  
To tread the path I ought

How blessed I am, so bound with love  
Surrounded, yet so free  
In doubt or blessing, life or death  
My Lord remains with me



## Scripture Reading Acts 16:1-40 (Pew Bible p. 924)

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

**We confess to You, Lord, that we are not always the people we like others to think we are; at times we are afraid to admit even to ourselves what lies in the depths of our souls. But we do not want to hide our true selves from You. We believe that You know us as we are, and yet You still love us. Help us not to shrink from self-knowledge; fill us with godly sorrow for our sin; give us the courage to put our trust in Your guiding power. Raise us out of the paralysis of guilt, fear, and shame and take us into the freedom and hope of forgiven people. And for those who find forgiveness hard to accept, we ask that You would break their bondage and set them free. Through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.**

*- Silent Prayers of Confession -*

## Repentance of God's People

Has your strength failed you? **Always.**

Has your Savior failed you? **Never.**

Do you return to Christ the risen Lord? **We do.**

## Assurance of God's Pardon from Philipians 1:6, 11

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ...having been filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

## 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.

### Greeting of Peace

We extend to others the grace that God has extended to us, greeting each other with the peace of Christ. In the midst of a fractured world filled with prejudice, hatred, and violence, we are a demonstration of God's reconciliation. Worshipers greeted one another with the words of Christ after His resurrection, which became the customary greeting of the early Church: "Peace be with you."

## **Hymn** *I Will Lift Up The Cup Of Salvation* **(Music on Page 13)**

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I will lift up the cup of salvation  
I will call on the name of the Lord  
He has heard my cry He has saved my life  
I will enter His courts with praise

### **REFRAIN:**

*Hallelujah to the Risen Lord*  
*Hallelujah! Death will reign no more*  
*I will lift up the cup of salvation*  
*I will call on the name of the Lord*

I will walk with the Lord in his vict'ry  
I will no more despair in the dark  
He has calmed my fears with his love so dear  
I am safe in his faithful arms **(REFRAIN)**

## Hymn *Lift High The Name Of Jesus* **(Music on Page 14)**

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Lift high the name of Jesus  
Of Jesus our King  
Make known the power of His grace  
The beauty of His peace  
Remember how His mercy reached  
And we cried out to Him  
He lifted us to solid ground  
To freedom from our sin

### **REFRAIN:**

*Oh sing my soul*

*And tell all He's done*

*'Til the earth and heavens are filled with His glory*

Lift high the name of Jesus  
Of Jesus our Lord  
His pow'r in us is greater than  
Is greater than this world  
To share the reason for our hope  
To serve with love and grace  
That all who see Him shine through us  
Might bring the Father praise **(REFRAIN)**

Lift high the name of Jesus  
Of Jesus our Light  
No other name on earth can save  
Can raise a soul to life  
He opens up our eyes to see  
The harvest He has grown  
We labor in His fields of grace  
As He leads sinners home **(REFRAIN)**

## Confession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism Question 1

LEADER: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**UNISON: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.**

## 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

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### 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.

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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.



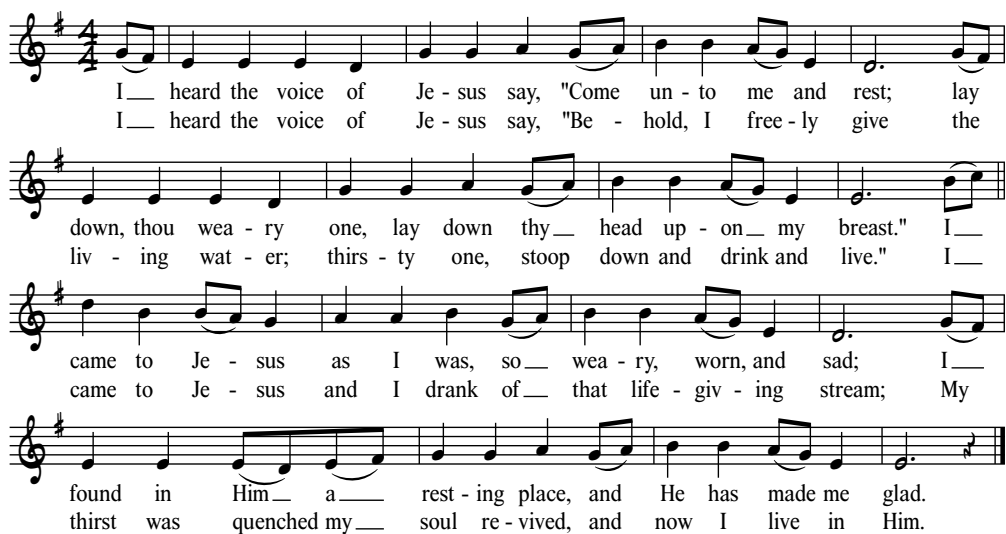
# Hymn *Come Find His Rest*

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Horatius Bonar (1846)  
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1906)

*Please join on "I head the voice of Jesus say"*

Come weary one, leave thy labors  
Come lift thy head, see thy Savior and Friend  
His arms are opened wide. O soul, be satisfied  
Come find His rest

Take His yoke upon thee  
For He is gentle and lowly in heart  
So learn from Christ the Lord, thy Portion and Reward  
Come find His rest



I\_\_ heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest; lay  
I\_\_ heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give the  
down, thou wea - ry one, lay down thy\_\_ head up - on\_\_ my breast." I\_\_  
liv - ing wat - er; thirs - ty one, stoop down and drink and live." I\_\_  
came to Je - sus as I was, so\_\_ wea - ry, worn, and sad; I\_\_  
came to Je - sus and I drank of\_\_ that life - giv - ing stream; My  
found in Him\_\_ a\_\_ rest - ing place, and He has made me glad.  
thirst was quenched my\_\_ soul re - vived, and now I live in Him.

## **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.*

## **Scripture Reading** Philippians 1:1-8 (p. 980)

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

## **Sermon** Rev. Will Witherington

**"Introduction to Philippians - 'Stories Behind the Letter'"**

## **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.

## 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**

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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.

## Hymn *His Mercy Is More*

Matt Boswell | Matt Papa  
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What love could remember no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What Father so tender is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

*Praise the Lord His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness new every morn  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more*

## Benediction

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



## 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)

## Giving Report

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

August Giving:	\$197,145	Total Giving This Fiscal Year:	\$2,289,679
August Goal:	\$191,017	Goal for Fiscal Year Giving:	\$2,728,820
<b>Difference:</b>	<b>+\$6,128</b>	<b>Difference:</b>	<b>-\$439,141</b>

## Giving Update

In order to reach our giving goal for this fiscal year (which ends on September 30), we need about \$439,000 of giving during the month of September. This is \$139,000 more than our anticipated September giving, which is why we are asking TCPC members and attendees to prayerfully consider giving to the general fund above and beyond your typical tithe. For more details, scan this QR code to read a letter from Mark.



# Were I To Cross (Psalm 139)

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New Scottish Hymns

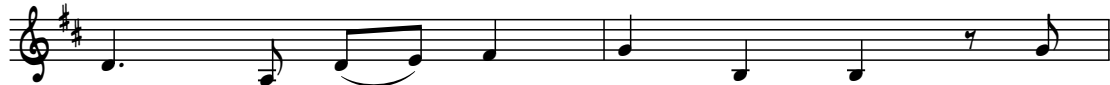
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1. Were I to cross from land to land and  
2. Be - fore the blood ran in these veins the  
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ grieve to hear Your en - e - mies speak  
4. How pre - cious are Your thoughts to me, how  
5. Come search and test this heart, O Lord, dis -  
6. How blessed I am, so bound with love, sur -



sail a - far by sea, de -  
days or - dained for me were  
ha - tred, Lord, of You, long  
count - less, Lord, they are: more  
pel each an - xious thought and  
round - ed yet so free. In



scend the depths or climb the heights, my  
writ - ten in Your book, O Lord, be -  
though they scheme with ill - in - tent, their  
than the shores have grains of sand, more  
lead me on - ward ev - er - more to  
doubt or bless - ing, life, or death, my



Lord re - mains with me.  
fore I came to be.  
days are num - bered too.  
than the skies have stars.  
tread the path I ought.  
Lord re - mains with me.

# I Will Lift Up The Cup Of Salvation

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The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The score is divided into six systems, each starting with a measure number (1, 3, 6, 9, 12, 15). The lyrics are: 'I will lift up the cup of sal - va - tion, I will I will walk with the Lord in His vic - 'try, I will call on the name of the Lord, He has heard my cry, He has no more de - spir in the dark. He has calmed my fears with His saved my life, I will en - ter His courts with praise. Al - le - love so near, I am safe in His faith - ful arms. lu - ia to the ris - en Lord! Al - le - lu - ia, death will reign no - more! I will lift up the cup of sal - va - tion, I will call on the name of the Lord.'

1 I will lift up the cup of sal - va - tion, I will  
I will walk with the Lord in His vic - 'try, I will

3 call on the name of the Lord, He has heard my cry, He has  
no more de - spir in the dark. He has calmed my fears with His

6 saved my life, I will en - ter His courts with praise. *Al - le -*  
love so near, I am safe in His faith - ful arms.

9 lu - ia to the ris - en Lord! *Al - le - lu - ia,* death will

12 reign no - more! I will lift up the cup of sal -

15 va - tion, I will call on the name of the Lord.

# Lift High The Name Of Jesus

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The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Lift High The Name Of Jesus'. It consists of seven staves of music in a 4/4 time signature, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a focus on the words 'Lift high the name of Jesus'. The lyrics are: 'Lift Lift the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our King. Make Lift high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our Lord. His Lift high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our Light. No known the pow - er of His grace, the beau - ty of His peace. Re - pow'r in us is grea - ter than, is grea - ter than this world. To oth - er name on earth can save, can raise a soul to life. He mem - ber how His mer - cy reached when we cried out to Him. He share the rea - son for our hope, to serve with love and grace, that o - pens up our eyes to see the har - vest He has grown. We lift - ed us to so - lid ground, to free - dom from our sin. Oh all who see Him shine through us might bring the Fa - ther praise. la - bor in His fields of grace as He leads sin - ners home. sing my soul and tell all He's done 'til the earth and heav - ens are filled with His glo - ry.'



# Announcements

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## Sunday School Classes Start Today!

Our Sunday School classes for adults and for children are starting today! Sunday School classes are offered in-between worship services, starting at about 10:20 and lasting until about 11:05, and anyone is welcome to attend!

## 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).

## Sing in the Choir!

Choir rehearsals have started back up again on Wednesdays 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.

## 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](mailto:rachelmadden19@gmail.com).

## Mexico Trip Information Meeting Today

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 today after the second service in the Lower Level Boardroom. If you have any questions, please email 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.



# 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.

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