



# *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:**

Ron Whitley

**Deacons on duty:**

Josh Owen and Seth Ralston

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

“Christians should live as if Jesus had died this morning,  
risen this afternoon,  
and was coming this evening.”

- Martin Luther

# Order of Worship

October 29, 2023 at 9:00 and 11:15 AM | Reformation Sunday

## 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

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

#### **We praise You Christ our King!**

For by Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

#### **We praise You Christ our King!**

And He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything He might have the supremacy.

#### **We praise You Christ Our King!**

### Hymn *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

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A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing  
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe  
His craft and pow’r are great and armed with cruel hate  
On earth is not his equal

Did we in our own strength confide our striving would be losing  
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God’s own choosing  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus it is He  
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same  
And He must win the battle

And tho’ this world with devils filled should threaten to undo us  
We will not fear for God hath willed His truth to triumph thru us  
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him  
His rage we can endure, for lo his doom is sure  
One little word shall fell him

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That word above all earthly pow'rs no thanks to them abideth  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours thru Him who with us sideth  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also  
The body they may kill, God's truth abideth still  
His kingdom is forever

## Welcome & Announcements

### Commissioning

9:00 - Missions Teams to Valladolid, Mexico and Warsaw, Poland

### Choir Anthem *Joy In The Morning*

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*Joy, there'll be joy in the morning on that day, with the light of dawn, the dark is gone, there'll be joy. There'll be peace and contentment evermore. Ev'ry heart, ev'ry voice on that day will rejoice, there'll be peace and contentment evermore. And the glory of the Lord will shine, and the glory of the Lord will bring the truth divine. There'll be love and forgiveness ev'rywhere and the way of the Lord will that day be restored, there'll be sweet love ev'rywhere.*

## RENEW Receive the grace of God

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### Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 8:1-11 (Pew Bible p. 152)

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 Adapted from a prayer of Martin Luther

**Behold, Lord, I am an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust You altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in You. I am poor; You are rich and came to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; You are upright. With me there is an abundance of sin; In You is the fullness of righteousness. Help and forgive me, O Lord, for my only hope is in You. Amen.**

- *Silent Prayers of Confession* -

### Repentance of God's People

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

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

Will you turn from yourself and return to your God? **By grace, we will.**

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### 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.

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### 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."

## 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.

## Assurance of God's Pardon

From Romans 1:17

For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

## Greeting of the Peace of Christ

### Hymn *Christ The Sure And Steady Anchor (Music on Page 10)*

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Christ the sure and steady anchor in the fury of the storm  
When the winds of doubt blow through me and my sails have all been torn  
In the suffering in the sorrow when my sinking hopes are few  
I will hold fast to the anchor it shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor while the tempest rages on  
When temptation claims the battle and it seems the night has won  
Deeper still then goes the anchor though I justly stand accused  
I will hold fast to the anchor it shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor through the floods of unbelief  
Hopeless somehow O my soul now lift your eyes to Calvary  
This my ballast of assurance see His love forever proved  
All my hope is in the anchor it shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor as we face the wave of death  
When these trials give way to glory as we draw our final breath  
We will cross that great horizon clouds behind and life secured  
And the calm will be the better for the storms that we endured

*Christ the shore of our salvation ever faithful ever true  
We will hold fast to the anchor it shall never be removed*

## RESPOND Embrace the call of God

### Confession of Faith from Westminster Confession of Faith

What is justification?

**Justification is an act of God's free grace, whereby He pardons all our sins, and accepts us as righteous in His sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.**

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What is adoption?

**Adoption is an act of God's free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges of, the sons of God.**

What is sanctification?

**Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.**

## 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

### Hymn *Abide With Me*

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Abide with me fast falls the eventide  
The darkness deepens Lord with me abide  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee  
Help of the helpless O abide with me

I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r  
Who like Thyself my Guide and Stay can be  
Through cloud and sunshine O abide with me

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless  
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness  
Where is death's sting where grave thy victory  
I triumph still if Thou abide with me

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies  
Heav'n's morning breaks  
And earth's vain shadows flee  
In life in death O Lord abide with me

### **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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### 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.



## 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 *Only Christ (Music on Page 11)*

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Scarlet crimes white as snow through Christ only Christ  
Crimson red now like wool through Christ only Christ  
Once for all like a flood made us pure called us good  
Sprinkled clean with His blood through Christ only Christ

For behold Heaven's plan through Christ only Christ  
Son of God Son of Man He left paradise  
Not to judge the depraved but to free those enslaved  
That the world might be saved through Christ only Christ

On the cross love is shown through Christ only Christ  
Debt is paid sin atoned through Christ only Christ  
Pilate mocked "What is truth?" as the nails pierced Him through  
See the veil torn in two through Christ only Christ

Hist'ry's hope sealed in stone 'twas Christ, only Christ  
Then a breath broke the dawn from Christ only Christ  
On the third death was killed temple stone Christ rebuilt  
Jonah's sign now fulfilled through Christ  
Now the grave it has passed He's the First and the Last  
Faith is found hope is cast on Christ only Christ

Boldly come to His throne through Christ only Christ  
Finding grace grace alone through Christ, only Christ  
Drawing near through our Priest not condemned now at peace  
Soon as guests at His feast through Christ  
Lord with praise we proclaim there is no other name  
By which all might be saved but Christ only Christ

## 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 [tcpc.org/give](http://tcpc.org/give).

September Giving:	\$384,104	FY Giving from Oct-Sep:	\$2,673,783
September Goal:	\$300,170	Giving Goal for Oct-Sep:	\$2,728,820
<b>Difference:</b>	<b>+\$83,934</b>	<b>Difference:</b>	<b>-\$55,037</b>

# Christ The Sure And Steady Anchor

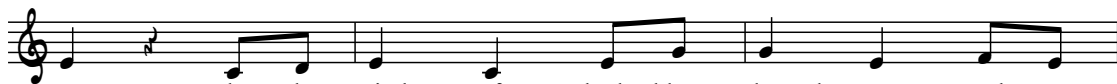
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1. Christ, the sure and stea-dy an - chor, in the fu - ry of the  
2. Christ, the sure and stea-dy an - chor, while the temp - est rag - es  
3. Christ, the sure and stea-dy an - chor, through the floods of un - be -  
4. Christ, the sure and stea-dy an - chor, as we face the wave of



storm; When the winds of doubt blow through me, and my  
on; When temp - ta - tion claims the bat - tle and it  
lief; Hope - less some - how, O, my soul, now lift your  
death; When these trials give way to glo - ry as we



sails have all been torn. In the suf - f'ring, in the  
seems the night has won. Deep - er still, then, goes the  
eyes to Cal - va - ry. This, my bal - last of as -  
draw our fin - al breath we will cross that great ho -  
*Christ, the shore of our sal -*



wor - row, when my sink - ing hopes are few; I will  
an - chor, though I just - ly stand ac - cused; I will  
su - rance, see His love for - ev - er proved. I will  
ri - zon, clouds be - hind and life se - cure; and the  
va - tion: *ev - er faith - ful, ev - er true. We will*



hold fast to the an - chor, it shall nev - er be re - moved.  
hold fast to the an - chor, it shall nev - er be re - moved.  
hold fast to the an - chor, it shall nev - er be re - moved.  
calm will be the bet - ter for the storms that we en - dure.  
*hold fast to the an - chor, it shall nev - er be re - moved.*

# Only Christ

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1. Scar - let crimes white as snow through Christ, on - ly Christ.  
2. For be - hold Heav - en's plan through Christ, on - ly Christ.  
3. On the cross Love is shown through Christ, on - ly Christ.  
4. Hist - 'ry's hope sealed in stone 'twas Christ, on - ly Christ.  
5. Bold - ly come to His throne through Christ, on - ly Christ.



Crim - son red now like wool through Christ, on - ly Christ.  
Son of God, Son of Man He left par - a - dise  
Debt is paid, sin a - toned, through Christ, on - ly Christ.  
Then a breath broke the dawn from Christ, on - ly Christ.  
Find - ing grace, grace a - lone through Christ, on - ly Christ.



Once for all, like a flood, made us pure; called us good.  
Not to judge the de - praved, but to free those en - slaved,  
Pil - ate mocked: "What is truth?" as the nails pierced Him through,  
On the third, Death was killed, tem - ple stone, Christ re - built.  
Draw - ing near through our Priest, not con - demned, now at peace,



Sprink - led clean with His blood through Christ, on - ly Christ.  
that the world might be saved through Christ, on - ly Christ.  
see the veil torn in two through Christ on - ly Christ.  
Jon - ah's sign now ful - filled through  
soon as guests at His feast through



Christ! Now the grave it has passed! He's the first and the  
Christ! Lord, with praise we pro - claim, "There is no oth - er



last. Faith is found, Hope is cast on Christ, on - ly Christ.  
name, by which all might be saved but Christ, on - ly Christ.

# Announcements

*In addition to this announcements section, we also send a weekly email called TCPC News each Wednesday. If you would like to receive these emails, please contact Paul Adams at [padams@tcpca.org](mailto:padams@tcpca.org)*

## Reformation Sunday Service & Dinner

Join us tonight at 5:00 PM for a special Reformation Sunday worship service, immediately followed by a church-wide fellowship dinner!

## Combined Sunday School TODAY Between Services

We are excited to have Andy Longwe in town for Reformation Sunday, and we invite you to join us in-between services for a Combined Sunday School where we will hear from Andy about his work in the United Kingdom. Children's Sunday School will still meet as normal.

## Foundations Membership Class on November 17-18

We invite anyone who is interested in pursuing membership and learning more about our church history and theology to attend our next Foundations membership class on November 17-18. The sessions will take place Friday night and Saturday morning, with Friday dinner and Saturday breakfast provided. To sign up, please scan this QR code or visit [tcpca.org/foundations](http://tcpca.org/foundations). If you have any questions, please email Nate Jones at [njones@tcpca.org](mailto:njones@tcpca.org).



## Senior Ministry Luncheon on November 12

The next Senior Luncheon will be November 12th with Seth Ralston and Luke Rakestraw discussing how we can mentor and connect with the students here at TCPC as well as at Millcreek. RSVP by November 8th by sending an email to Susan Sylvester Kerfoot ([msscat94@yahoo.com](mailto:msscat94@yahoo.com)). Please RSVP so that we have sufficient food for everyone. We hope to see you there!!

## Communicants Class

As a church, we pray continually that our children would profess their faith, thus fulfilling their baptism. Parents are often asking for direction in discerning if their child is ready to profess their faith and begin taking communion. This Fall we are offering a 4-week class that will walk children through the basics of the Christian faith, as well as what it means to profess their faith. The recommended ages for this class are ages 8-12. Our Fall Communicants Class will meet on Sunday afternoons from 4:00-5:00pm on November 12 & 19 and December 10 & 17. We plan to offer this class again in the Spring. If you think your child is ready to begin this process, please contact Will Witherington for more information ([wwitherington@tcpca.org](mailto:wwitherington@tcpca.org)).

## Thanksgiving Baskets on November 19

The diaconate will be delivering Thanksgiving baskets on Sunday November 19th after the 11:15 service. The diaconate will purchase the food and pack the box for you; all you need to do is simply pick it up from the church and deliver it. If you would like to volunteer, or if you know of a family/individual who would be blessed by receiving a basket, please send their name, address, and contact information to Luke Rakestraw at [lrakestraw@tcpca.org](mailto:lrakestraw@tcpca.org) (this information will be kept strictly confidential). Please contact Luke by November 15th.