



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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Chris Matocha

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Jordan Ellis and Tim Meador

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship...

“If the 23rd Psalm be the most popular, the 103rd the most joyful, the 119th the most deeply experimental, the 51st the most plaintive...Psalm 84 is one of the most sweet.”

- Charles Haddon Spurgeon

COVER ARTWORK:

Still Life of Birds Nest with Primulas and Blossom

John Atkinson Grimshaw, 1869

Order of Worship

November 19, 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 Psalm 9:1-2, 9-10

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

And those who know Your name put their trust in You, for You, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You.

Hymn *Come Ye Thankful People Come (Music on Page 10)*

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Come ye thankful people come
Raise the song of harvest-home
All is safely gathered in
Ere the winter storms begin
God our Maker doth provide
For our wants to be supplied
Come to God’s own temple come
Raise the song of harvest-home

All the world is God’s own field
Fruit unto His praise to yield
Wheat and tares together sown
Unto joy or sorrow grown
First the blade and then the ear
Then the full corn shall appear
Lord of harvest grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be

For the Lord our God shall come
And shall take His harvest home
From His field shall in that day
All offenses purge away
Give His angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast
But the fruitful ears to store
In His garner evermore

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Even so Lord quickly come
To Thy final harvest-home
Gather Thou Thy people in
Free from sorrow free from sin
There forever purified
In Thy presence to abide
Come with all Thine angels come
Raise the glorious harvest-home

Welcome & Announcements

Baptism

9:00 - Simon and Aileen Godbold, children of Cliff & Lindsey

11:15 - Frank Heister, son of Alex & Laura

Declaration to Our Covenant Children from the Church of Scotland

For you Jesus Christ came into the world. For you He lived and showed God's love. For you He suffered the darkness of Calvary. For you He triumphed over death and rose to new life. For you He reigns at God's right hand. All this He did for you, Simon and Aileen / Frank, though you do not know it yet.

Choir Anthem *How Deep the Father's Love For Us*

Townend, arr. Harlan

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure, that He should give His only Son to make a wretch his treasure. How great the pain of searing loss—the Father turns His face away, as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory. Behold the Man upon the cross, my sin upon His shoulders; ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished; His dying breath has brought me life—I know that it is finished. I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom; but I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection. Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer, but this I know with all my heart—His wounds have paid my ransom.

RENEW Receive the grace of God

Scripture Reading Romans 8:31-39 (Pew Bible p. 944)

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 Psalm 32

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."

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,

Whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,

And in whose spirit there is no deceit.

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgression to the LORD."

ALL: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

- *Silent Prayers of Confession* -

Repentance of God's People

Are you weary from your sinful wanderings? **We are.**

Do you return again to the Shepherd of your souls? **We do.**

Assurance of God's Pardon from Psalm 103:12

As far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.

Greeting of the Peace of Christ

Hymn *Come Thou Fount*

Robinson/Nettleton

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by thy help I'm come,
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God:
He to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

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O to grace how great a debtor,
Daily I'm constrained to be.
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee;
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it.
Seal it for Thy courts above.

RESPOND Embrace the call of God

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

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.

Hymn *How Great Thou Art*

Hine

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made.
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

REFRAIN

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee!
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin. **(REFRAIN)**

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: my God, how great Thou art! **(REFRAIN)**

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 Psalm 84 (p. 493)

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

Sermon Rev. Mark Randle

“The Presence of God”

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.

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.

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

Hymn *Amazing Grace*

Newton

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

Tw'as grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come.
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

Benediction

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

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.

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

Advent & Christmas Services

December 3
9:00 & 11:15 AM

1st Sunday
of Advent

December 10
9:00 & 11:15 AM

2nd Sunday
of Advent

December 10
6:00 PM

Christmas
Cantata

December 17
9:00 & 11:15 AM

3rd Sunday
of Advent

December 24
9:00 & 11:15 AM

4th Sunday
of Advent

December 24
5:00 & 11:00 PM

Christmas Eve
Services

December 31
9:00 & 11:15 AM

Typical Sunday
Worship

*Childcare will not be
offered at these services*

Announcements

To receive announcements via email, please contact Paul Adams at padams@tcpca.org

Celebrating the Life of Sandra Marlowe

All are invited to a Celebration of Life Service for Sandra Marlowe tomorrow, November 20th at 5:00 PM here at TCPC. The service will take place in the Sanctuary (with the Fellowship Hall open for overflow) and will be live-streamed on our website at tcpca.org/live. Childcare will be provided during the service. Following the service, there will be a time of fellowship in the Fellowship Hall, where light appetizers will be served.

Sandra had an incredible impact on our city and our state, and we expect a large crowd of people from outside our TCPC community to join us in praising God for her life. In light of this, we are asking TCPC members and attendees to consider volunteering their time by setting up before the service, serving in the Nursery, bringing food, or through a number of other opportunities. Please scan this QR code to learn about all the ways you can help.



Christmas Cantata on December 10

Join us on December 10th at 6:00 PM for a wonderful night celebrating the sounds and stories of Christmas! Childcare will be provided during the Cantata in the Nursery.

Sunrise Children's Christmas Party

On Sunday, December 3rd from 2:30-4:30pm in the Fellowship Hall, TCPC is hosting the Sunrise Foster Care Christmas Party. Sunrise is one of our partners in the city that is doing amazing work in foster care and we are so glad to be able to host their annual Christmas Party for children. Volunteers are needed to help set-up, greet, serve food, etc, so if you are available I would love to have your help and be involved with this incredible ministry. If you are available to volunteer please RSVP to Luke Rakestraw (lrakestraw@tcpca.org).

Mexico Missions Trip Fundraising

Several young men are participating in the upcoming missions trip to Mexico, and as part of their fundraising efforts for this trip, they are available to help with manual labor jobs in exchange for a donation to their trip! If there are any jobs around the house that include heavy lifting, yard work, or other manual labor, please contact Marcela Garrison so that she can put you in touch with them! You can reach Marcela at 859-475-7716 or at marcelagarrison@gmail.com.

Giving Report

For more information, visit tcpca.org/give.

October Giving: \$180,814

October Goal: \$223,000

Difference: -\$42,186 **FY Giving Goal (Oct-Sep): \$2,900,000**

Come Ye Thankful People Come

George Job Elvey, Henry Alford

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Come, ye thank ful peop - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home:
All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to His praise to yield;
For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his har - vest home;
E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to Thy fi - nal har - vest home;

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all is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown:
from His field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
gath - er Thou Thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin;

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