

# 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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Charlie Kennedy and Chris Matocha

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Ken Iverson and Collin Kern

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

“I have two days on my calendar: This day and that Day.”

- Martin Luther



Today's flowers are given in loving memory of Rick Lyon.

**COVER ARTWORK:**

Lake Tahoe Sunrise | Photo by Tj Kolesnik

# Order of Worship

January 7, 2024 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 96

Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! Sing to the LORD, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.

**For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods.**

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering and come into His courts!

**ALL: Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before Him, all the earth**

### Hymn *Lift High The Cross*

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### **REFRAIN:**

*Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name*

Come brethren follow where our Savior trod  
Our King victorious Christ the Son of God **(REFRAIN)**

Led on their way by this triumphant sign  
The hosts of God in conqu’ring ranks combine **(REFRAIN)**

O Lord once lifted on the glorious tree  
As Thou hast promised draw men unto Thee **(REFRAIN)**

Thy kingdom come, that earth’s despair may cease  
Beneath the shadow of its healing peace **(REFRAIN)**

For Thy blest cross which doth for us atone  
Creation’s praises rise before Thy throne **(REFRAIN)**

## Welcome & Announcements

### Commissioning

9:00 - Mexico Mission Trips

## Scripture Reading Isaiah 25:6-9 (Pew Bible p. 586)

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

**Lord, though You should guide us, we inform ourselves;  
though You should rule us, we control ourselves;  
though You should fulfill us, we console ourselves.  
We think Your truth too high, Your will too hard,  
Your power too remote, Your love too free. But they are not!  
And without them, we are of all people most miserable.  
Now heal our confused minds with Your Word,  
heal our divided wills with Your law,  
heal our troubled consciences with Your love,  
heal our anxious hearts with Your presence,  
all for the sake of Your Son,  
who loved us and gave Himself for us. Amen.**

- *Silent Prayers of Confession* -

## Repentance of God's People

Has your strength failed you? **Always**

Has your God failed you? **Never**

Do you turn from yourself and return to your God? **We do.**

## Assurance of God's Pardon From 1 Timothy 1:15-16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life

## Greeting of the Peace of Christ

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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.

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### 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.

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### 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** *Oh How Good It Is*

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Oh how good it is  
When the family of God  
Dwells together in spirit  
In faith and unity  
Where the bonds of peace  
Of acceptance and love  
Are the fruit of His presence  
Here among us

### **REFRAIN:**

So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord  
And with one heart we'll live out His word  
Till the whole earth sees  
The Redeemer has come  
For He dwells in the presence of His people

Oh how good it is  
On this journey we share  
To rejoice with the happy  
And weep with those who mourn  
For the weak find strength  
The afflicted find grace  
When we offer the blessing  
Of belonging **(REFRAIN)**

Oh how good it is  
To embrace His command  
To prefer one another  
Forgive as He forgives  
When we live as one  
We all share in the love  
Of the Son with the Father  
And the Spirit **(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

### Hymn *You Are Lord (Music on Page 11)*

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You are Lord, You are Lord of Glory!  
All my praise belongs to you.  
You are Lord, You are Lord of Glory!  
Jesus, Lord, I worship You.

You are Lord, You are Living Water!  
Come, refresh my tired soul.  
You are Lord, You are Living Water,  
Sweet and pure to make me whole.

You are Lord, You are all my Vict'ry!  
You have taken my defeat;  
You are Lord, You are all my Vict'ry!  
Jesus, make my life complete.

You are Lord, You are Life Abundant!  
Jesus, You're my ev'rything.  
You are Lord, You are Life Abundant!  
Live in me, my God and King.

### **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*

**6** *the end of the sermon to be with their families during Communion.*

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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.



# 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

#### Hymn *Christ Is Mine Forevermore*

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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) to fill out an Interest Form or Gifting Survey.*

Mine are days that God has numbered  
I was made to walk with Him  
Yet I look for worldly treasure  
And forsake the King of kings

*But mine is hope in my Redeemer  
Though I fall His love is sure  
For Christ has paid for every failing  
I am His forevermore*

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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.



Mine are tears in times of sorrow  
Darkness not yet understood  
Through the valley I must travel  
Where I see no earthly good

*But mine is peace that flows from heaven  
And the strength in times of need  
I know my pain will not be wasted  
Christ completes His work in me*

Mine are days here as a stranger  
Pilgrim on a narrow way  
One with Christ I will encounter  
Harm and hatred for His name

*But mine is armor for this battle  
Strong enough to last the war  
And He has said He will deliver  
Safely to the golden shore*

*And mine are keys to Zion city  
Where beside the King I walk  
For there my heart has found its treasure  
Christ is mine forevermore*

## 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

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



## Giving Report

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

November Giving:	\$162,732	Total Giving for Oct-Nov:	\$343,547
November Goal:	\$223,000	Giving Goal for Oct-Nov:	\$446,000
<b>Difference:</b>	<b>-\$60,268</b>	<b>Difference:</b>	<b>-\$102,453</b>

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

## Congregational Meeting on January 14

Our annual Congregational Meeting will be held in-between services on Sunday, January 14th in the Sanctuary.

## Save the Date! TCPC 40th Anniversary Celebration on January 28 Evening

2024 marks the 40th anniversary of the founding of Tates Creek Presbyterian Church, and we are excited to celebrate this milestone throughout the year. On the evening of January 28, we are planning a special service to praise God for his faithfulness to our congregation, so please save the date! More details will be communicated in the coming weeks.

## Next Senior Ministry Luncheon on Sunday, January 14

The next Senior Luncheon will be January 14th. Since this is a free luncheon, please RSVP by January 10th so that we have sufficient food for everyone. You can RSVP by sending an email to Susan Sylvester Kerfoot ([msscat94@yahoo.com](mailto:msscat94@yahoo.com)). We hope to see you there!

## Thy Word Is A Lamp Unto My Feet: Women's Ministry Craft & Fellowship

Today is the last day to register! Pray and ask the Lord to give you a word, verse, or even name of Jesus on which to focus in 2024. Join the Women's Ministry January 13th from 9:30-11:00 AM for a time of fellowship and a simple craft to help you keep that word before your eyes. Cost to participate is \$10, however, if you are unable to pay we will gladly cover it for you. So we can prepare materials, please provide your word(s) of no more than 12 characters when you register. Scan this QR code to register.



## Vine Class Spring Semester Topic

The Vine class will study 1, 2, and 3 John in the Spring semester. John was the longest surviving apostle and wrote these letters late in his life. His desire was to equip the church for a time when they would not have access to the apostles "in the flesh". Come and learn what these three short letters have to say to the church today.

## Stephen Lynerd Group Concert on January 9

Join us on Tuesday, January 9th at 7pm for a FREE concert presented by The Stephen Lynerd Group. Old and new hymns, thoughtfully reimagined with jazz influences. Concert should last around 75 minutes.

# You Are Lord

Words and Music: Betty-Ann Lynerd

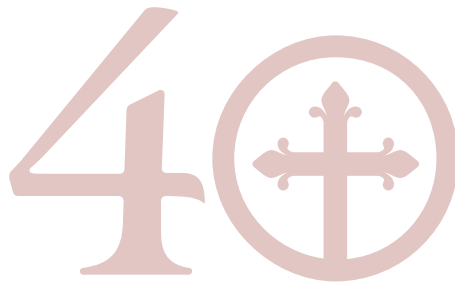
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1.You are Lord, You are Lord of Glo - ry!  
2.You are Lord, You are Liv - ing Wa - ter!  
3.You are Lord, You are all my Vict' - ry!  
4.You are Lord, You are Life Ab - un - dant!

All my praise be - longs to you: You are Lord, You are  
Come, re - fresh my tired soul: You are Lord, You are  
You have tak - en my de - feat; You are Lord, You are  
Je - sus, You're my ev' - ry - thing; You are Lord, You are

Lord of Glo - ry! Je - sus, Lord, I wor - ship You.  
Liv - ing Wa - ter, sweet and pure to make me whole.  
all my Vict' - ry! Je - sus, make my life com - plete.  
Life Ab - un - dant! Live in me, my God and King.



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