



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.

If this is your first time visiting, please fill out a Connect Form. We would love to meet you and help you get connected. Please visit tcpc.org/connect or scan this QR code.



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

Elders on duty:

David Cowen and Andy Hardin

Deacons on duty:

Matt McEwen and Tim Meador

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship...

“There is not such a pleasant history for you to read in all the world as the history of your own life, if you would sit down and record from the beginning hitherto what God has been to you, and done for you; what evidences and outbursts of his mercy, faithfulness, and love there have been in all the conditions you have passed through.”

- John Flavel

COVER ARTWORK:

Winter flowers | William Henry Hunt, 1850

Order of Worship

January 14, 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 Isaiah 61

Let us rejoice in the Lord; Let us exult in the God of our salvation

For he has clothed us with garments of salvation; He has covered us with robes of righteousness.

For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,

ALL: So the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

Hymn *And Can It Be*

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And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior’s blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me?

REFRAIN

*Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me!*

Tis myst’ry all! Th’Immortal dies.
Who can explore His strange design?
In vain the first-born seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine.
Tis mercy all, let earth adore.
Let angel minds inquire no more.
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me! **(REFRAIN)**

He left His Father’s throne above
So free so infinite His grace
Emptied Himself of all but love
And bled for Adam’s helpless race
’Tis mercy all immense and free
For O my God it found out me **(continue on next page)**

REFRAIN

*Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me!*

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray
I woke the dungeon flamed with light
My chains fell off my heart was free
I rose went forth and followed Thee **(REFRAIN)**

No condemnation now I dread
Jesus and all in Him is mine
Alive in Him my living Head
And clothed in righteousness divine
Bold I approach th'eternal throne
And claim the crown through Christ my own **(REFRAIN)**

Welcome & Announcements

Membership Vows

9:00 - Stella Ruwet

11:15 - Austin Hirtzel and Madeleine Johnson

Choir Anthem *Yet Will I Sing*

Alisa Bair
Adapted from Psalm 63

O God, thou art my God, and I seek thee. My soul thirsts, my flesh faints and I grow weary—as in a dry and weary land where no water is. O God, thou art my God; wilt thou uphold me? So I've looked upon thee in thy sanctuary, beholding thy power and thy glory. Because thy steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise thee; yet will I sing! I will bless thee as long as I live. I will lift up my hands and call on thy name, for thou hast been my help; thy right hand upholds me, and in the shadow of thy wings, I sing for joy! O God, thou art my God and I adore thee. I have looked upon thee in thy sanctuary. I've seen thy steadfast love is better than life. My lips will praise thee; thus will I bless thee. Yet will I sing. I'll sing.

Scripture Reading

 Genesis 15:1-6 (Pew Bible p. 10)

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 Valley of Vision

God of all Grace, I have no robe of righteousness to bring to cover my sins, and no skill to weave my own. But You have clothed me with the Savior's robe, and decked me with the jewels of His holiness. Every morning let me wear it, every evening return in it, go out to the day's work in it, be wound in death in it, stand before the great throne of judgment in it, and enter glory in it shining as the sun. Grant me to never lose sight of the exceeding wickedness of sin, the exceeding righteousness of salvation, the exceeding glory of Christ, the exceeding beauty of holiness, and the exceeding wonder of grace.

I believe, help my unbelief. Amen.

- Silent Prayers of Confession -

Repentance of God's People

Do you repent of your ongoing pride in trusting in your own performance?
We do.

Do you repent of your ongoing despair in doubting Christ's performance?
We do.

Will you turn from your sin and trust again in Christ alone? **We will.**

Assurance of God's Pardon

 From 2 Corinthians 5:17, 21

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness 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 *Be Thou My Vision*

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Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father and I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

Be Thou my shield and my sword for the fight
Be Thou my dignity be Thou my might
Thou my soul's shelter and Thou my high tow'r
Raise Thou me heav'n-ward O pow'r of my pow'r

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance now and always
Thou and Thou only first in my heart
High King of heaven my treasure Thou art

High King of heaven my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys o bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my vision O Ruler of all
Still be my vision O Ruler of all

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.

Confession of Faith from the Westminster Shorter Catechism

What is justification?

Justification is an act of God's free grace by which he pardons all our sins and accepts us as righteous in his sight, only because of the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, received by faith alone.

What is sanctification?

Sanctification is the work of God's free grace by which we are renewed in our whole person in the image of God and by which we are enabled more and more to die to sin and live to righteousness.

What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?

The benefits that accompany or flow from justification, adoption and sanctification in this life are assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance in it to the end.

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 *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

Helen H. Lemmel
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Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth
Will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace

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.

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

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 *When I Survey The Wondrous Cross*

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When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

Forbid it Lord that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ my God
All the vain things that charm me most
I sacrifice them to His blood

See from His head His hands His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were a present far too small
Love so amazing so divine
Demands my soul my life my all

Benediction

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



Giving Report For more information, visit tcpca.org/give.

December Giving:	\$478,559	Total Giving for Oct-Dec:	\$822,106
December Goal:	\$482,000	Giving Goal for Oct-Dec:	\$928,000
Difference:	-\$3,441	Difference:	-\$105,894
		FY Giving Goal (Oct-Sep):	\$2,900,000

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

Announcements

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

Congregational Meeting TODAY

Our annual Congregational Meeting will be held today in-between services in the Sanctuary. If you were unable to attend, you can watch the livestream recording on our website at tcpca.org/live.

No Adult Sunday School Today

Due to the Congregational Meeting during the Sunday School hour, the adult Sunday School classes will not be meeting. The children's Sunday School classes will still be meeting.

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. We are planning a special service to praise God for his faithfulness to our congregation. This service will start at 6:00 PM on January 28th, with a dessert reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall. Join us in celebrating all that God has done in 40 years!

Assistance During Inclement Weather

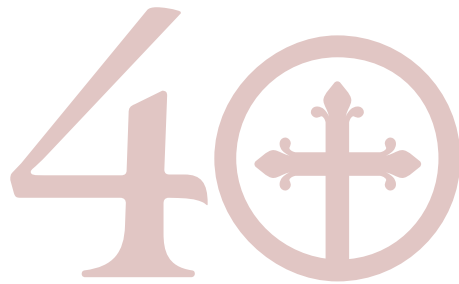
In light of a forecast calling for very cold temperatures this week, we wanted to remind you about our TCPC Helpline. Should you find yourself in need of assistance due to the weather or due to a power outage, please don't hesitate to send a text message to 859-429-2241 (this helpline system does not support phone calls, only texts). A staff member or pastor will be monitoring the inbox in order to get help to those who need it.

Good of the Bluegrass Conference on February 16-18

This year's Good of the Bluegrass Conference will take place from Friday night, February 16, to Sunday worship on February 18. We will be announcing more details at today's Congregational Meeting, and will include those details in future emails.

Vacation Bible School - Save the Date

VBS is back this summer! During the mornings of June 17th-21st we will be hosting VBS with great lessons, music, crafts and plenty of fun! More details on registration will be forthcoming. If you would like to serve on the VBS Committee we'd love to have your help to plan a wonderful week for our kids. Please contact Nicole Dorton: ndorton@tcpca.org.



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