



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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Elders on duty:

Charlie Kennedy and Andy Waters

Deacons on duty:

Luke McAnally and Jeff Payne

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship...

“The hardest part has been done. Your feet are still planted here, and you’re slogging away through this life, but what is most deeply true of you is that you are with Him and in Him there. In fact, for you not to meet that destiny of being with Him, He Himself, according to the logic of the New Testament, would have to be pulled down out of Heaven and put back in that tomb.

That’s not going to happen.”

- Dane Ortland

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Order of Worship

February 4, 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

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering and come before Him!

Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before Him, all the earth.

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations,

ALL: The Lord reigns!

Hymn *Rejoice The Lord Is King*

Text: Charles Wesley

Tune: John Darwall

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Rejoice the Lord is King, your Lord and King adore

Rejoice give thanks and sing and triumph evermore

Lift up your heart

Lift up your voice rejoice again I say rejoice

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love

When He had purged our stains He took his seat above

Lift up your heart

Lift up your voice rejoice again I say rejoice

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o’er earth and heav’n

The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv’n

Lift up your heart

Lift up your voice rejoice again I say rejoice

Rejoice in glorious hope, for Christ the judge shall come

To gather all His saints to their eternal home

Lift up your heart

Lift up your voice, rejoice again I say rejoice

Welcome & Announcements

Membership Vows

9:00 - Gary Earle, Chris & Madelynn Rollins, and Jonathan & Ellen VanNorman

Baptism

11:15 - Emmett Kent, son of David & Monica

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, Emmett, though you do not know it yet.

Hymn *This Is My Father's World*

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This is my Father's world
And to my list'ning ears
All nature sings and 'round me rings
The music of the spheres
*This is my Father's world
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees of skies and seas
His hand the wonders wrought*

This is my Father's world
The birds their carols raise
The morning light the lily white
Declare their Maker's praise
*This is my Father's world
He shines in all that's fair
In the rust'ling grass I hear Him pass
He speaks to me ev'rywhere*

This is my Father's world
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong
God is the Ruler yet
*This is my Father's world
The battle is not done
Jesus who died shall be satisfied
And earth and heaven be one
This is my Father's world
Why should my heart be sad
The Lord is King let the heavens ring
God reigns let earth be glad.*

Scripture Reading Genesis 39:1-6 (Pew Bible p. 33)

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

Faithful Shepherd, our sins are too heavy to bear, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Our wounds are too severe to mend, too intimate to escape, and too painful to ignore. We have sinned, and we have been sinned against. God have mercy upon us, and restore what sin has laid waste. Our only hope is in You.

- *Silent Prayers of Confession* -

Repentance of God's People

Do you turn from the sin of putting your hope in things which can never satisfy your heart's desire? **We do.**

Do you repent of your sin of seeking your own kingdom instead of Christ's kingdom? **We do.**

Will you leave your life of conflict and truly seek God's peace for this world? **We will.**

Assurance of God's Pardon from Romans 5:1

By faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Greeting of the Peace of Christ

Hymn *Living Hope (Music on Page 10)*

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How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

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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.

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."

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

REFRAIN:

*Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me (**REFRAIN**)

*Jesus Christ my living hope
God You are my living hope*

RESPOND Embrace the call of God

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[†] 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

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.

Offertory Solo *There Is A Higher Throne*

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There is a higher throne than all this world has known, where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue will one day come. Before the Son we stand, made faultless through the Lamb; believing hearts find promised grace—salvation comes. Hear heaven's voices sing; their thunderous anthem rings through emerald courts and sapphire skies. Their praises rise. All glory, wisdom, pow'r, strength, thanks, and honor are to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne; we'll honor Him in perfect song where we belong. He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die. The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with 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 4:4-8 (p. 981)

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

Sermon Rev. Mark Randle

“The Life of Joy”

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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

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 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Text: German Jesuits, trans. Joseph Seiss
Verse 2: Ruth Gregornik | Erik Dewar
Music: Silesian Folk Song
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Fairest Lord Jesus Ruler of all nature
O Thou of God and Man the Son
Thee will I cherish Thee will I honor
Thou my soul's glory joy and crown

Humble in spirit emptied as a servant
Thou Living Bread from heav'n came down
Food for the hungry Truth for the simple
To show Thy steadfast love abounds

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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.

Fair is the sunshine fairer still the moonlight
And all the twinkling starry host
Jesus shines brighter Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heav'n can boast

Beautiful Savior Lord of all nations
Son of God and Son of man
Glory and honor praise adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine
Glory and honor praise adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine

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.

December Giving: \$478,559

December Goal: \$482,000

Difference: -\$3,441

Total Giving for Oct-Dec: \$822,106

Giving Goal for Oct-Dec: \$928,000

Difference: -\$105,894

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

Living Hope

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1. How great the cha - sm that lay be - tween us, how high the
2. Who could i mag - ine so great a mer - cy? What heart could
3. Then came the morn - ing that sealed the pro - mise. Your bur - ied



moun - tain I could not climb. In des - per - a - tion I turned to
fath - om such bound - less grace? The God of a - ges stepped down from
bod - y be - gan to breathe. Out of the si - lence, the roar - ing



heav - en and spoke Your name in - to the night. Then through the
glo - ry to wear my sin and bear my shame. The cross has
Li - on de - clared the grave has no claim on me! **To Refrain**



dark - ness Your lov - ing - kind - ness tore through the shad - ows of my soul. The work is
spo - ken, I am for - giv - en. The King of Kings calls me His own. Beau - ti - ful



fin - ished, the end is writ - ten. Je - sus Christ, my liv - ing hope.
Sav - ior, I'm Yours for - ev - er. Je - sus Christ, my liv - ing hope.

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Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise the One who set me free! Hal - le -



lu - jah! Death has lost its grip on me. You have bro - ken ev - 'ry chain, there's sal -



va - tion in Your name. Je - sus Christ, my liv - ing hope!

Announcements

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

Good of the Bluegrass Conference on February 16-18

This year's Good of the Bluegrass Conference is all about God's faithfulness to us, and we are so excited to be hearing from our main speaker Bryan Chapell. Bryan is the Stated Clerk of our denomination (the PCA) and is the former president of Covenant Seminary. In addition to his main sessions on Saturday the 17th, we are also hosting a special dinner party at Talon Winery the night before, Friday the 16th, where you will have the opportunity to spend time with other members of our community and learn about the countless ways God's faithfulness has been displayed in their lives. And finally, Bryan will preach on Sunday morning during worship to close out the weekend. Learn more and register online at gbcon.org (or scan QR code)



Prayer Services During Lent

During the season of Lent, we will be holding a Prayer Service each Monday night at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary. The first service will be held on February 19, and continue through March 25.

Fellowship Dinner This Wednesday, February 6

You're invited to the church wide Fellowship Dinner next Wednesday, February 7. A catered meal will be served starting at 6pm, with catered Greek food. All are welcome, but please RSVP for food planning purposes by scanning this QR code. A donation of \$8 per person and \$30 a family is suggested. For your convenience you may text "Fellowship" to 859-287-1144 to pay online.



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.

Giving Statements for 2023 Giving

All giving statements for tax-filing purposes are now available on your TouchPoint profile, where you can also view your giving history to ensure that all of your 2023 gifts were recorded accurately. Scan this QR code to view your 2023 giving statement (or go to our website at tcpca.org, click the "Log In" button, and look for the "Giving" tab on your TouchPoint profile).



Student Ministry Summer Camps

Save the date! The Student Ministry Summer Camp will take place at Ridgehaven Camp this summer, and here are the dates: High School students from June 3-8, and Middle School students from July 22-27.

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