



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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Stephen Gordon, Ken Iverson

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Preparing Our Hearts for Worship...

The church doesn't lose clout due to lack of power, branding, or wealth.

The early church had none of these things.

The church loses clout when we fail to walk in the words, works, and ways of Jesus.

- Ian Simkins

COVER ARTWORK:

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Order of Worship

February 25, 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

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O LORD Almighty!

**My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.**

Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young - a place near Your altar, O LORD Almighty, my King and my God.

Blessed are those who dwell in Your house;

ALL: They are ever praising You.

Hymn *I Sing The Mighty Power Of God*

Text: Isaac Watts

Tune: ELLACOMBE

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I sing the mighty power of God
That made the mountains rise
That spread the flowing seas abroad
And built the lofty skies
I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day
The moon shines full at His command
And all the stars obey

I sing the goodness of the Lord
That filled the earth with food
He formed the creatures with His Word
And then pronounced them good
Lord how Thy wonders are displayed
Where’er I turn my eye
If I survey the ground I tread
Or gaze upon the sky

There’s not a plant or flower below
But makes Thy glories known
And clouds arise and tempests blow
By order from Thy throne

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While all that borrows life from Thee
Is ever in Thy care
And ev'rywhere that man can be
Thou God art present there
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Welcome & Announcements

RENEW

 Receive the grace of God

Scripture Reading

 Malachi 3:6-10 (Pew Bible p. 802)

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

Most merciful God - whose Son, Jesus Christ, was tempted in every way, yet was without sin, we confess before You our own sinfulness; we have hungered and thirsted after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted Your power to protect us. Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in Your ways and delight in doing Your will.

- *Silent Prayers of Confession* -

Repentance of God's People

Do you repent of your self-centered neglect of God's mission for this world?

We do.

Will you again choose to love this world as you have been loved?

We will.

Assurance of God's Pardon

 from 1 Peter 2:9-10

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God, once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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 *His Mercy Is More*

Matt Boswell | Matt Papa
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What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

*Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more*

RESPOND Embrace the call of God

Confession of Faith from Westminster Catechism

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.

Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

What offices does Christ execute as our Redeemer?

The offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in His estate of humiliation and exaltation.

How does Christ execute the office of a prophet?

In revealing to us, by His Word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

How does Christ execute the office of a priest?

In His once offering up of Himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice and reconcile us to God, and in making continual intercession for us.

How does Christ execute the office of a king?

In subduing us to Himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all His and our enemies.

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 *How Deep The Father's Love For Us*

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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 a 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

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.

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

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 *My Worth Is Not In What I Own*

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My worth is not in what I own
Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross
My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross

REFRAIN:

*I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him no other
My soul is satisfied in Him alone*

As summer flowers we fade and die
Fame youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us at the cross
I will not boast in wealth or might
Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross **(REFRAIN)**

Two wonders here that I confess
My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed my ransom paid at the cross **(REFRAIN)**

Benediction

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



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

January Giving: \$149,305

January Goal: \$174,000

Difference: -\$24,695

Total Giving for Oct-Jan: \$971,411

Giving Goal for Oct-Jan: \$1,102,000

Difference: -\$130,589

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

Church-Wide Fellowship Dinner

You're invited to the church wide Fellowship Dinner next Wednesday, March 6. A catered meal will be served starting at 6pm. 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.



Last Day to Sign Up for Women's Ministry Bunco Night on February 29

Join the Women's Ministry for a Bunco Night! Let's enjoy our "bonus" evening this year with fun together on February 29th at 6:30 pm. Please send an email to Kristen at kdfjackson@gmail.com to let her know you are coming, and bring an appetizer or drink to share.

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 was held this past Monday, and will continue through March 25.

Senior Ministry Luncheon on March 10

The next Senior Luncheon will be Sunday, March 10th. The Senior Luncheon is sponsored by the Senior Ministry but it is not a luncheon just for seniors. This is a multi-generational gathering featuring great food and warm fellowship. We encourage and welcome all ages to attend. As this is a free luncheon, PLEASE RSVP by March 6th so that we have sufficient food for everyone. You can RSVP by sending an email to Susan Sylvester Kearfott (msscat94@yahoo.com). We hope to see you there!!

"Be Still and Know" on March 19

The Women's Ministry will be holding another "Be Still and Know" event on Tuesday, March 19th at 7:30 pm. Longing for more still, quiet time with the Lord? This event is for you! This will be time for middle school and older ladies of our church to have an hour of quiet with the Lord in the beauty of our sanctuary. We will start promptly at 7:30 and move quickly to times of silent reflection so please be seated in the sanctuary by 7:30. Bring a journal to capture what you hear from the Lord in your time together. You do not need to register in advance for this event.

"See How Great His Love For You" - Palm Sunday Evening Service

On the evening of Palm Sunday (March 24) at 6:00 PM, join the choir, soloists, and musicians for a Lenten meditation in Scripture and song.

Communion Prep Volunteers

Are you a member of TCPC looking for a way to serve? Consider joining the rotation of people who help prepare communion. We need more helpers in this area. This service opportunity could work for individual adults, couples, or even families with older children. Contact Ronda at rwebber@tcpca.org for more information and to express interest.

TCPC Gifting Survey

Over the next four weeks, we will be collecting names and resources from our church to better serve each other and our community as needs come up. All of us have something to offer our community because we are all part of the body of Christ. Please scan this QR code to fill out a survey about the ways you are able and willing to serve. Please note that by filling out this survey you are not agreeing to perform these services at all times or in any circumstances; that will be your choice, as you are able.



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