



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

Elders on duty:

Andy Waters, Andy Hardin

Deacons on duty:

Mark Garrison, Ralph Haddock

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship...

Believing that Jesus is the resurrection and the life is not a one-time posture of the mind. Rather, it is a daily battle of the heart. I'm routinely tempted to believe that something or someone else is in fact my life. I look to the things I desire to fill me up. And those things, those people, can feel so real compared with this impossible God who calls me to crucify my desires and throw myself into His arms.

- Rebecca McLaughlin

COVER ARTWORK:

Sunset In The Desert | Photo by Tijs van Leur

Order of Worship

March 10, 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 64

Let the righteous one rejoice in the Lord and take refuge in Him! Let all the upright in heart exult!

Let us greatly rejoice in the Lord; for He has clothed us with the garments of salvation; He has covered us with the robe of righteousness.

Hymn *Sing Praise To God Who Reigns Above*

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Music: Bohemian Brethren’s Kirchengesange
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Sing praise to God who reigns above the God of all creation
The God of pow’r the God of love the God of our salvation
My soul with comfort rich He fills and ev’ry grief He gently stills
To God all praise and glory

What God’s almighty pow’r has made in mercy He is keeping
By morning glow or evening shade His eye is never sleeping
And where He rules in kingly might there all is just and all is right
To God all praise and glory

We sought the Lord in our distress O God, in mercy hear us
Our Savior saw our helplessness and came with peace to cheer us
For this we thank and praise the Lord who is by one and all adored
To God all praise and glory

Let all who name Christ’s holy name give God the praise and glory
Let all who know His pow’r proclaim aloud the wondrous story
Cast ev’ry idol from its throne the Lord is God and He alone
To God all praise and glory

Welcome & Announcements

Membership Vows

9:00 - Olivia Giese, Rick & Cathy Tittman, Brooks & Pam Webb

Choir Anthem *I Will Arise and Go To Jesus*

Arr. Livingston

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power. I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms; in the arms of my dear Savior, O, there are ten thousand charms. Come ye thirsty, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify; true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh. Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall; if you wait until you're better, you will never come at all.

RENEW Receive the grace of God

Scripture Reading Psalm 91 (Pew Bible p. 497)

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 You are our Shepherd, yet we still want. You promise us rest, but we refuse to be still. You are our Righteousness, but we look to our own works. You are with us, but yet we still fear and do not trust Your promises of protection and cower at our enemies. Lord, forgive us. Cause us to embrace Your goodness and mercy that we may truly believe that You will be with us all the days of our life. We pray this in the name of Christ, Amen.

- *Silent Prayers of Confession* -

Repentance of God's People

Do you repent of your sin of boasting in the things of this world rather than the riches of belonging to Christ? **We do.**

Do you turn from your sin loving your own kingdom rather than the Kingdom of Christ? **We do.**

Do you turn from your stubborn refusal to love those who have sinned against you? **We do.**

Assurance of God's Pardon from the Book of Common Prayer

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

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 *I Will Glory In My Redeemer* **(Music on Page 10)**

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I will glory in my Redeemer
Whose priceless blood has ransomed me
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails
And hung Him on that judgment tree
I will glory in my Redeemer
Who crushed the power of sin and death
My only Savior before the holy Judge
The Lamb Who is my righteousness
The Lamb Who is my righteousness

I will glory in my Redeemer
My life He bought my love He owns
I have no longings for another
I'm satisfied in Him alone
I will glory in my Redeemer
His faithfulness my standing place
Though foes are mighty and rush up on me
My feet are firm held by His grace
My feet are firm held by His grace

I will glory in my Redeemer
Who carries me on eagle's wings
He crowns my life with loving kindness
His triumph song I'll ever sing
I will glory in my Redeemer
Who waits for me at gates of gold
And when He calls me it will be paradise
His face forever to behold
His face forever to behold

Confession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism Question 1

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

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 *Ancient Of Days* (Music on Page 11)

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Though the nations rage kingdoms rise and fall
There is still one King reigning over all
So I will not fear for this truth remains
That my God is the Ancient of Days

REFRAIN:

*None above Him none before Him
All of time in His hands
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand
All the power all the glory I will trust in His name
For my God is the Ancient of days*

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul
He is here with me I am not alone
O His love is sure and He knows my name
For my God is the Ancient of Days **(REFRAIN)**

Though I may not see what the future brings
I will watch and wait for the Saviour King
Then my joy complete standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of Days **(REFRAIN)**

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.

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 Matthew 4:1-11 (p. 809)

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

Sermon Rev. Will Witherington

“Testing 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.

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.

Profession of Faith

11:15 - Lincoln Wise, son of Wilson & Emily

Holy Communion

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.

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 *The Power Of The Cross*

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Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day
Christ on the road to Calvary
Tried by sinful men torn and beaten then
Nailed to a cross of wood

REFRAIN:

*This the pow'r of the cross
Christ became sin for us
Took the blame bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross*

Oh to see the pain written on Your face
Bearing the awesome weight of sin
Ev'ry bitter thought ev'ry evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow **(REFRAIN)**

Now the daylight flees now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head
Curtain torn in two dead are raised to life
Finished the vict'ry cry **(REFRAIN)**

Oh to see my name written in the wounds
For through Your suff'ring I am free
Death is crushed to death life is mine to live
Won through Your selfless love

*This the pow'r of the cross
Son of God slain for us
What a love what a cost
We stand forgiven at the cross*

Benediction

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



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

February Giving:	\$190,213	Total Giving for Oct-Jan:	\$1,161,323
February Goal:	\$232,000	Giving Goal for Oct-Jan:	\$1,334,000
Difference:	-\$41,787	Difference:	-\$172,677

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

Serve in the Nursery this Easter

Easter is always our busiest day of the year in the nursery, so we are getting word out now to ensure we have enough volunteers to care for all our children! Even if you can't commit to being on the regular volunteer rotation, we would love to have you for one of our two Easter services. Parents are welcome to bring their older children along with them to serve as a family. Please email Nicole Dorton to sign up! (ndorton@tcpca.org)

Foundations Membership Class on April 19-20

We invite anyone who is interested in pursuing membership and learning more about our church history and theology to attend our next Foundations membership class on April 19-20. The sessions will take place Friday night and Saturday morning, with Friday dinner and Saturday breakfast provided. To sign up, visit tcpca.org/foundations or scan this QR code.



"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.

Cantata for Palm Sunday - "See How Great His Love For You"

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.

Women's Ministry Book Club

The Women's Ministry invites you to take part in a book club discussing the book "God Does His Best Work with Empty" by Nancy Guthrie. We are offering this six-week book club three times across the spring and summer to enjoy fellowship together in the seasons between Bible Studies:

- April 10 - May 15: Wednesdays from 9:00 - 11:00 AM (*childcare available for newborn to 4-yr-olds*)
- June 10 - July 22: Mondays from 7:00-8:30 PM (*excluding July 1*)
- June 15 - July 27: Saturdays from 9:30-11:00 AM (*excluding July 6*)

The cost to register is \$12, which includes the book, but we will gladly cover that for anyone for whom it is a challenge. Please register for one of the three book clubs by March 20th so that we can order the books in bulk. Scan this QR to register or visit tcpca.org/women.



I Will Glory In My Redeemer

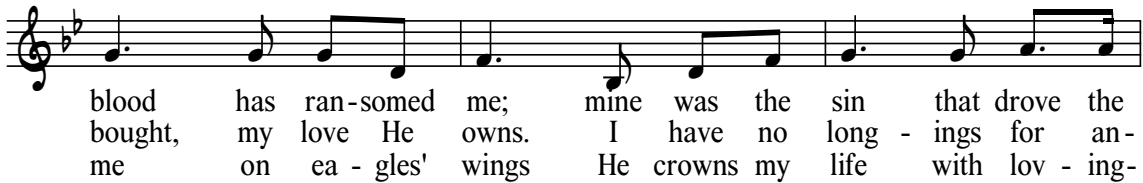
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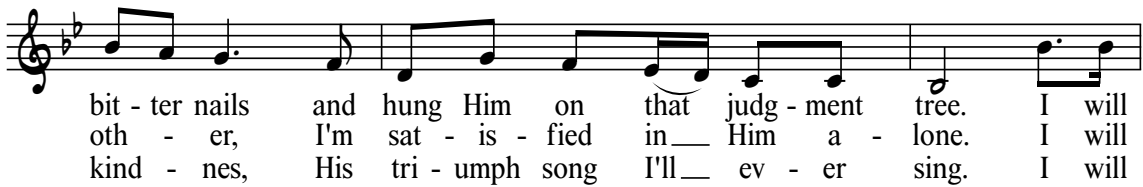
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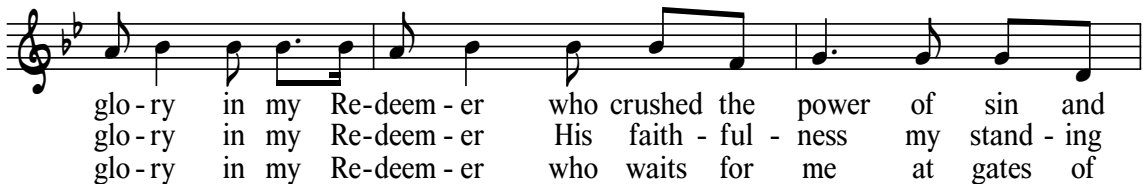
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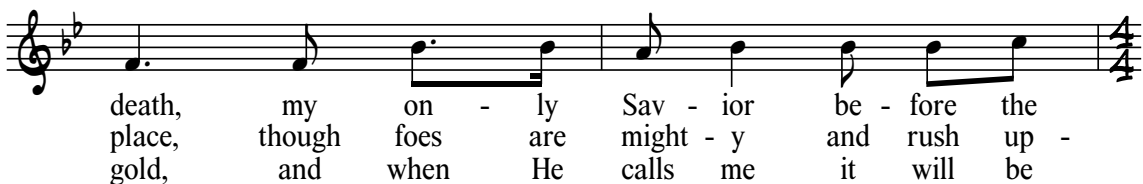
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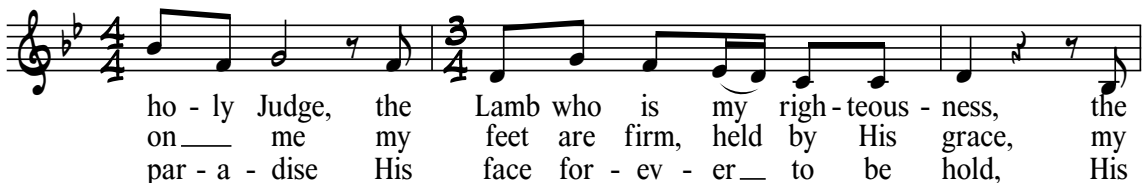
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glo - ry in my Re-deem - er who crushed the power of sin and
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glo - ry in my Re-deem - er who waits for me at gates of



death, my on - ly Sav - ior be - fore the
place, though foes are might - y and rush up -
gold, and when He calls me it will be



ho - ly Judge, the Lamb who is my righ - teous - ness, the
on me my feet are firm, held by His grace, my
par - a - dise His face for - ev - er to be hold, His



Lamb who is my righ - teous - ness.
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Ancient Of Days

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Though the na - tions rage, king - doms rise and
Though the dread of night o - ver whelms my
Though I may not see what the fu - ture

fall, there is still one King reign - ing o - ver
soul, He is here with me. I am not a -
brings, I will watch and wait for the Sav - ior

all. So, I will not fear for this truth re -
lone. Oh, His love is sure, and He knows my
King. Then, my joy com - plete, stand - ing face to

mains: that my God is the An - cient of Days. *None a -*
name. For my God is the An - cient of Days.
face in the pres - ence of the An - cient of Days.

bove Him, none be - fore Him. All of time in His hands. For His

throne, it shall re - main and ev - er stand. All the

pow - er, all the glo - ry, I will trust in His name. For my

God is the An - cient of Days.

MARCH CALENDAR

MON
11, 18,
and 25

Lent Prayer Services

Each Monday at 6:00 PM - Sanctuary

SUN
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March 24 - Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday Worship

9:00 and 11:15 AM - Sanctuary

Cantata for Palm Sunday - "See How Great His Love For You"

6:00 PM - Sanctuary

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March 28 - Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday Service

7:00 PM - Sanctuary

Note: this year's Maundy Thursday will be a brief service consisting of scripture readings, prayer, singing, a brief message, and communion.

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March 29 - Good Friday

Good Friday Service

7:00 PM - Sanctuary

Note: this year's Good Friday service will be an evening service consisting of music, readings, prayer, and a homily.

SUN
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March 31 - Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday Worship

9:00 and 11:15 AM - Sanctuary

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