



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.



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

Elder:

Julius Schoop

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Ben Commerford, Drew Farr

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship...

The Lord discovered to me a sense of my unbelief that, though late, I should remember my transgressions and that I should be converted with my whole heart to the Lord my God.

- Patrick of Ireland

COVER ARTWORK:

Green Wheat Field with Cypress | Vincent van Gogh, 1889

Order of Worship

March 17, 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 Hebrews 12:2-3

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

We look to You alone, Lord Jesus!

Who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God.

We praise You alone, Lord Jesus!

Let us consider Him who endured such opposition from sinful people, so that we will not grow weary and lose heart.

We worship You alone, Lord Jesus!

Hymn *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

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Immortal invisible God only wise
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes
Most blessed most glorious the Ancient of Days
Almighty victorious Thy great name we praise

Unresting unchanging and silent as light
Nor wanting nor wasting Thou rulest in might
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love

To all life Thou givest to both great and small
In all life Thou livest the true life of all
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree
And wither and perish but naught changeth Thee

Great Father of glory pure Father of light
Thine angels adore thee all veiling their sight
All praise we would render O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn *Christ Beside Me*

Text: James Quinn

Adapted from St. Patrick's Breastplate, 8th Century

Tune: Bunesan (Morning Has Broken)



Christ — be - side me, Christ — be - fore me, Christ — be -
Christ on my right hand Christ on my left hand, Christ all a -
Christ be in all hearts think - ing a - bout me, Christ be on



hind me, King of my heart. Christ — with - in me, Christ — be -
round me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleep - ing, Christ in my
all tongues tell - ing of me. Christ be the vis - ion in eyes that



low me, Christ — a - bove me, ne - ver to part.
sitt - ing, Christ in my ri - sing, light of my heart.
see me, In ears that hear me Christ ev - er be.

RENEW Receive the grace of God

Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (Pew Bible p. 151)

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 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 renounce your sinful thoughts, words, and deeds that offend God, harm others, and ruin creation? **We do.**

Do you renounce the ways and idols of this fallen world that oppose God's kingdom and glory? **We do.**

Do you renounce Satan and all spiritual forces of darkness that rebel against the one true God? **We do.**

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 from Hebrews 4:15-16

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Greeting of the Peace of Christ

Hymn *The King Shall Come*

Words: Early Greek Hymn, Trans. John Brownlie, 1907
Music: Trad. American, KENTUCKY HARMONY, 1816
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1. The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri-umph-ant breaks,
 2. O bright-er than the__ ris-ing morn when He, vic-to-rious, rose
 3. O bright-er than that__ glo-rious morn shall this fair morn-ing be,
 4. And let the end-less__ bliss be-gin, by wear-y saints fore-told,
 5. The King shall come when morn-ing dawns, and light and beau-ty brings;
 when beau-ty__ gilds the east-ern hills, and life to joy a-wakes.
 and__ left the lone-some place of death, de-spite the rage of foes.
 when Christ, our King, in beau-ty__ comes, and we His faceshall see.
 when right shall tri-umph o-ver wrong, and truth shall be ex-tolled.
 Hail! Christ the Lord; Thy peo-ple pray, "Come quick-ly King of kings."

RESPOND Embrace the call of God

Confession of Faith Westminster Larger Catechism Q #75 and #76

What is sanctification?

Sanctification is a work of God's grace, whereby they whom God hath, before the foundation of the world, chosen to be holy, are in time, through the powerful operation of his Spirit applying the death and resurrection of Christ unto them, renewed in their whole man after the image of God; having the seeds of repentance unto life, and all other saving graces, put into their hearts, and those graces so stirred up, increased, and strengthened, as that they more and more die unto sin, and rise unto newness of life.

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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.

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.

What is repentance unto life?

Repentance unto life is a saving grace, wrought in the heart of a sinner by the Spirit and Word of God, whereby, out of the sight and sense, not only of the danger, but also of the filthiness and odiousness of his sins, and upon the apprehension of God's mercy in Christ to such as are penitent, he so grieves for and hates his sins, as that he turns from them all to God, purposing and endeavouring constantly to walk with him in all the ways of new obedience.

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

Offertory Solo *All Will Be Peace*

Erik Dewar
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A kingdom is coming where all will be right; injustice and suff'ring will end. For God will deliver the poor and contrite; the meek of the earth He'll defend. Then Jesus the Righteous will speak for His Word, and none of the wicked will stand. He'll answer our cries that we thought went unheard, and all will be peace in that land. The nations will fashion their swords into shears, no longer preparing for war. New plows will be made from the last of the spears, and no one will fear anymore. Then mountains will sing as we go out with joy, while trees of the field clap their hands. And no one in Zion will hurt or destroy, for all will be peace in that land. Instead of the briar the myrtle will grow; the cypress instead of the thorn. And so, living water forever will flow when all that was cursed is reborn. The beasts will not kill but be led by a child; the wolf will lie down with the lamb. The calf and the lion will graze in the wild, for all will be peace in that land. From least to the greatest we'll all know the Lord, and ever His people we'll be. The earth will be filled with the knowledge of God, like waters that cover the sea. And Jesus will wipe ev'ry tear from our eyes, as God makes His dwelling with man. Then death, pain, and ev'ry last sorrow will die, and all will be peace in that land.

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.

Scripture Reading Matthew 4:1-11 (p. 809)

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

Sermon Rev. Mark Randle

“Jesus is King!”

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 *O Church Arise* (Music on Page 9)

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O church arise and put your armor on
Hear the call of Christ our Captain
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given
With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies
An army bold whose battle cry is Love
Reaching out to those in darkness

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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.

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.

Our call to war to love the captive soul
But to rage against the captor
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valor
When faced with trials on every side
We know the outcome is secure
And Christ will have the prize for which He died
An inheritance of nations

Come see the cross where love and mercy meet
As the Son of God is stricken
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet
For the Conqueror has risen
And as the stone is rolled away
And Christ emerges from the grave
This victory march continues till the day
Every eye and heart shall see Him

So Spirit come put strength in every stride
Give grace for every hurdle
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful
As saints of old still line the way
Retelling triumphs of His grace
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in glory

Benediction

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



Giving Report

For more information, visit tcpc.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

O Church Arise

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O church, a - rise, and put your ar - mor on, hear the
Our call to war: to love the cap - tive soul, but to
Come see the cross where love and mer - cy meet as the
So Spi - rit come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give
call of Christ our Cap - tain. For now the weak can say that
rage a - gainst the cap - tor. And with the sword that makes the
Son of God is strick - en. Then see His foes lie crushed be -
grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle. That we may run with faith to
they are strong in the strength that God has gi - ven. With shield of
woun - ded whole, we will fight with faith and va - lor. When faced with
neath His feet, for the Con - quer - or has ri - sen. And as the
win the prize of a ser - vant good and faith - ful. As saints of
faith and belt of truth, we'll stand a - gainst the dev - il's lies, an ar - my
trials on ev - ery side, we know the out - come is se - cure. And Christ will
stone is rolled a - way, and Christ e - merg - es from the grave, this vic - t'ry
old still line the way, re - tell - ing tri - umphs of His grace, we hear their
bold, whose bat - tle cry is Love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.
have the prize for which He died, an in - her - i - tance of na - tions.
march con - tin - ues till the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see Him.
calls and hun - ger for the day when with Christ we stand in glo - ry.

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.



Maundy Thursday Missions Offering

Each year during our Maundy Thursday service, we collect a special Missions Offering that goes to special requests that the Missions Committee receives from our missionaries and ministries, in order to help them above and beyond our missions budget. Watch the video in this past week's TCPC News email, featuring Will and Nate, which highlights this year's giving need. Give in-person at the Maundy Thursday service or online at tcpca.org/missions.

Spring Communicants Class

As a church, we pray continually that our children would profess their faith, thus fulfilling their baptism. Parents are often asking for direction in discerning if their child is ready to profess their faith and begin taking communion. This Spring we are offering a 4-week class that will walk children through the basics of the Christian faith, as well as what it means to profess their faith. The recommended ages for this class are ages 8-12. Our Spring Communicants Class will meet on Sunday afternoons from 4:00-5:00pm on April 21 & 28 and May 5 & 19. We plan to offer this class again in the Spring. If you think your child is ready to begin this process, please contact Will Witherington for more information (wwitherington@tcpca.org).

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.

Decorating For Easter

Do you love seeing the beautiful sanctuary on Easter? Do you love flowers? Volunteer to decorate! Please contact Pam Kirkendall (pamkirkendall@yahoo.com) if you are available Saturday, March 30th to make our sanctuary ready to celebrate the resurrection.

Help Send Students to Summer Camp

If you would like to financially invest in the discipleship of our students through supporting their trip to Ridgehaven Summer Camp, you can scan this QR code or give by check (write "SM Camp" in the memo line and place it in the regular offering).



"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.

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 our website at tcpca.org/women.



MARCH CALENDAR

MON

18 & 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

THU

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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.

FRI

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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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