



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 **tcpca.org/connect** or scan this QR code.



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

Elders:

David Cowen, Tim Green

Deacons:

Ken Iverson, Nicholas Jackson

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship...

“No pain, no palm; no thorns, no throne;
no gall, no glory; no cross, no crown.”

- William Penn

COVER ARTWORK:

Photo by Simon Krige

Order of Worship

March 24, 2024 at 9:00 and 11:15 AM | **Palm Sunday**

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

Rejoice greatly O Daughter of Zion! Shout aloud O Daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your King is coming to you!

Behold, the Lamb of God

Who takes away the Sin of the World!

Hymn *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

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Hosanna loud hosanna
The little children sang
Through pillared court and temple
The lovely anthem rang
To Jesus who had blessed them
Close folded to his breast
The children sang their praises
The simplest and the best

From Olivet they followed
'Mid an exultant crowd
The victor palm-branch waving
And chanting clear and loud
The Lord of men and angels
Rode on in lowly state
Nor scorned that little children
Should on His bidding wait

Hosanna in the Highest
That ancient song we sing
For Christ is our Redeemer
The Lord of heaven our King
O may we ever praise him
With heart and life and voice
And in his blissful presence
Eternally rejoice

Welcome & Announcements

Membership Vows

9:00 - Lillian DeBord and Noah Jones

Choir Anthem *Rejoice, the Lord is King!*

Text: Charles Wesley

Tune: John Darwall

Arr. Dan Forrest

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Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your God and King adore, rejoice, give thanks, and sing and triumph evermore! 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, our Lord and judge shall come, and take His servants up to their eternal home! Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice, again I say, lift up your voice, again I say, rejoice!

RENEW Receive the grace of God

Scripture Reading Zechariah 9:9 and 14:4-9 (Pew Bible p. 797 and 800)

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 Jesus, our humble King, we join with those who welcomed You into Jerusalem crying out for Your salvation...

Hosanna in the highest!

For our thoughts that betray You, our words that insult You, and our deeds that grieve You...

Hosanna in the highest!

For neglecting Your kingdom to build our own, defaming Your glory to advance our own, slandering Your name to exalt our own...

Hosanna in the highest!

For sins remembered and sins forgotten...

Hosanna in the highest!

- *Silent Prayers of Confession* -

Repentance of God's People

Has your strength failed you? **Always.**

Has your Savior failed you? **Never.**

Do you repent of your self-lordship and return to Christ's lordship? **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 Matthew 11

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

Greeting of the Peace of Christ

Hymn *Lift High The Cross*

George William Kitchin | Michael Robert Newbolt | Sydney Hugo Nicholson
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REFRAIN:

*Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name*

Come brethren follow where our Savior trod
Our King victorious Christ the Son of God **(REFRAIN)**

Led on their way by this triumphant sign
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine **(REFRAIN)**

O Lord once lifted on the glorious tree
As Thou hast promised draw men unto Thee **(REFRAIN)**

Thy kingdom come, that earth's despair may cease
Beneath the shadow of its healing peace. **(REFRAIN)**

For Thy blest cross which doth for us atone
Creation's praises rise before Thy throne **(REFRAIN)**

RESPOND Embrace the call of God

Confession of Faith Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 5 (5.1 - Providence)

What is God's Providence?

God the great Creator of all things upholds, directs, disposes, and governs all creatures, actions, and things, from the greatest to the least, by his most wise and holy providence, according to his certain foreknowledge and the free and immutable counsel of his own will, to the praise of the glory of his wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy.

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.

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."

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.

Offertory Prayer

Hymn *Man of Sorrows! What a Name*

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Man of Sorrows what a name
For the Son of God who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude
In my place condemned He stood
Sealed my pardon with His blood
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty vile and helpless we
Spotless Lamb of God was He
Full atonement can it be
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die,
"It is finished!" was His cry
Now in heav'n exalted high
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When He comes our glorious King
All His ransomed home to bring
Then anew this song we'll sing
Hallelujah! What a Savior!
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

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.

Professions of Faith

9:00 - Stella and Spencer Patton, children of Jeremy & Mary

11:15 - Adalyn Lee, daughter of Jimmy & Cortney

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 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Text: Charles Wesley
Tune: Beach Spring
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Love divine all loves excelling Joy of heav'n to earth come down
Fix us in Your humble dwelling all Your faithful mercies crown
Jesus You are all compassion pure unbounded love You are
Visit us with Your salvation enter ev'ry trembling heart

Come Almighty to deliver let us all Your life receive
Suddenly return and never never more Your temples leave
You we would be always blessing serve You as Your hosts above
Pray and praise You without ceasing glory in Your perfect love

Finish then Your new creation pure and spotless let us be
Let us see Your great salvation perfectly restored in Thee
Changed from glory into glory 'till in heav'n we take our place
'Till we cast our crowns before You lost in wonder love and praise
Changed from glory into glory 'till in heav'n we take our place
'Till we cast our crowns before You lost in wonder love and praise

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.

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**

Announcements

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



Sunday School Schedule

Adult and Children's Sunday School Classes will not meet on Easter Sunday, March 31. Children's classes will not meet on April 7 due to Spring Break, and Adult classes may or may not meet (please check with your Sunday School Class leader).

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

Tonight at 6:00 PM, join the choir, soloists, and musicians for a Lenten meditation in Scripture and song.

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).

VBS Registration is Now OPEN!

June 17-21, 9am-12pm. Join us on an amazing undersea adventure this summer at Vacation Bible School (VBS) as we dive into friendship with God! Each day at VBS, kids will participate in awesome Bible adventures, play teamwork-building games, sing catchy songs, devour yummy treats, test out sciency-fun experiments and have LOTS of FUN! VBS is for kids aged 4 through rising 5th graders (and we offer childcare for children ages 0-3 years to parents who volunteer during VBS). Register today by scanning this QR code, or learn more on our VBS website at tcpca.org/vbs.



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).



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

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March 24 - Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday Worship

9:00 and 11:15 AM - Sanctuary - *Nursery available*

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

6:00 PM - Sanctuary - *Nursery available*

MON
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Lent Prayer Service

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 - *Nursery available*

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 - *Nursery available*

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