



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

Elders:

Tim Green, Chris Lee

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Preparing Our Hearts for Worship...

“Before turning it into *wine*, Jesus told them to get the *water*.
Sometimes the *miracle* is on the other side of ordinary *obedience*.
We do the *trusting*, he does the *transforming*.”

- Ian Simkins

COVER ARTWORK:

Path through the Irises | Claude Monet

Order of Worship

April 28, 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 John 11

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life.”

We worship you, our risen Christ!

“He who believes in me will live, even though he dies”

We believe you, our reigning Savior!

“And whoever lives and believes in me will never die.”

We trust you, our returning King!

“Do you believe this?”

We believe you, our Lord Jesus!

Hymn *My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less*

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My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness,
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

REFRAIN:

*On Christ the Solid Rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev’ry high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil. **(REFRAIN)**

His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
Shen all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. **(REFRAIN)**

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne. **(REFRAIN)**

Invocation

O God, your Word is more precious than fine gold, and sweeter than purest honey. As we worship You this morning, send your Holy Spirit to show us Your truth and grace — so that the good news of Jesus' defeat of sin and death would shine before our eyes and delight our senses, so that we will respond with wonder, faith and trust. **Amen**

Welcome & Announcements

Baptism

9:00 - Jack Rouse, son of Daniel & Mary

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, Jack, though you do not know it yet.

Choir Anthem

My Jesus, I Love Thee

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine. For thee all the follies of sin, I resign. My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou. If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now. I love Thee because thou has first loved me, and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree. I love Thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow, if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now. In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright: I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow. If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

RENEW

 Receive the grace of God

Scripture Reading

 Zechariah 3 (Pew Bible p. 794)

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

 Adapted from Martin Bucer

Almighty and eternal Father, we confess and acknowledge to You that we were conceived in unrighteousness and are full of sin and transgression in all our life. We do not fully believe Your Word nor follow Your holy commandments. Remember Your goodness, we beseech You, and for Your name's sake, be gracious unto us, and forgive our iniquity, which is great.

- *Silent Prayers of Confession* -

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

Do you turn from your lack of trust in God's goodness to you? **We do.**

Do you repent of your sin of failing to embrace God's plan in your life? **We do.**

Do you recommit to trusting Your Father's providence today? **We do .**

Assurance of God's Pardon

 from Colossians 1:21-22

Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now He has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in His sight, without blemish and free from accusation.

Greeting of the Peace of Christ

Hymn *Jesus Shall Reign* (**Music on Page 10**)

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Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does His successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown His head;
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns;
The pris'ner leaps to lose his chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honors to our King,
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen!

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."

Confession of Faith from Westminster Catechism

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

Offertory Solo *The Nazarene*

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The Nazarene had come to live the life of every man, and He felt the fascination of the stars. And as He wandered through this weary world, He wondered and He wept; for there were so few who'd listen to His call. *He came, He saw, He surrendered all so that we might be born again. And the fact of His humanity was there for all to see; for He was unlike any other man, and yet so much like me.* The Nazarene could hunger, and the Nazarene could cry, and He could laugh with all the fullness of His heart. And those who hardly knew Him, and those who knew Him well could feel the contradiction from the start.

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.

Confession of Faith

We confess together the convicting 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.

Scripture Reading Luke 24:1-12 (p. 884)

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

Sermon Rev. Mark Randle

“The Sight of Hope”

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 *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

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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.

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)**

Benediction

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



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

March Giving:	\$199,572	Total Giving for Oct-Mar:	\$1,360,895
March Goal:	\$232,000	Giving Goal for Oct-Mar:	\$1,566,000
Difference:	-\$32,428	Difference:	-\$205,105
		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

Combined Sunday School Classes in May

MAY 5

We have an exciting opportunity to hear from our ministry partners in Thailand during a combined Sunday School gathering on Sunday, May 5. Join us in the Sanctuary in between services!

MAY 12 & 19

Mark will be leading a two-part May Term class on financial stewardship on May 12 and 19 in between services in the Sanctuary.

Special Service for Pentecost Sunday on May 19

Join us on Sunday, May 19 at 5:30 PM for a special Pentecost Sunday service.

Fellowship Dinner on May 1

You're invited to the church wide Fellowship Dinner this Wednesday, May 1. A catered meal featuring pizza and salad 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.



Senior Luncheon on Sunday, May 5

The May luncheon will be on MAY 5th!! Mark your calendars and come join us for a good time, wonderful food, and great fellowship! As this is a free luncheon, PLEASE RSVP by April 30 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!!

Wednesday Summer Nursery Program

On select Wednesdays mornings this summer we will be offering a program for kids aged 9 months-6 years old. Our time together will include hands-on activities, stories and outdoor time. Some of the themes will be ocean life, trees and flowers, weather, transportation, and insects. The program will run from 9:00am-11:30am, and the cost will be \$18 per child, \$15 for the second child and a family maximum of \$45. Spaces are limited. Contact Amber Waldrop to check dates and availability awaldrop@tcpca.org.

Celebrating Our Class of 2024 Graduates

We are so proud of our graduating high school and college students! If you or someone in your family is graduating this spring, please scan this QR code and complete the brief questionnaire. We would love to acknowledge your/their accomplishment in the near future.



Jesus Shall Reign

Isaac Watts | John Hatton

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1. Je - sus shall reign where - e'er the sun
2. To Him shall end - less prayer be made,
3. Bless - ings a - bound where e'er He reigns;
4. Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring

does His suc - ces - sive jour - neys run;
and prais - es throng to crown His head;
the pris - 'ner leaps to lose his chains;
pe - cu - liar hon - ors to our King;

His king - dom stretch from shore to shore,
His name like sweet per - fume shall rise
the wea - ry find e - ter - nal rest,
an - gels de - scend with songs a - gain,

'til moons shall wax and wane no more.
with ev - 'ry mor - ning sac - ri - fice.
and all who suf - fer want are blest.
and earth re - peat the loud a - men!

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.

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