

Tates Creek  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# 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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**If this is your first time visiting**, please fill out a **Visitor's Card** (located in the pew in front of you) and place it in the offering basket later in the service. We would love to meet you and help you get connected.

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This Order of Worship will be your guide to our service, and there are notes in the margins explaining the different elements of our liturgy.

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Finally, if you would like to speak to someone who can answer any questions you may have about our church, please visit the **Welcome Desk**, which will be on your left after you exit the Sanctuary.

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## Liturgy Notes

Do you have questions about how we worship? This column answers the “what” and “why” of each element of our liturgy.

### 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.

### Invocation

The minister invokes the presence of God that is promised to those who gather in His name. We ask for God to join us in worship, to lead us in worship, and to be pleased with our worship.

# Order of Worship

November 10, 2019 at 9:00 and 11:15AM

## REJOICE Declare the praises of God

**Prelude** *Blessed Jesu, at Thy Word* (by J S Bach)

### Call to Worship from Psalm 95

MINISTER:

O Come, let us sing to the Lord!

**PEOPLE:**

**Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

MINISTER:

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving!

**PEOPLE:**

**Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

### Hymn of Rejoicing *Come Christian, Join to Sing* #302

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;

Praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!

He is our Guide and Friend; to us he’ll condescend;

His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven’s blissful shore, his goodness we’ll adore,

Singing forevermore, “Alleluia! Amen!”

### Invocation

## Baptism

9:00 - Samuel Christopher Ball, son of Ted & Sara Ball

## Declaration to Our Covenant Children

 from the Church of Scotland

### UNISON:

**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, Samuel, though you do not know it yet.**

## Commissioning

11:15 - Belarus Team

## RENEW

 Receive the grace of God

### Scripture Reading

 Isaiah 25:6-9 (Pew Bible p. 586)

LEADER:

All men are like grass, their glory like flowers of the field.

The grass withers and the flowers fall,...

PEOPLE:

**...but the Word of the Lord stands forever.**

## Confession of God's People

UNISON:

**Father of all grace, we have neglected your mission in this world. You have called us to engage, but we have retreated,**

**to devotion, but we have been apathetic,**

**to boldness, but we have feared the opinion of others,**

**to suffering, but we have chosen comfort,**

**to testify, but we have been silent,**

**to redeem, but we have added to the corruption.**

**Forgive us for our failures, O God, and restore in our hearts a loyalty to your commission. Teach us to love this world as you have loved us, and use our lives for your great purposes.**

- *Silent Prayers of Confession* -

## Repentance of God's People

MINISTER:

Will you turn from the selfishness of sin?

MINISTER:

4 Will you take up the selfless cause of Christ?

PEOPLE:

**We will.**

PEOPLE:

**We will.**

### 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."

## Assurance of God's Pardon from 2 Corinthians 5

MINISTER:

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the message of reconciliation.

## Greeting of the Peace of Christ

## Hymn of Renewal *Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord* #465

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,  
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,  
Yonder on Calvary's mount out-poured,  
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

**REFRAIN:**

**Grace, grace, God's grace,  
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;  
Grace, grace, God's grace,  
Grace that is greater than all our sin.**

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold,  
Threaten the soul with infinite loss;  
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,  
Points to the Refuge, the mighty cross. (**REFRAIN**)

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,  
What can avail to wash it away?  
Look! there is flowing a crimson tide;  
Whiter than snow you may be today. (**REFRAIN**)

## Confession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism Question 1

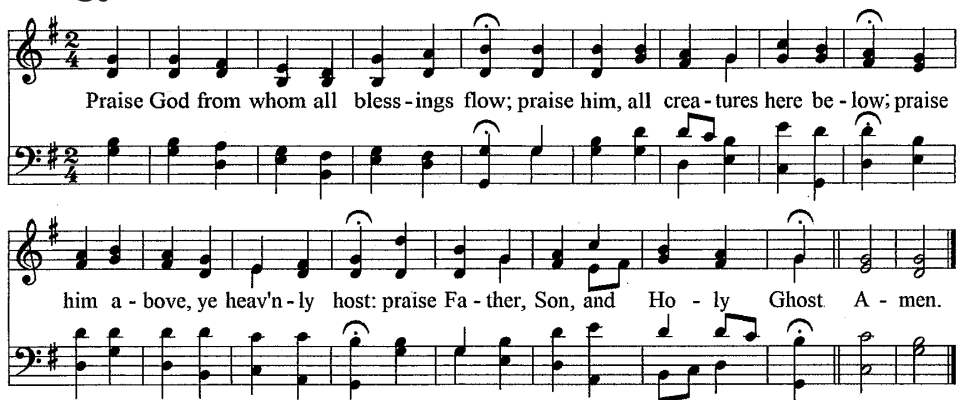
LEADER:

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**UNISON:**

**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 Old Hundredth



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low; praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost A-men.

## Offertory Prayer

### Offertory *He's Always Been Faithful* (by Chisholm/Runyan/Groves; arr. Rhodes)

Whitley Schoop, soprano

Morning by morning, I wake up to find the power and comfort of God's hand in mine. Season by season, I watch Him, amazed, in awe of the mystery of His perfect ways. All I have need of His hand will provide. He's always been faithful to me. I can't remember a trial or a pain, He did not use wisely to grow me in grace. I can't remember one single regret in serving God only and trusting His hand. All I have need of His hand will provide. He's always been faithful to me. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee. Thou changest not; Thy compassions they fail not. As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be. Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed Thy hand hath provided. Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me. This is my anthem, this is my song; the theme of the stories I've heard for so long. God

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## 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.

## Anthem

It is not just financial offerings that we give to God during this time but offerings of beauty as well. While the offering is collected, our choir offers up to God beautifully-composed music with text that meditates upon the truths of the gospel and the promises of God. God's gift of music (along with the work of his Spirit) helps us feel deeply and marvel at who he is, what he has done, and what he will do.

has been faithful, he will be again. His loving compassion, it knows no end. All I have need of His hand will provide. He's always been faithful. He's always been faithful. He's always been faithful to me.

***Gospel Storytime:***

After the Offertory Anthem, 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 for their Communion blessing.

**Scripture Reading** Acts 5:12-16 (Pew Bible p. 913)

MINISTER:

The Word of the Lord.

**PEOPLE:**

**Thanks be to God.**

**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.

**Sermon** Rev. Robert Cunningham, Senior Minister

**“The Gospel Social”**

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# SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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## **PLEASE NOTE:**

We offer both wine and grape juice in Holy Communion: the wine is in the outermost ring of cups, and the grape juice is in the inner rings of cups. Gluten-free bread is offered at the center table.

## **Children's Blessing:**

Children (of any age) who have not professed faith in Christ are encouraged to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing from the pastor or officer.

## **Words of Institution**

MINISTER:

Let us together proclaim the hope of the Church:

**UNISON:**

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ shall come again!**

MINISTER:

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 of Response *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* #529

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n, to earth come down:  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown:  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;  
Let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest:  
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be:  
Let us see thy 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 thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

### Benediction

The minister raises His hands and pronounces God's benediction over the congregation, sending them forth with assurance from on high. Stretch forth your hands and open wide your hearts to receive the abundant blessings that are yours in Christ Jesus!

### Prayer

Prayer is available after the service to any in need. The Elder on Call will be waiting by the communion table to pray with you.

### Prayer Chain

Kathryn Lyon  
[KRL40502@aol.com](mailto:KRL40502@aol.com)

Janet Whitley  
[JJWhitley@twc.com](mailto:JJWhitley@twc.com)

### Benediction

MINISTER:  
Go love your God;

PEOPLE:  
Go love your neighbor.

### Postlude *Prelude in G Major* (by J S Bach)



### Today's Musicians

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Deb Endean, piano  
Jane Ritter, organ

# Weekly Information

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**11/03 Attendance:** 658

Sunday School: 188

**Deacons on Duty:**

Ken Iverson and Tanner Ball

**Elder on Call:**

Casey Willis

**Giving Report:** For more info, visit [tcPCA.org/give](http://tcPCA.org/give)

September Actual Giving: \$183,350

September Giving Goal: \$170,410

**Difference: +\$12,940**

Fiscal Year Actual Giving (Oct-Sep): \$2,071,027

Fiscal Year Giving Goal (Oct-Aug): \$2,047,276

**Difference: +\$23,751**

## Sunday School 10:20-11:05AM

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Parents must pick up children in grade 3 or younger by 11:05AM

### Children & Teens

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**Preschool** » Room 126

**5-Year-Olds** » Room 109/111

**Kindergarten** » Room 105/107

**1st Grade** » Room 119

**2nd Grade** » Room 121

**3rd Grade** » Room 123

**4th & 5th Grade GIRLS** » Room 124

**4th & 5th Grade BOYS** » Room 127

**6th Grade** » Room 125

**7th - 12th Grade** » Youth Room

### Adults

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**Bridge Class** » Lower Level Boardroom

Studying the book "With: Reimagining the Way You Relate to God" by Skye Jethani

*Led by Will Witherington*

**Vine Class** » Lower Level Classroom

Studying "Subjects of Theology" using Michael Horton's book "Pilgrim Theology"

*Led by Mark Randle*

**Veritas** » Parlor

Studying the book of Psalms,

*Led by Ron Whitley & Mark Deicher*

## Calendar

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### Sunday, November 10

9:00 am, Worship of the Living God

10:20 am, Sunday School

11:10-11:35am, Children's Choir Gr. 2-6, Fellowship Hall

11:15 am, Worship of the Living God

2:00 pm, Lafayette Place Seniors Worship

### Wednesday, November 13

9:00am, Morning Women's Bible Study

12:00pm, Men's Bible Study

6:20pm, Adult Choir Rehearsal

6:45pm, Youth Group

7:00pm, Evening Women's Bible Study

### Thursday, November 14

12:30 pm, Access Prayer Group

### Sunday, November 17

9:00 am, Worship of the Living God

10:20 am, Sunday School

11:10-11:35am, Children's Choir Gr. 2-6, Fellowship Hall

11:15 am, Worship of the Living God

12:30 pm, Veterans Lunch

2:00 pm, Lafayette Place Seniors Worship

### Future Events

December 15, Lessons & Carols

# Announcements

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## **Veterans Day Luncheon**

In recognition of Veterans Day this year, TCPC would like to invite all veterans, and their families, to a luncheon at the church on Sunday, November 17 following the 2nd service. This will be a time of appreciation for you and your service, as well as a means of connecting all of our veterans to one another. We would love for all our veterans to attend! Please rsvp to Mark Randle if you can make it: [mrandle@tcpca.org](mailto:mrandle@tcpca.org)

## **Handbell Players Needed**

The handbell choir is looking for two ringers for our Dec. 22 worship date and also substitutes for rehearsals. They rehearse on Thursday evenings. You do not need to have played bells before, but an understanding of rhythm reading and basics of music is important. For more information or to volunteer, contact Suzanne Dovel at [sdovel@tcpca.org](mailto:sdovel@tcpca.org).

## **Senior Ministry Luncheon**

Please join us for our Senior Ministry luncheon today right after the second service in the basement classroom. Jennifer Matocha will be answering your questions about Touchpoint, Tom Bedwell will demonstrate the Facebook group for seniors, and Bob Goodknight will tell about our weekly ministry at Lafayette Place. And you don't have to be a "senior" to attend - please come to learn how all generations can team together for service. The bonus is another delicious catered meal, so you don't have to bring anything, and please come even if you have not RSVP'ed!

## **Angel Tree**

If you are interested in purchasing a small Christmas gift for a child on behalf of their incarcerated parent, please visit the Angel Tree table in the narthex area on November 10th and 17th. Gifts will be due back on November 24th. Volunteers are needed to help at the Angel Tree Party on December 7th from 2:30 to 4:00 and also to deliver gifts to families who do not attend the party. Contact Crystal Smith to volunteer or for more information at [russandcrystal08@gmail.com](mailto:russandcrystal08@gmail.com) or 859-321-7323.

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