

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.



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.



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.



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.

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

December 1, 2019 at 9:00 and 11:15AM

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Prelude *Sleepers Wake* (J S Bach)

Call to Worship

LEADER:

Praise the LORD! Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

PEOPLE:

Who can utter the mighty deeds of the LORD, or declare all his praise?

LEADER:

Blessed are they who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times!

PEOPLE:

Remember me O LORD, when you show favor to your people, help me when you save them...

UNISON:

...that I may look upon the prosperity of your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that I may glory with your inheritance.

Hymn of Rejoicing *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus* #196

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
Israel’s strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer

UNISON:

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.

Membership Vows

9:00 - Joe & Amanda Moss

Baptism

9:00 - Rosie Elisabeth Moss and Jenny Marie Moss, children of Joe & Amanda Moss

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, Rosie & Jenny, though you do not know it yet.

RENEW Receive the grace of God

Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (Pew Bible p. 966)

Read by Kelly Bradley

MINISTER:

The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE:

Thanks be to God.

Confession of God's People from Book of Common Worship

UNISON:

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.

- Silent Prayers of Confession -

Repentance of God's People

MINISTER:

Do you turn from your sin of not believing
God is good at all times?

PEOPLE:

We do.

MINISTER:

Do you repent from doubting God's
ongoing faithfulness in your life?

PEOPLE:

We do.

MINISTER:

Do you believe your God is for you

PEOPLE:

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.

and not against you?

We do.

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 Romans 8:1-2

MINISTER:

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

Greeting of the Peace of Christ

Hymn of Renewal *How Great Thou Art* #44

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

REFRAIN:

**Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art**

And when I think of God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin (**REFRAIN**)

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And lead me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow with humble adoration
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art (**REFRAIN**)

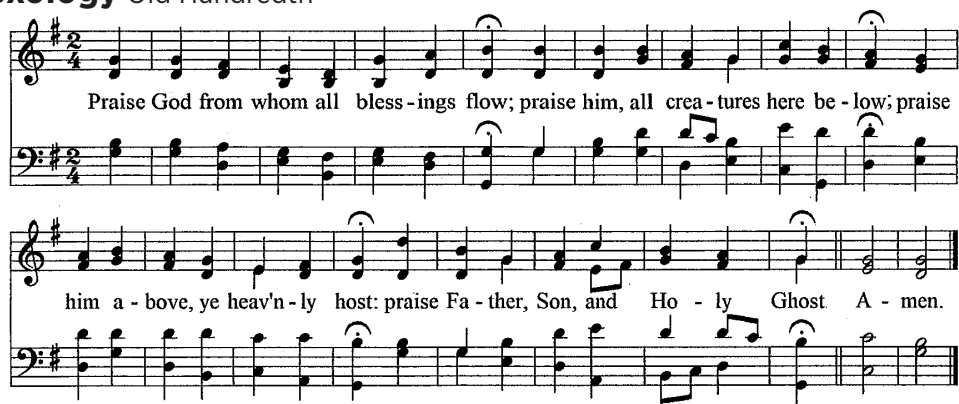
Confession of Faith The Apostles Creed

UNISON:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried: he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic[†] Church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

[†] Worldwide communion of faith, past, present, and future.

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 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* (by Elvey; arr. Duncan)

Esther Ratajeski, violin; Deb Endean, piano

Gospel Storytime:

There is no Gospel Storytime this week.

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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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.

Profession of Faith

11:15 - Bo Hardin

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 *For the Beauty of the Earth* #116

For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies.

REFRAIN:

**Lord of all, to thee we raise
This, our hymn of grateful praise.**

For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flow'r,
Sun and moon and stars of light, **(REFRAIN)**

For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight, **(REFRAIN)**

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild, **(REFRAIN)**

For each perfect gift of thine,
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n, **(REFRAIN)**

Benediction

MINISTER:

Go love your God;

PEOPLE:

Go love your neighbor.

Postlude *Now Thank We All Our God* (arr. Paul Manz)



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

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Janet Whitley

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Today's Musicians

Esther Ratajeski, violin

Deb Endean, piano

Jane Ritter, organ

Weekly Information

11/24 Attendance: 732

Sunday School: 180

Deacons on Duty:

Ethan Johnson, Collin Kern,
and Luke McAnally

Elder on Call:

Chris Matocha

Giving Report: For more info, visit tcpca.org/give

October Actual Giving: \$170,719

October Giving Goal: \$196,000

Difference: -\$25,281

Sunday School 10:20-11:05AM

There are no Sunday School classes this week.

Calendar

Sunday, December 1

9:00 am, Worship of the Living God

11:15 am, Worship of the Living God

2:00 pm, Lafayette Place Seniors Worship

Wednesday, December 4

9:00 am, Morning Women's Bible Study

12:00 pm, Men's Bible Study

6:20 pm, Adult Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, December 8

9:00 am, Worship of the Living God

10:20 am, Sunday School

(Combined Breakfast for Bridge & Vine)

11:15 am, Worship of the Living God

2:00 pm, Lafayette Place Seniors Worship

Future Events

December 15, Lessons & Carols

Announcements

No Sunday School or Children's Gospel Storytime Today

Combined Sunday School Breakfast for Bridge & Vine Classes

Join us on December 8th between services for a combined breakfast for the Bridge & Vine classes. This will be held in the Lower Level, and all attendees are encouraged to bring their favorite breakfast item.

Final Day to Check Lost and Found

As the holidays are approaching, we are preparing for visitors and various events and will be utilizing our closet space. Please check the coat closets and Lost and Found cabinet for anything that belongs to you. Any items left after today will be donated.

Christmas Cantata Breakfast

On Sunday, December 15th, the church will be hosting a breakfast for the choir, orchestra, and staff between services, and we would love your help in making this a success! You can sign up to bring a dish, help with setup, or help with cleanup. To sign up, please go to tcpca.org/cantata.

Millcreek Christmas Party

The Mercy Committee will be hosting their annual Christmas Party for families of Millcreek Elementary. During this event, TCPC provides families with a meal, games/crafts, and gifts for the children. This year, we will be hosting 8 families with a total of 28 children on Saturday, December 14th. If you would like to provide or sponsor a gift for a child, please contact Verne Kern at vernekernasw@gmail.com.

Women's Ministry Evening of Worship

Ladies, please join us as we prepare our hearts for Advent during our annual Evening of Worship at 6:30 PM on Sunday, December 8. We will be having a time of fellowship in the Lower Level followed by a time of reflection and worship in the Sanctuary. Please bring a savory or salty snack to share.

Sound System Ministry Volunteer Needed

Do you have an interest in serving by running the sound system for the worship services? Please call or email David Hamrin at 859-806-4900 or drhamrin@yahoo.com

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