



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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Preparing Our Hearts for Worship...

“...content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss.
My sinful self my only shame, my glory all the Cross.”

- Elizabeth Clephane “Beneath The Cross Of Jesus.”

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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.

Order of Worship

August 1, 2021 at 9:00AM and 11:00AM

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Call to Worship from Psalm 27

LEADER: Let us sing to the LORD a new song!

PEOPLE: Sing to the LORD, all the earth!

LEADER: Let us sing to the LORD, and bless His name.

PEOPLE: Let us tell of His salvation from day to day.

LEADER: Let us declare His glory among the nations.

PEOPLE: His marvelous works among all the peoples!

**UNISON: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
He is to be feared above all gods!**

Hymn of Rejoicing *Lift High The Cross*

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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 the world to Thee (**REFRAIN**)

For Thy blest Cross which doth for all atone
Creation’s praises rise before Thy throne (**REFRAIN**)

Welcome & Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Pray for Will and Stephen as they will be in Togo this week! Pray for the Lord to bless them and the ministry in Togo.

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.

RENEW Receive the grace of God

Scripture Reading Isaiah 41:8-13

But you, Israel, my servant,
Jacob, whom I have chosen,
the offspring of Abraham, my friend;
you whom I took from the ends of the earth,
and called from its farthest corners,
saying to you, "You are my servant,
I have chosen you and not cast you off";
fear not, for I am with you;
be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Behold, all who are incensed against you
shall be put to shame and confounded;
those who strive against you
shall be as nothing and shall perish.
You shall seek those who contend with you,
but you shall not find them;
those who war against you
shall be as nothing at all.
For I, the LORD your God,
hold your right hand;
it is I who say to you, "Fear not,
I am the one who helps you."

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

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.

Confession of God's People

From the Book of Common Worship

UNISON: God of mercy, You sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from You and turned aside from Your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored Your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our saviour. Amen.

- Silent Prayers of Confession -

Repentance of God's People

LEADER: Do you repent of your spiritual apathy?

PEOPLE: We do.

LEADER: Do you repent of your lack of love for God, His ways, and your neighbor?

PEOPLE: We do.

LEADER: Do you return to the surety of God's love for you?

PEOPLE: We do.

Assurance of God's Pardon

from Galatians 2:20

LEADER: I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Hymn of Renewal

Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery (Music on Page 11)

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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

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 *O Great God*

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O great God of highest heaven, occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel power
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me, make me Yours forevermore

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice
Did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son, gave me endless hope and peace

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed
O great God of highest heaven, glorify Your Name through me

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.

Scripture Reading Galatians 6:11-18

11See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. **12**It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who would force you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. **13**For even those who are circumcised do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. **14**But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. **15**For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. **16**And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

17From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

18The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

LEADER: 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.

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.

Sermon Rev. Mark Randle

"Our Boast in the Cross"

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

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

Hymn of Response *The Church's One Foundation*

Samuel John Stone | Samuel Sebastian Wesley

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The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord
She is His new creation by water and the Word
From Heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride
With His own blood He bought her and for her life He died

Elect from every nation yet one o'er all the earth
Her charter of salvation one Lord one faith one birth
One holy name she blesses partakes one holy food
And to one hope she presses with every grace endued

(Last two verses sung in unison)

'Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest
And Christ's great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won
O happy ones and holy Lord give us grace that we
Like them the meek and lowly On high may dwell with Thee

Benediction

MINISTER: Go love your God; **PEOPLE: Go love your neighbor.**



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

June Giving:	\$145,162	Total FY Giving (Oct-Jun):	\$1,752,941
June Goal:	\$187,707	Giving Goal (Oct-Jun):	\$1,915,223
Difference:	-\$42,545	Difference:	-\$162,282

Quarterly Giving Update

This quarter we would like to highlight online giving. You can give online on our website (tcpca.org/give) or use the TCPC mobile app to set up recurring or one-time gifts that will help meet our budget needs. This is a great time to log in to TouchPoint, update your information, and review your giving for the year. We are in our last quarter of the fiscal year. Please pray about helping us close the current budget shortfall this quarter. Thank you!

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:

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Announcements

NEW Worship Service Times

Starting on August 15, our new Worship Service times will be 9:00 and 11:15.

Pastoral Ordinations on August 8

On August 8 during both services, we will be ordaining several members of our first Pastor's College class. Luke Rakestraw will be ordained during the 9:00 service, and, pending final examination by our Presbytery, Travis Stephens and Josh Crawford will be ordained during the 11:00 service. Robert will preach during both services. Also, a reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall after the 9:00 service to celebrate Luke's ordination. Members of the Richmond Launch Team are invited to a lunch reception in the Lower Level after the 11:00 service.

Kickoff Cookout on August 22 (with Kickball Playoffs!)

On Sunday night, August 22, we will be gathering in the parking lot and soccer field for a church-wide cookout, and everyone is invited to come! More details coming soon, but the main event will be the culmination of our summer-long Kickball League: the playoffs! Join us to find out who will be crowned the Kickball Champs of 2021!

Choir Resuming

After a long break, choir will resume on Wednesday, August 18. Choir consists of Wednesday evening rehearsal from 6:15-7:30 pm (with childcare available) and Sunday morning worship on the Sundays when the choir sings. Singers of all ages and abilities are welcome. Choir is a great place to meet others in a small group setting and we enjoy sharing good music, coffee, and laughter. The choir has been a huge part of worship at TCPC for many years and we look forward to serving and sharing music again this fall. Email csteyn@tcpca.org with any questions or to volunteer.

Parish Groups are back!

Parish Groups will begin meeting again this September! Parish Groups are multi-generational gatherings of people that live near you. These gatherings take place on a consistent basis throughout the year, and often involve food, fellowship, and discussion about that week's sermon. Please sign up on our website at tcpca.org.

Volunteer at Richmond Church Plant

The church plant in Richmond (which will be called Covenant Community Church) is launching their worship services on August 22nd, and they are looking for volunteers over the next three months to help with various needs (setup, childcare, prayer, greeting, etc). Volunteers would be in Richmond from 8:45-11:45. If you are interested in helping one or two times during the next three months, please email Will Witherington at wwitherington@tcpca.org.

Foundations Weekend

Registration is now open for our next membership class on August 20-21. The sessions will be Friday night and Saturday morning, and breakfast and dinner are provided. We invite anyone who is interested in pursuing membership and learning more about our church history and theology. To sign up, visit tcpca.org/foundations. Please email Nate Jones with any questions at njones@tcpca.org.

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Announcements *(continued)*

Youth Parent Meeting on August 4

Parents of 7th-12th graders, please join us for our annual Parent Meeting to learn about the TCPC Youth Ministry and our goals for assisting you in the nurture of your student this year! The meeting will take place at 7:00 PM on August 4 in the Youth Room.

Trinity Job Openings

Trinity Christian Academy currently has openings for several positions. If you are interested in applying to be a Lower School Classroom Aide, contact Vicki White (vwhite@trinitylex.org) and Brooks Ward (bward@trinitylex.org). If you are interested in applying to be the Lower School Part-Time Custodian, please contact Melissa Feaster (mfeaster@trinitylex.org). If you are interested in applying to be the Upper School piano accompanist or an Upper School Art Aide, please contact Nick LaCasse (nlacasse@trinitylex.org).

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1. Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry: in the dawn - ing of the King. He, the
2. Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry: He the per - fect Son of Man. In His
3. Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry: Christ the Lord up - on the tree; In the
4. Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry: Slain by death, the God of life; But no



theme of heav-en's praise - es, robed in frail hu - man-i - ty. In our
liv - ing, in His suf - f'ring, nev - er trace nor stain of sin. See the
stead of ru - ined sin - ners hangs the Lamb in vic - to - ry. See the
grave could e'er re - strain Him, Praise the Lord! He is a - live! What a



long - ing, in our dark - ness, now the light of life has
true and bet - ter Ad - am come to save the hell - bound
price of our re - demp - tion; see the Fa - ther's plan un -
fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance; how un - wav - er - ing our



come; Look to Christ, who con - de - scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.
man, Christ, the great and sure ful - fill - ment of the law, in Him we stand.
fold, bring - ing man - y sons to glo - ry, grace un - meas - ured, love un - told!
hope: Christ in pow - er, res - ur - rect - ed, as we will be when He comes!

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