



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...

“As His people, when we are mutually glorifying, speaking, and acting in ways that enhance the reputations of one another, striving to bring praise and honor to others, exhibiting a mutual deference, a willingness to serve one another, and submit to one another - especially across lines of difference - we are imaging God's beauty.”

- Irwyn Ince

COVER ARTWORK

Mount of Beatitudes, Israel

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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

September 19, 2021 at 9:00AM and 11:15AM

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Call to Worship from Hebrews 10

UNISON: Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hymn of Rejoicing *Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation*

John Mason Neale | Henry T. Smart

**Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion’s help forever
and her confidence alone.**

**All that dedicated city,
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.**

**To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of hosts today:
with thy wonted loving-kindness
hear thy people as they pray;
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls always.**

**Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain,
what they gain from thee forever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.**

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Laud and honor to the Father,
laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory,
while unending ages run.

Welcome & Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Please pray for Robert as he travels this week to England to officially begin his PhD work.

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 Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all peoples!
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,
a great King over all the earth.
He subdued peoples under us,
and nations under our feet.
He chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom He loves. Selah

God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm!

God reigns over the nations;
God sits on His holy throne.
The princes of the peoples gather
as the people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth belong to God;
He is highly exalted!

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

LEADER: Eternal God, You do not change. You have revealed Yourself to us in Your Word. You call us to worship You in Spirit and in truth,

PEOPLE: **But we confess that we often worship a god made in our image and who we wish You to be.**

LEADER: We frequently ask You to bless what we do, rather than seeking to do what You bless.

PEOPLE: **Forgive us for seeking concessions when we should be seeking guidance.**

LEADER: You command us to be generous with our love and resources, for the sake of the church and the lost,

PEOPLE: **But we have been selfish and insensitive to the needs and opportunities around us.**

LEADER: Display Your glory before us,

PEOPLE: **That we might bow before Your unspeakable majesty and so live for You now and forever in Christ. Amen.**

- Silent Prayers of Confession -

Repentance of God's People

LEADER: Are you sorrowful and broken over your transgressions and sins?

PEOPLE: **We are.**

LEADER: Do you return again to the one true God, trusting in His grace alone, and seeking to obey Him alone?

PEOPLE: **We do.**

Assurance of God's Pardon from Romans 6

LEADER: For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

Hymn of Renewal *Christ Our Hope In Life And Death*

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What is our hope in life and death
Christ alone Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand
What comes apart from His command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ in which we stand

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REFRAIN

O sing hallelujah

Our hope springs eternal

O sing hallelujah

Now and ever we confess

Christ our hope in life and death

What truth can calm the troubled soul
God is good God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise
Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ (**REFRAIN**)

Unto the grave what will we sing
Christ He lives Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore (**REFRAIN**)

RESPOND Embrace the call of God

Confession of Faith from Westminster Catechism

LEADER: What is the chief end of man?

PEOPLE: The chief end of man is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.

LEADER: What is God?

PEOPLE: God is a spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

LEADER: Are there more Gods than one?

PEOPLE: There is but only one, the living and true God.

LEADER: How many persons are there in the Godhead?

PEOPLE: There are three persons in the Godhead; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

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.

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.

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

Hymn of Preparation *There Is A Redeemer*

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There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One

REFRAIN:

**Thank You O my Father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done**

Jesus my Redeemer name above all names
Precious Lamb of God Messiah
O for sinners slain (**REFRAIN**)

When I stand in glory I will see His face
There I'll serve my King forever
In that holy place (**REFRAIN**)

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:1

1Seeing the crowds, He went up on the mountain, and when He sat down, His disciples came to Him.

LEADER: The Word of the Lord. **PEOPLE:** Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Robert Cunningham

"Heaven's Revolution"

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

PLEASE NOTE:

Communion elements were passed out as you entered the Sanctuary. If you did not receive elements, please raise your hand and they will be brought to you. A gluten-free option is available as well.

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

9:00 - Maggie, Josie, and Timothy Ratajeski

Holy Communion

Hymn of Response *O Great God* (Sheet Music on Page 11)

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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
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Benediction

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

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.

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

Announcements

Volunteer in the Nursery!

The Nursery will continue to be open during both services, but we need your help keeping it staffed! We'd love for you to consider serving in the nursery once or twice this fall. If you'd like to volunteer, scan this QR code, or email Jennifer Matocha (jmatocha@tcpca.org) with any questions you might have.



Sunday School Classes Start October 3

We're excited to begin offering Sunday school classes in between services again! These classes start after the first service (about 10:20) and end ten minutes before the second service (about 11:05).

The VERITAS class has already begun, and you can join them in the Lower Level as they study 1 Samuel and explore the question, "What does God seek when He looks on the heart?" The class will be taught by Ron Whitley and Mark Deicher, and you can email Harry Standinger (hstandin@hotmail.com) if you would like to join the class via Zoom video call.

The Bridge Class will start on October 3, led by Luke Rakestraw in the Fellowship Hall, and will be studying the book of Ruth. The book of Ruth reorients us to what's truly important for our life with God and others in this world. While this class and its topic are targeted at those in their 20s and 30s, all are welcome!

The Vine Class will also start on October 3, led by Mark Randle in the Lower Level. The main topic will be "What is a Presbyterian Church and What Does it Mean for Us?" and will be referencing books such as "The Church" by Edmund Clowney and "The Glorious Body of Christ" by R.B. Kuiper.

Children's Sunday School will begin October 3 for children ages Pre-K thru 6th Grade. Parents will receive communication from your child's teachers in the coming weeks. Email Will Witherington (wwitherington@tcpca.org) for information and questions.

And finally, Youth Sunday School will begin October 3 for students ages 7th grade thru 12th grade. A lite brunch will be served during this time as well. Email Mac Holt (mholt@tcpca.org) for information and questions.

ACCESS Prayer Group

To quote our senior pastor, prayer is our best weapon. ACCESS is an acronym for Adoration, Confession, Contrition, Entreaties, Supplications, and Submission. This is an open invitation to join this group which has been meeting together and praying faithfully for the needs of our church every week for over 20 years. Currently under the leadership of Preston Hicks with the assistance of Mary Beth Moore, the meetings are held every Thursday from 12:30 to 1:30. At present we are still meeting on Zoom but hope to return to gathering at the church in the near future. Every Wednesday an updated list of items for prayer is emailed to each member, and personal requests are kept confidential. You are also welcome to join the group even if you are unable to meet at the designated time but are willing to commit to pray through the list on your own. For more information or to sign up, please contact Preston at 859-552-3787 or epnjphicks@twc.com, or Mary Beth at 859-327-5527 or mdmoorefamily@gmail.com.

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“Leaving a Legacy”

Could you use an impetus to begin recording memories for your family? The Senior Ministry is organizing another group for the Memoir Project starting about the end of September. We meet weekly on Zoom at a daytime mutually agreed upon by the participants. In the first session, Jody Hicks will help with a few tips on how to make your writing enjoyable to read. Then each week you will write a one-page story of a special reminiscence in your life. It's easy and fun! Call or email Jody for more information at 859-396-8237 or epnjphicks@twc.com.

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

August Giving: \$208,645	Total FY Giving (Oct-Aug): \$2,121,296
August Goal: \$168,455	Giving Goal (Oct-Aug): \$2,269,157
Difference: +\$40,190	Difference: -\$147,861

Quarterly Giving Update

September marks the beginning of Fall and the end of our fiscal year. As always, thank you for your generosity! Your love for the Lord is reflected in your giving. Please log in to TouchPoint to view your giving history, and email Jennifer Matocha (jmatocha@tcpca.org) with any TouchPoint questions. For questions about your giving history or inquiries about stock donations, please email Bobby Pepiot (bpepiot@tcpca.org).

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O Great God

Bob Kauflin

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O great God of highest heav'n, oc-cu - py my low-ly heart. Own it
I was blind-ed by my sin, had no ears to hearYour voice, did not
Help me now to live a life that'sde - pend-ent onYour grace. Keepmy



all and reign su - preme, con-quer ev - 'ry re - bel pow'r. Let no
know Your love with - in, had no taste for heav - en's joys. ThenYour
heart and guard my soul fromthe e - vils that I face. You are



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Gos - pel of Your Son, gave me end - less hope and peace.
God of high-est heav'n, glo - ri - fy Your name through me.

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