BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN, FOR THEY SHALL

BE COMFORTED.

Matthew 5:4

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, we would love to meet you and help you get connected. Please visit **tcpca.org/visitor** or scan the QR code to the left with your smartphone camera.

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship...

"Confession is one thing, contrition another."

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

October 10, 2021 at 9:00AM and 11:15AM

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Call to Worship from Hebrews 10

LEADER: Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!

UNISON: Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!

LEADER: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

UNISON: The LORD is high above all nations, and His glory above the heavens! Praise the LORD!

Hymn of Rejoicing Come, Christians, Join To Sing

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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!

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On heaven's blissful shore, His goodness we'll adore, Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!" On heaven's blissful shore, His goodness we'll adore, Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

Welcome & Announcements

Membership Vows

9:00 - Justin & Michelle Neidig

Baptism

9:00 - Eli Neidig

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, Eli, though you do not know it yet.

RENEW Receive the grace of God

Scripture Reading Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! O Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with You there is forgiveness. that You may be feared. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope: my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning. more than watchmen for the morning. O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love. and with Him is plentiful redemption. And He will redeem Israel from all His iniquities.

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. 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

UNISON: From the least of us, to the greatest, Lord, we want to know You; we yearn to follow where You lead us; we need Your guidance. You have shown mercy to sinners, both self-righteous or self-loathing. In the end, neither can earn their forgiveness nor merit a place with You. In our sin we represent both the tax collector and the Pharisee. We wallow in our sin, relenting of any hope. We also boast of our own righteousness and find comfort in our external goodness and self-control. Father, remind us that there is only one Gospel, one hope of salvation. Bring us out of the ditch of our sin; teach, correct, and inspire us in the ways of Your salvation. Amen.

- Silent Prayers of Confession -

Repentance of God's People

LEADER: Do you repent of your self-loathing?

PEOPLE: We do

LEADER: Do you renounce your boastings before God?

PEOPLE: We do

LEADER: Do you receive God's gift of grace and forgiveness?

PEOPLE: We do

Assurance of God's Pardon from Jeremiah 31 and Luke 18

LEADER: Do not lose heart, for the Lord forgives our iniquity and remembers our sin no more.

Hymn of Renewal Not In Me (Sheet Music on Page 10)

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No list of sins I have not done, No list of virtues I pursue, No list of those I am not like, Can earn myself a place with You. O God! Be merciful to me— I am a sinner through and through! My only hope of righteousness Is not in me, but only You.

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No humble dress, no fervent prayer, No lifted hands, no tearful song, No recitation of the truth Can justify a single wrong. My righteousness is Jesus' life, My debt was paid by Jesus' death, My weary load was borne by Him And he alone can give me rest.

No separation from the world, No work I do, no gift I give, Can cleanse my conscience, cleanse my hands; I cannot cause my soul to live. But Jesus died and rose again— The pow'r of death is overthrown! My God is merciful to me And merciful in Christ alone.

My righteousness is Jesus' life, My debt was paid by Jesus' death, My weary load was borne by Him And he alone can give me rest.

RESPOND Embrace the call of God

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

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

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.

Hymn of Preparation My Heart Is Filled

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My heart is filled with thankfulness To Him who bore my pain Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace And gave me life again Who crushed my curse of sinfulness And clothed me with His light And wrote His law of righteousness With pow'r upon my heart

My heart is filled with thankfulness To Him who walks beside Who floods my weaknesses with strength And causes fears to fly Whose every promise is enough For every step I take Sustaining me with arms of love And crowning me with grace

My heart is filled with thankfulness To Him who reigns above Whose wisdom is my perfect peace Whose every thought is love For every day I have on earth Is given by the King So I will give my life my all To love and follow Him For every day I have on earth Is given by the King So I will give my life my all To love and follow Him

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.

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:4

4"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."

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

Sermon Rev. Robert Cunningham

"Blessed Are Those Who Mourn"

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.

Musical Reflection Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

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Turn your eyes upon Jesus Look full in His wonderful face And the things of earth Will grow strangely dim In the light of His glory and grace

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.

Holy Communion

Hymn of Response Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer (Sheet Music on Page 11)

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Jesus draw me ever nearer As I labour through the storm You have called me to this passage And I'll follow though I'm worn

Jesus guide me through the tempest Keep my spirit staid and sure When the midnight meets the morning Let me love You even more

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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: May this journey bring a blessing May I rise on wings of faith And at the end of my heart's testing With Your likeness let me wake

Let the treasures of the trial Form within me as I go And at the end of this long passage Let me leave them at Your throne (**REFRAIN**)

Benediction

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

Prayer Chain

If you would like to share prayer requests with our church prayer chain, we would love to pray for vou. Please feel free to send an email to:

Kathryn Lyon KRL40502@aol.com

Janet Whitlev janetjwhitley@gmail.com



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

September Giving: \$315,369 September Goal: \$239.683 Difference: +\$75,685

Total FY Giving (Oct-Sep): \$2,436,665 Giving Goal (Oct-Sep): \$2,508,840 **Difference:** -\$72,175

A Note from the Finance Committee

Thank you for your generosity and for helping close the year-end gap! Our yearend giving difference was cut in half, ending the year \$72,175 under our goal, but still a 4.4% increase over the previous year in a year when we planted another church. We have so much to be thankful for, and as we begin a new ministry year we pray the Lord would continue to bless you, that we may continue to exist for the glory of Christ and the good of the Bluegrass.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Join us for a Sunday School class in-between services! Scan this QR code to find your class, or look for the signs in the Narthex.



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Announcements

Foundations Weekend on November 5-6

Registration is now open for our next membership class on November 5 & 6. 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, scan this QR code. Please email Nate Jones with any questions at njones@tcpca.org.



College Student Lunch TODAY After 11:15 Service

If you're a college student at TCPC, join us after the 11:15 service for free lunch! We will meet in the Lower Level Classroom.

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