



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...

“Conversion marks a decisive break with Adam and a new connection with Christ. But the Adamic influence is still active, holding the power to attract us despite our new and unbreakable relationship to Christ. Hence, we must continue to avoid falling into the habits of the “old man” and to seek resolutely to let our new self, our Christian identity, rule our thinking and acting.”

- Douglas Moo

COVER ARTWORK

Leicester Square at Night

Claude Monet, 1901

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

January 2, 2022 at 9:00AM and 11:15AM

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Call to Worship

LEADER: We will give thanks to You, O LORD, with our whole hearts; we will tell of all Your wonderful deeds.

PEOPLE: We will be glad and exult in You; we will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

Hymn of Rejoicing *Our God, Our Help In Ages Past*

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Our God our Help in ages past
Our Hope for years to come
Our Shelter from the stormy blast
And our eternal Home

Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure
Sufficient is Thine arm alone
And our defense is sure

Before the hills in order stood
Or earth received her frame
From everlasting Thou art God
To endless years the same

A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun

Our God our Help in ages past
Our Hope for years to come
Be Thou our Guide while troubles last
And our eternal Home

Welcome & Announcements

Scripture Reading Psalm 40:1-8

I waited patiently for the LORD;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.
He drew me up from the pit of destruction,
out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.
He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear,
and put their trust in the LORD.

Blessed is the man who makes
the LORD his trust,
who does not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after a lie!
You have multiplied, O LORD my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
none can compare with you!
I will proclaim and tell of them,
yet they are more than can be told.

In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted,
but you have given me an open ear.
Burnt offering and sin offering
you have not required.
Then I said, "Behold, I have come;
in the scroll of the book it is written of me:
I delight to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart."

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

Confession of God's People

UNISON:

Author of all grace, we are quick to blame rather than confess, grieve the sins of others rather than our own, fear external enemies rather than the enemy within. Help us to see the idols that are hidden, the desires that are deceptive, and the evil that is concealed. O Lord, show us the depths of our sin that we might know the heights of Your grace. Make us willing to be saved in Your way alone—perceiving nothing in ourselves, but all in Jesus.

- Silent Prayers of Confession -

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.

Repentance of God's People

LEADER: Do you renounce your sinful thoughts, words, and deeds that offend God, harm others, and ruin creation?

PEOPLE: We do.

LEADER: Do you renounce the ways and idols of this fallen world that oppose God's Kingdom and glory?

PEOPLE: We do.

LEADER: Do you renounce Satan and all spiritual forces of darkness that rebel against the one true God?

PEOPLE: We do.

Assurance of God's Pardon From 2 Corinthians 5

LEADER: For our sake God made Him who knew no sin to be sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

Hymn of Renewal *How Deep The Father's Love For Us*

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How deep the Father's love for us how vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss the Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross my sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything no gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart His wounds have paid my ransom

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

Hymn of Preparation *Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing*

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**Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.**

**O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander – Lord, I feel it – prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.**

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.

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 Matthew 26:36-46

36Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “Sit here, while I go over there and pray.” **37**And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. **38**Then he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me.” **39**And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.” **40**And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, “So, could you not watch with me one hour? **41**Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” **42**Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.” **43**And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. **44**So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. **45**Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. **46**Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”

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.**

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

“The Spirit Is Willing but the Flesh Is Weak”

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 *In Christ Alone*

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In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

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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.

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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 you. Please feel free to send an email to:

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

November Giving:	\$171,985	Total FY Giving (Oct-Nov):	\$372,255
November Goal:	\$195,523	Giving Goal (Oct-Nov):	\$397,218
Difference:	-\$23,538	Difference:	-\$24,963

December Goal: \$423,035 (see next page)

Announcements

Sunday School Schedule for January

Here is the schedule for Sunday School for the next four weeks:

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

January 2: No Sunday School

January 9: Celebration of the Ordination of Chelcent Fuad

January 16: Congregational Meeting

January 23: Regular Sunday School classes resume

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

January 2: No Sunday School

January 9: Regular Sunday School classes

January 16: Regular Sunday School classes

January 23: Regular Sunday School classes

Good of the Bluegrass Conference

Save the date! This year's Good of the Bluegrass Conference will take place from February 17-20, featuring Robert Cunningham as our main speaker. The topic of this year's conference will be "Sacred Eros: Celebrating the Glory of Gender and Sex." Registration will be open soon, be sure to check these announcements and the TCPC News email each week for more information.

Celebration of the Ordination of Chelcent Fuad on January 9

Join us next Sunday in-between services in the Fellowship Hall for a celebration of Chelcent Fuad's ordination! Chelcent is one of our newest Global Ministry Partners in Malaysia and we are excited to celebrate this great achievement with him.

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