



**“BLESSED ARE THOSE
WHO ARE PERSECUTED
FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS’ SAKE,
FOR THEIRS IS THE
KINGDOM OF HEAVEN**

Matthew 5:10

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...

“Job had no idea what was going on in the heavens. He wasn't privy to the chamber room conversation. And yet he gave God the benefit of the doubt.

He knew who was the potter and who was the clay.”

- Douglas O'Donnell

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 16, 2022 at 9:00AM and 11:15AM

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Call to Worship

LEADER: Great and amazing are Your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty!

PEOPLE: Just and true are Your ways, O King of the nations!

LEADER: Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name?

PEOPLE: For You alone are holy.

LEADER: All nations will come and worship You,

PEOPLE: For Your righteous acts have been revealed.

Hymn of Rejoicing *Come Christian’s Join To Sing*

Text: Christian Bateman

Tune: Spanish Folk Melody

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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

RENEW

 Receive the grace of God

Scripture Reading

 Psalm 59

Deliver me from my enemies, O my God;
protect me from those who rise up against me;
deliver me from those who work evil,
and save me from bloodthirsty men.

For behold, they lie in wait for my life;
fierce men stir up strife against me.
For no transgression or sin of mine, O LORD,
for no fault of mine, they run and make ready.
Awake, come to meet me, and see!
You, LORD God of hosts, are God of Israel.
Rouse Yourself to punish all the nations;
spare none of those who treacherously plot evil. Selah

Each evening they come back,
howling like dogs
and prowling about the city.
There they are, bellowing with their mouths
with swords in their lips—
for "Who," they think, "will hear us?"

But You, O LORD, laugh at them;
You hold all the nations in derision.
O my Strength, I will watch for You,
for You, O God, are my fortress.
My God in his steadfast love will meet me;
God will let me look in triumph on my enemies.

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Kill them not, lest my people forget;
make them totter by your power and bring them down,
O Lord, our shield!

For the sin of their mouths, the words of their lips,
let them be trapped in their pride.

For the cursing and lies that they utter,
consume them in wrath;
consume them till they are no more,
that they may know that God rules over Jacob
to the ends of the earth. Selah

Each evening they come back,
howling like dogs
and prowling about the city.

They wander about for food
and growl if they do not get their fill.

But I will sing of Your strength;
I will sing aloud of Your steadfast love in the morning.

For You have been to me a fortress
and a refuge in the day of my distress.

O my Strength, I will sing praises to You,
for You, O God, are my fortress,
the God who shows me steadfast love.

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.

Confession of God's People

UNISON: Merciful Savior, forgive us for idolizing comfort. Rather than bearing Your cross, we have chosen the approval of others, the ease of excess, the distraction of entertainment, and the convenience of silence. The opposition we do receive comes from our own offensiveness rather than the offense of Your cross. When reviled, we return evil for evil or sulk in self-pity. Suffering Savior, we have failed to suffer well in Your name. Forgive these failures and renew in us an allegiance to the narrow way.

- Silent Prayers of Confession -

Repentance of God's People

LEADER: Do you repent of spiritual apathy?

PEOPLE: We do.

LEADER: Will you pick up your cross and follow Jesus?

PEOPLE: We will.

Assurance of God's Pardon from Isaiah 53

LEADER: He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and by His wounds we are healed.

Hymn of Renewal *I Will Praise Him Still* (Music & Lyrics on Page 10)

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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.

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 *We Will Glorify*

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**We will glorify the King of kings we will glorify the Lamb
We will glorify the Lord of lords who is the great I AM**

**Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty we will bow before His throne
We will worship Him in righteousness we will worship Him alone**

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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 Faith

We confess together the convictational 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.

He is Lord of heaven Lord of earth He is Lord of all who live
He is Lord above the universe all praise to Him we give

Hallelujah to the King of kings hallelujah to the Lamb
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords who is the great I AM

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 5:10-12

10“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. **12**Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

Sermon Rev. Robert Cunningham

“Blessed are Those Who are Persecuted”

Musical Reflection

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

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.

Hymn of Response *Christ The Sure And Steady Anchor* (Sheet Music on Page 11)

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Christ the sure and steady anchor in the fury of the storm
When the winds of doubt blow through me and my sails have all been torn
In the suffering in the sorrow when my sinking hopes are few
I will hold fast to the anchor it shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor while the tempest rages on
When temptation claims the battle and it seems the night has won
Deeper still then goes the anchor though I justly stand accused
I will hold fast to the anchor it shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor through the floods of unbelief
Hopeless somehow O my soul now lift your eyes to Calvary
This my ballast of assurance see His love forever proved
All my hope is in the anchor it shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor as we face the wave of death
When these trials give way to glory as we draw our final breath
We will cross that great horizon clouds behind and life secured
And the calm will be the better for the storms that we endured

*Christ the shore of our salvation ever faithful ever true
We will hold fast to the anchor it shall never be removed*

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:

Kathryn Lyon
KRL40502@aol.com

Janet Whitley
janetjwhitley@gmail.com

Announcements

Congregational Meeting on January 16

We will be holding a Congregational Meeting today during the Sunday School hour to give an update about the ministries of TCPC and the budget for this year.

Women's Bible Studies

MORNING

The Wednesday Morning Women's Bible study has resumed and will continue through the end of Spring each Wednesday from 9-11am. We will be studying 1 Peter using Jen Wilkin's study book, "1 Peter: A Living Hope in Christ" which can be purchased on Amazon or Lifeway Press. Nursery is provided, but children must be registered in advance (link can be found in confirmation email after signing up for the Bible study). Sign up on the Women's Ministry page at tcpca.org/women.

EVENING

The Wednesday Evening Women's Bible Study will begin on January 19 at 7:00 pm in the Lower Level Classroom. We will be studying "Saints and Scoundrels in the Story of Jesus" by Nancy Guthrie. You can purchase the book on Amazon, and the PDF version of the study guide is available for purchase on Nancy Guthrie's website. Links to the book and the PDF, as well as the signup form for this study, can be found on the Women's Ministry page at tcpca.org/women.

Volunteer with the Children's Ministry!

We are in need of a significant number of additional volunteers to successfully run our nursery. We currently have 41 volunteers and ideally need 110+ in order to have a full rotation for both services and Sunday School. Come and serve our covenant kids! Visit the table in the Narthex this morning to learn more, or contact Nicole Dorton at ndorton@tcpca.org.

Bridge Class Sunday School

The Bridge Sunday School Class, taught by Luke Rakestraw and Nate Jones in the Fellowship Hall, will start back January 23 and will begin a series on The Lord's Prayer. As our church is going through the Sermon on the Mount this year, the Lord's Prayer sits at the center of the Sermon on the Mount, giving life to everything Jesus commands. The Lord's Prayer is considered the Prayer of Prayers, where we learn how to model our prayers and our lives after our Savior.

Communion Prep Team

TCPC is creating a new ministry team which will serve the church by preparing the communion elements on Sunday morning. The chief task of this service is to fill the communion cups with wine/juice. If you are willing to serve, it will require you to come to church by 8:00 am. This is a great ministry for a family to do together! If interested, contact Mark Randle (mrandle@tcpca.org) for more details.

Giving Report & Update from Finance Committee

Thank you for your generosity to the work of the LORD! Going into December we were \$24,963 behind our giving goal and a giving goal of \$423,035 for December. You can see below we surpassed both. Praise the Lord for this significant month of giving. On top of that we also received over \$39,000 for Mercy and \$12,000 for missions.

December Giving: \$518,754
December Goal: \$423,035
Difference: +\$95,719

Total FY Giving (Oct-Dec): \$891,109
Giving Goal (Oct-Dec): \$820,253
Difference: +\$70,856

I Will Praise Him Still

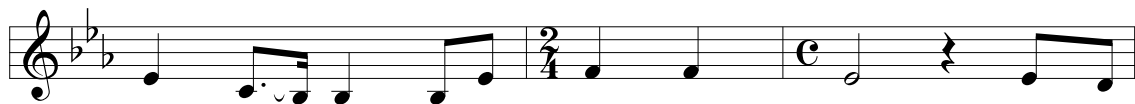
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When the morn - ing falls on the far - thest hill I will



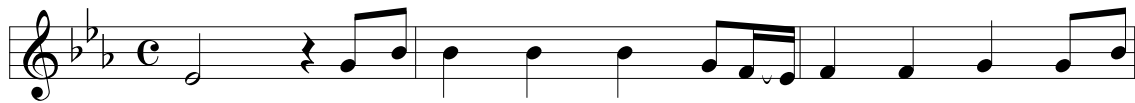
sing His name, I will praise Him, still. When dark



tri - als come and my heart is filled with the



weight of doubt, I will praise Him,



still. For the Lord our God, He is strong to save from the



arms of death, from the deep - est



grave; and He gave us life in His per - fect will and by



His good grace I will praise Him, still.

Christ The Sure And Steady Anchor

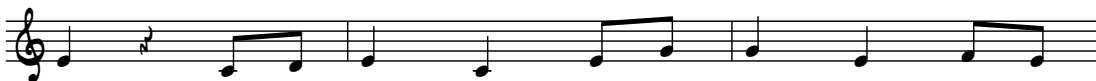
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3. Christ, the sure and stea-dy an - chor, through the floods of un - be -
4. Christ, the sure and stea-dy an - chor, as we face the wave of



storm; When the winds of doubt blow through me, and my
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lief; Hope - less some - how, O, my soul, now lift your
death; When these trials give way to glo - ry as we



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draw our fin - al breath we will cross that great ho -
Christ, the shore of our sal -



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an - chor, though I just - ly stand ac - cused; I will
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va - tion: *ev - er faith - ful, ev - er true. We will*

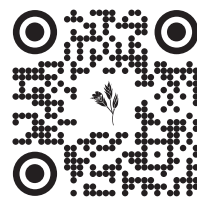


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Good *of the* Bluegrass CONFERENCE

Registration is now open! This year's GBCon will take place from February 17-20, with Robert Cunningham as our main speaker. The topic of this year's conference will be "Sacred Eros: Celebrating the Glory of Gender and Sex." **Scan this QR code to visit the conference website where you can learn more and register.**



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