



# *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...*

“Christ is not only Lord over the cosmos in its entirety, despite its present fallen state; He is also Lord over the renewed cosmos that has already begun through the new life He has given to his people, the church.”

- Mark Johnston

### **COVER ARTWORK**

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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

May 1, 2022 at 9:00AM and 11:15AM

## REJOICE Declare the praises of God

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### Call to Worship from Psalm 146

LEADER: Praise the LORD!

**PEOPLE: Praise the LORD, O my soul!**

LEADER: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

**PEOPLE: I will sing praises to my God, while I have my being.**

**UNISON: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!**

### Hymn of Rejoicing *Oh How Good It Is* (Sheet Music on Page 9)

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Oh how good it is when the family of God  
Dwells together in spirit in faith and unity  
Where the bonds of peace of acceptance and love  
Are the fruit of His presence here among us

#### REFRAIN:

**So with one voice we’ll sing to the Lord  
And with one heart we’ll live out His word  
Till the whole earth sees  
The Redeemer has come  
For He dwells in the presence of His people**

Oh how good it is on this journey we share  
To rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn  
For the weak find strength the afflicted find grace  
When we offer the blessing of belonging (**REFRAIN**)

Oh how good it is to embrace His command  
To prefer one another, forgive as He forgives  
When we live as one we all share in the love  
Of the Son with the Father and the Spirit (**REFRAIN**)

## Welcome & Announcements

## Scripture Reading Ezekiel 34:11-16

“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.”

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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: Holy Father, forgive us. Though You should guide us, we inform ourselves. Though You should rule us, we control ourselves. Though You should fulfill us, we console ourselves. For we think Your truth too high, Your will too hard, Your power too remote, Your love too free. Heal our confused mind with Your Word, heal our divided will with Your law, heal our anxious hearts with Your presence, all for the sake of Your Son, who loved us and gave Himself for us. Amen.**

- *Silent Prayers of Confession* -

## Repentance of God’s People

LEADER: Do you turn from your sin of living to impress others, including those inside the church?

**PEOPLE: We do.**

LEADER: Do you repent of your ongoing desire to control your life rather than trust in God’s promises?

**PEOPLE: We do.**

## Assurance of God’s Pardon from 1 Peter 5:4

LEADER: And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory!

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### 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.

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### 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.

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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.

## Hymn of Renewal *My Wealth Is In The Cross*

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There is a hill I cherish where stood a precious tree  
The emblem of salvation, the gift of Calvary

How is it I should profit while He is crucified  
Yet as His life was given, so I was granted mine

### **REFRAIN:**

**My wealth is in the cross  
There's nothing more I want  
Than just to know His love  
My heart is set on Christ  
And I will count all else as loss  
The greatest of my crowns  
Means nothing to me now  
For I counted up the cost  
And all my wealth is in the cross**

I will not boast in riches, I have no pride in gold  
But I will boast in Jesus and in His Name alone (**REFRAIN**)

And when I stand in glory, my crowns before the Lord  
Let this be my confession: my wealth is in the cross (**REFRAIN**)

## **RESPOND** Embrace the call of God

### **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.

### **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<sup>†</sup> Church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*<sup>†</sup> 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 *Holy Father* (Sheet Music on Page 10)

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Holy Father we come before You, we offer You our praise.  
At Your throne, take us and renew us, this is our anthem raised.  
You are mighty, strong to triumph! We are free from Satan's hold!  
In our weakness You find us, revive us, make us bold!  
Holy Father we come before You, we offer You our praise.  
At Your throne, take us and renew-us, this is our anthem raised.

Precious Jesus I give my all to You, Your mercy rescued me.  
Take my heart, make me whole, and help me stand, surrend'ring all my being.  
Born to suffer, born to save me, born a child and yet a King!  
I will love You forever and lift my voice to sing:  
"Hallelujah, O what a Savior, His beauty rests on me!"  
Full of grace, Jesus, lift my weary eyes and give me victory!

As we run may You go before us, stay near to us we pray.  
Hold our hands, guide our feet, and keep us strong along the narrow way.  
Giv'n to stray, Lord, hold us closer. Giv'n to stray, Lord, we resign  
To Your blessings unending and boundless love divine!  
Lead us on through these worldly races, Lord, keep us in the stride.  
In Your strength we will show our paces; Your emblem be our guide!

## **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** 1 Timothy 3:1-13

**1**The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. **2**Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, **3**not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. **4**He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, **5**for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? **6**He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. **7**Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

**8**Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. **9**They must hold the mystery

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of the faith with a clear conscience. **10**And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. **11**Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. **12**Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. **13**For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

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

**Sermon** Rev. Mark Randle

**“The Call of Church Officers”**

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## **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

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**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.

### **Profession of Faith**

9:00 - Mattox Newcomb, son of Michael and Melissa

11:15 - Eli Ellis, son of Josh and Lindsey

### **Holy Communion**

### **Mercy Offering**

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#### **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.

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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.

# Hymn of Response *The Church's One Foundation*

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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.**



## **Prayer Focus** May 1-7, 2022

Ask the Lord to provide a new generation of elders and deacons to TCPC!

## **Giving Report** For more information, visit [tcpca.org/give](http://tcpca.org/give).

March Giving: \$178,580	Total FY Giving (Oct-Mar): \$1,441,087
March Goal: \$174,992	Giving Goal (Oct-Mar): \$1,338,504
<b>Difference: +\$3,588</b>	<b>Difference: +\$102,583</b>

## **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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**KRL40502@aol.com**

Janet Whitley  
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# Oh How Good It Is

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1. Oh how good it is, when the fam - 'ly of God dwells to -  
2. Oh how good it is, on this jour - ney we share, to re -  
3. Oh how good it is to em - brace His com - mand to pre -



geth - er in Spi - rit, in faith and un - i - ty. Where the  
joyce with the hap - py, and to weep with those who mourn. For the  
fer one a - noth - er, to for - give as He for - gives. When we



bonds of peace, of ac - cept - ance and love, are the fruit of His  
weak find strength, the af - flict - ed find grace, when we of - fer the  
live as one, we all share in the love of the Son with the



pre - sence here a - mong us. So with one voice we'll  
bles - sing of be - long - ing.  
Fa - ther and the Spi - rit.



sing to the Lord, and with one heart we'll live out His



Word. 'Till the whole world sees The Re - deem - er has come, for He



dwells in the pre - sence of His peo - ple.

# Holy Father

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Ho - ly Fa - ther we come be - fore - You, we of - fer You our  
Pre - cious Je - sus I give my all to You, Your mer - cy res - cued  
As we run may You go be - fore - us, stay near to us we



praise. At Your throne, take us and re - new - us, this is our an - them  
me. Take my heart, make me whole, and help me stand, sur - rend - ring all my  
pray. Hold our hands, guide our feet, and keep us strong a - long the nar - row



raised. You are migh - ty, strong to tri - umph! We are free from Sa - tan's  
being. Born to suf - fer, born to save me, born a child and yet a  
way. Giv'n to stray, Lord, hold us clo - ser. Giv'n to stray, Lord, we re -



hold! In our weak - ness You find us, re - vive us, make us bold! Ho - ly  
King! I will love You for - ev - er and lift my voice to sing: "Hal - le -  
sign to Your bless - ings un - end - ing and bound - less love di - vine! Lead us



Fa - ther we come be - fore You, we of - fer You our praise. At Your  
lu - jah! O what a Sav - ior, His beau - ty rests on me!" Full of  
on through these world - ly ra - ces, Lord, keep us in the stride. In Your



throne, take us and re - new - us, this is our an - them raised.  
grace, Je - sus lift my wear - y eyes and give me vic - to - ry!  
strength we will show our pa - ces; Your em - blem be our guide!

# Announcements

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## Officer Nominations Start Today

Starting today, we are opening up nominations for elders and deacons to anyone who would like to submit a nomination form. We want to encourage every communicant member to take this responsibility very seriously. Prayerfully look over the requirements and responsibilities included in the nomination forms, and submit the names of any you feel meet those expectations. Nominations must be returned to the box in the narthex by June 12.

## Healthy Aging Symposium on Saturday, May 14

This is a multi-generational event with something for everyone, from young to middle-agers who have aging family and friends they care about to those who are already there. Six local experts will offer a big-picture perspective on preparations for aging with topics such as “Recognizing the Tipping Point” for downsizing and “Reimagining Home and Aging in Place.” We will begin with coffee and snacks in the narthex at 8 a.m. and finish at noon. All this for no charge! Learn more and RSVP on our website, [tcpca.org](http://tcpca.org).

## Worship Service Honoring Sandra Marlowe on May 15

May 15 will be a special morning of worship for our church family. As many know, our beloved member, Sandra Marlowe, is boldly and nobly walking the terminal path of ALS. After the example of Paul's words in Galatians, "They praised God because of me," we have decided to set aside the 9:00 service on May 15 to praise God because of Sandra. To be clear, we will be gathering to worship the Lord as we do every Sunday, but Sandra and her family will join us to sing her favorite hymns, read her favorite passages, hear a testimony of God's faithfulness in her life, and I will be preaching a message uniquely applicable to her. Sandra is indeed worthy of celebration, and she would want that celebration to end in praise of her God. We will do both on May 15. - Robert

## May Term Sunday School Class

"One generation will commend your works to another!" Our combined May Sunday School will explore what is jokingly referred to as Presbyterian evangelism: "Just have a lot of kids and raise them to love Jesus!" But what if behind that jest is profound Biblical truth? Throughout history, God's primary means of spreading his gospel has been through the covenant family, and that covenant family includes the church family that has vowed to disciple their covenant children. The most important members of our church are in the nursery. They are the next generation entrusted with our gospel and ensuring that transition is our highest calling. How do we do that both as parents and congregants? This will be our topic of discussion in between the services on May 8, 15, and 22.

## VBS Registration Is Now OPEN!

Join us for a fun-filled week at Vacation Bible School (VBS) June 13th-17th from 9am to 12pm each day as we learn about the greatness of God! Each day at VBS, kids will participate in awesome Bible adventures, play teamwork-building games, sing catchy songs, devour yummy treats, make fun crafts and have lots of fun! Register today on our VBS website at [tcpca.org/vbs](http://tcpca.org/vbs) or by scanning this QR code.



## Volunteer at VBS!

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is an exciting week in the life of our church that brings the gospel to life for our children through Bible lessons, worship, silly skits, games and so much more! The more volunteers we have, the more kids we can welcome to VBS. Jump in on the fun alongside the kids or serve behind the scenes, we'll help you find the perfect place to use your gifts. Register today at [tcpca.org/vbs](http://tcpca.org/vbs).

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## **Baby Bottle Blessings Start Next Sunday (Mother's Day)**

The annual fundraiser for Assurance begins on Mother's Day, May 8th. The support they receive through the Baby Bottle Blessings campaign is critical to their ability to continue to offer free medical services, accurate information, emotional support, and practical help to the families they serve. Learn more about this campaign on their website at [babybottleblessings.org](http://babybottleblessings.org).

## **Trinity Groundbreaking Ceremony**

Trinity Christian Academy, its Board of Directors, and the Head of School, cordially invite you to the Groundbreaking Ceremony of its new Brannon Road Campus on Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 5:00 PM. Learn more and RSVP on the Trinity website at [trinitylex.org](http://trinitylex.org).

## **Trinity Job Openings**

Trinity Christian Academy is currently hiring for the 2022-23 academic year, looking for qualified, experienced applicants for the following positions: Elementary Teachers - 1st-6th grade, Elementary STEM Teacher, High School Math Teacher, High School English Teacher, Latin Teacher (Grades 6-9). To apply, please visit Trinity's website at [trinitylex.org](http://trinitylex.org)

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