

# 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.



Today's flowers are dedicated to the women of our church, including the biological, adoptive, foster, and spiritual mothers, those mourning the absence or loss of their mother, and those longing to be mothers themselves.

# Preparing Our Hearts for Worship...

"'I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,' we say in the Creed, and I commit myself in saying this to the person of Christ, who in His incarnation upset every ancient conviction that God cannot become messy, lowly, fleshy, humiliated, hurt, and dead, and still be God."

- Cornelius Plantinga

**COVER ARTWORK** "Leaps and Bounds" Iris Photo by Laura Ockel

# 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 8, 2022 at 9:00AM and 11:15AM

# **REJOICE** Declare the praises of God

# Call to Worship from from Revelation 19

LEADER: Praise our God, all you His servants!

#### PEOPLE: We praise You our King.

LEADER: You who fear Him, great and small.

#### **PEOPLE: We praise You our King.**

LEADER: Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

PEOPLE: We praise You our King!

## Hymn of Rejoicing Crown Him With Many Crowns

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Crown Him with many crowns the Lamb upon His throne Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own Awake my soul and sing of Him who died for thee And hail Him as thy matchless King thro' all eternity

Crown Him the Lord of love behold His hands and side Rich wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified All hail Redeemer hail for Thou hast died for me Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity

Crown Him the Lord of life who triumphed o'er the grave Who rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save His glories now we sing who died and rose on high Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n one with the Father known One with the Spirit thro' Him giv'n from yonder glorious throne To Thee be endless praise for Thou for us hast died Be Thou O Lord thro' endless days adored and magnified

# Welcome & Announcements

# **Membership Vows**

9:00 - Peter & Kennedy Kirk 11:15 - Duke & Morgan McClellan

# Scripture Reading John 10:14-18 (Page 896 in Pew Bible)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

# **Confession of God's People**

LEADER: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are my ways your ways" declares the Lord.

**PEOPLE:** We confess that we think too highly of ourselves and our understanding of Your world.

LEADER: "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts."

# PEOPLE: We confess that You, O God, are the sovereign ruler of the universe.

- Silent Prayers of Confession -

# **Repentance of God's People**

LEADER: Do you confess your tendency to ignore your own sin and focus on the sin of others?

#### PEOPLE: We do.

LEADER: Do you confess your need for God's ongoing grace in your life? **PEOPLE: We do.** 

# Assurance of God's Pardon from Romans 8:31-32

LEADER: What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?

# Hymn of Renewal Pass Me Not (Music & Lyrics on Page 8)

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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.

## 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 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.

# **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**

#### Hymn of Preparation You Are Lord (Sheet Music on Page 9)

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You are Lord, You are Lord of Glory! All my praise belongs to you. You are Lord, You are Lord of Glory! Jesus, Lord, I worship You.

You are Lord, You are Living Water! Come, refresh my tired soul. You are Lord, You are Living Water, Sweet and pure to make me whole.

You are Lord, You are all my Vict'ry! You have taken my defeat; You are Lord, You are all my Vict'ry! Jesus, make my life complete.

You are Lord, You are Life Abundant! Jesus, You're my ev'rything. You are Lord. You are Life Abundant! Live in me, my God and King.

#### 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 Zechariah 11:16a (Page 768 in Pew Bible)

LEADER: All men are like grass, their glory like flowers of the field. The grass withers and the flowers fall...

PEOPLE: ...but the Word of the Lord stands forever.

Sermon Rev. Mark Randle

"The Cares of the Chief Shepherd"

# 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 Amazing Grace

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Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me I once was lost but now am found Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed

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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.

#### 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. Through many dangers toils and snares I have already come 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far And grace will lead me home

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years Bright shining as the sun We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we've first begun

# **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

#### Prayer Focus May 8-14, 2022

Pray for the Healthy Aging Symposium taking place this Saturday.

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

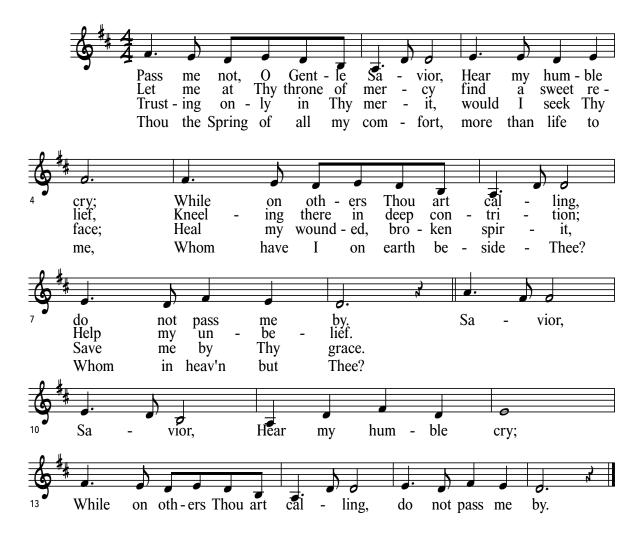
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**Pass Me Not** 

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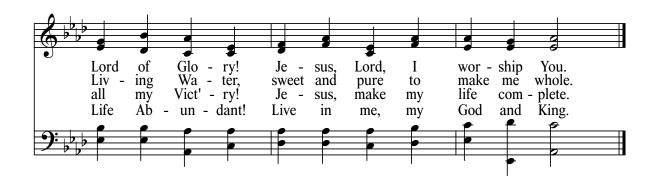


## You Are Lord

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# **Elders**

# Parish 1

Greg Anderson Dan Breeden Robert Cunningham Austin Willard (T.E) Ken Iverson Verne Kern (On Sabbatical) Mark Randle (Moderator) Chuck Sox Andy Waters

## Parish 3

Parish 2

Ron Whitlev

Steven Gordon

David Cowen Jason Delong Andy Hardin Doug Hardy Justin Hubbard Kellv Holt Chris Lee Casev Willis

# Parish 4

**Rick Endean** Charlie Kennedv Chris Matocha Les Olson

# Parish 5

Tim Green Jamie Hinelv

# Deacons

Parish 1	Parish 2	Parish 3	Parish 4	Parish 5
Ralph Haddock Kenneth Iverson Collin Kern Billy Lanter <i>(Chair)</i> Matt McEwen Bobby Pepiot Seth Ralston Harry Standinger	Ethan Johnson	John Lee Jay Siekmann James Velderhorst	Wesley Anderson Benjamin Commerford Mark Deicher Jordan Ellis Luke McAnally <i>(On Sabbatical)</i> Joshua Owen Andrei Shliakhau Tyler Strow	Tim Meador Justin Provost <i>(Treasurer)</i>

# Announcements

# Officer Nominations

Nominations for elders and deacons are now open 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.

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# Worship Service Honoring Sandra Marlowe on May 15

Next Sunday 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 today, May 15, and May 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** 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**.

# **Baby Bottle Blessings Start Today**

The annual fundraiser for Assurance begins today! 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.

## Trinity's "Beauty and the Beast" Tickets

Tickets are selling quickly for Trinity's production of "Beauty and the Beast," May 12-14. Find tickets today at https://trinitylex.seatyourself.biz.

## **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

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