



# *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...*

"Perhaps we are never more truly human than at the Lord's Table,  
When Christ draws us into His life of communion with the Father  
And into communion with one another."

- James B. Torrance

### **COVER ARTWORK**

Flowers at the University of Kentucky Arboretum

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

## REJOICE Declare the praises of God

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### Call to Worship from Revelation 1:4-8

LEADER: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the Ruler of kings on earth.

**PEOPLE: To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood and made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.**

LEADER: Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him, and all tribes of the earth will cry out on account of Him.

**ALL: Even so. Amen.**

LEADER: He is the Alpha and the Omega,

**PEOPLE: Who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.**

### Hymn of Rejoicing *Praise To The Lord The Almighty*

Catherine Winkworth | Joachim Neander

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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near,  
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e’er have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do,  
If with His love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the amen sound from His people again;  
Gladly fore’er we adore him.

# Welcome & Announcements

## Membership Vows

9:00 - John & Maggie Bunch

## Baptism

9:00 - Woods and Monroe Bunch, sons of John & Maggie

## 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, Woods and Monroe, though you do not know it yet.**

## Choir Anthem *Nearer My God To Thee*

Sarah Adams | Edward Bickersteth, Jr. | Lowell Mason

Arr. Dan Forrest

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*Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee, e'vn though it be a cross that raiseth me. Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God to Thee. Oh, let the way appear, leading to Heav'n, all that Thou sendest me, in mercy giv'n. Thy Spirit beckons me, nearer my God to Thee. There in my Father's home, safe and at rest, there in my Savior's love, perfectly blest. Age after age to be nearer, my God to Thee!*

## RENEW Receive the grace of God

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## Scripture Reading John 15:1-11 (Pew Bible p. 901)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

**PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.**

## Confession of God's People from Jeremiah 2

LEADER: "I remember the devotion of your youth, how as a bride you loved me. But my people have exchanged their glorious God for worthless idols.

**PEOPLE: Forgive us, Lord. We have forgotten You.**

LEADER: "My people have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and have dug out for themselves cisterns, broken cisterns that can hold no water.

**PEOPLE: Forgive us, Lord. We have forgotten You.**

LEADER: "Lions have roared, they have growled at you, they have laid waste to your land. Have you not brought this on yourselves by forsaking the LORD your God?"

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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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**PEOPLE: Forgive us, Lord. We have forgotten You.**

LEADER: "I had planted you like a choice vine of sound and reliable stock. How then did you turn against me into a corrupt, wild vine?"

**PEOPLE: Forgive us, Lord. We have forgotten You.**

LEADER: "Consider then and realize how evil and bitter it is for you when you forsake the LORD your God and have no fear of me..."

- *Silent Prayers of Confession* -

## Repentance of God's People

LEADER: Do you regret your sinful wanderings?

**PEOPLE: We do.**

LEADER: Do you return to the Lord your God?

**PEOPLE: We do.**

## Assurance of God's Pardon from Isaiah 49

LEADER: Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child of her womb? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands!

## Hymn of Renewal *Jesus I Come* (Sheet Music on Page 9)

Words: William Sleeper

Music: Greg Thompson

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Out of my bondage sorrow and night  
Jesus I come Jesus I come  
Into Thy freedom gladness and light  
Jesus I come to Thee  
Out of my sickness into Thy health  
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth  
Out of my sin and into Thyself  
Jesus I come to Thee

Out of my shameful failure and loss  
Jesus I come Jesus I come  
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross  
Jesus I come to Thee  
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm  
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm  
Out of distress into jubilant psalm  
Jesus I come to Thee

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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.

### 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.



Out of unrest and arrogant pride  
Jesus I come Jesus I come  
Into Thy blessed will to abide  
Jesus I come to Thee  
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love  
Out of despair into raptures above  
Upward forever on wings like a dove  
Jesus I come to Thee

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb  
Jesus I come Jesus I come  
Into the joy and light of Thy home  
Jesus I come to Thee  
Out of the depths of ruin untold  
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold  
Ever Thy glorious face to behold  
Jesus I come to Thee

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

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### **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**

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#### **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.

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#### **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.

## Offertory Solo *God The Uncreated One*

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### **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 Psalm 27 (Pew Bible p. 460)

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. Robert Cunningham

**“Experiencing God”**

# 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 *Christ Is Mine Forevermore* **(Sheet Music on Page 10)**

Jonny Robinson | Rich Thompson

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Mine are days that God has numbered  
I was made to walk with Him  
Yet I look for worldly treasure  
And forsake the King of kings

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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.

*But mine is hope in my Redeemer  
Though I fall His love is sure  
For Christ has paid for every failing  
I am His forevermore*

Mine are tears in times of sorrow  
Darkness not yet understood  
Through the valley I must travel  
Where I see no earthly good

*But mine is peace that flows from heaven  
And the strength in times of need  
I know my pain will not be wasted  
Christ completes His work in me*

Mine are days here as a stranger  
Pilgrim on a narrow way  
One with Christ I will encounter  
Harm and hatred for His name

But mine is armour for this battle  
Strong enough to last the war  
And He has said He will deliver  
Safely to the golden shore

And mine are keys to Zion city  
Where beside the King I walk  
For there my heart has found its treasure  
Christ is mine forevermore

## Benediction

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



## Prayer Focus

May 15-21, 2022

Pray for the meeting of the Ohio Valley Presbytery this week.

## Giving Report

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

April Giving: \$168,666

April Goal: \$195,915

**Difference: -\$27,249**

Total FY Giving (Oct-Apr): \$1,609,752

Giving Goal (Oct-Apr): \$1,534,419

**Difference: +\$75,333**

## 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**



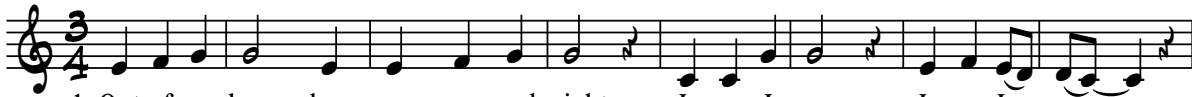
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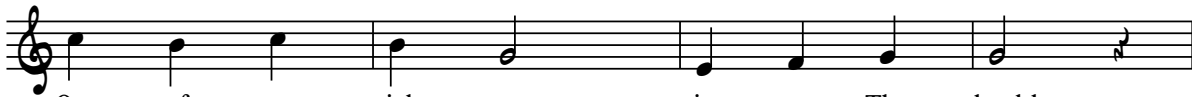
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1. Out of my bon - dage, sor - row and night, Je-sus I come; Je-sus I\_ come.
2. Out of my shame-ful fail - ure and loss,
3. Out of un-rest and ar - ro-gant pride,
4. Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,



In-to Thy free - dom, glad-ness, and light Je-sus I come to Thee.  
In-to the glo - rious gain of Thy cross,  
In-to Thy bless - ed will to a - bide,  
In-to the joy and light of Thy home,



Out of my sick - ness in - to Thy health,  
Out of earth's sor - rows in - to Thy balm,  
Out of my - self to dwell in Thy love,  
Out of the depths of ru - in un - told,



Out of my want - ing and in - to Thy wealth,  
Out of life's storms and in - to Thy calm,  
Out of de - spair in - to rap - tures a - bove,  
In - to the peace of Thy shel - ter - ing fold,



Out of my sin and in - to Thy self, Je-sus I come to Thee.  
Out of dis - tress, in - to ju-bi-lant psalm,  
Up - ward for - ev-er on wings like a dove,  
Ev - er Thy glo - rious face to be - hold,

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Mine are days that God has num - bered; I was made to walk with  
Mine are tears in times of sor - row, dark-ness not yet un - der -  
Mine are days here as a stran - ger, pil - grim on a nar - row



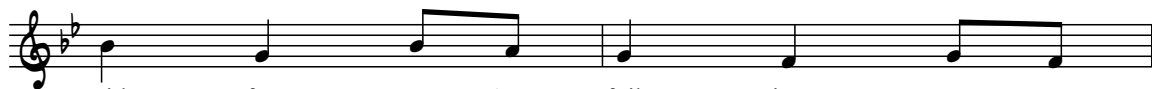
Him. Yet I look for world - ly treas - ure and for -  
stood. Through the val - ley I must trav - el where I  
way. One with Christ I will en - coun - ter harm and



sake the King of kings. But mine is hope in my Re -  
see no earth - ly good. But mine is peace that flows from  
ha - tred for His name. But mine is ar - mour for this  
And mine are keys to Zi - on



deem - er; though I fall, His love is sure. For Christ has  
heav - en, and the strength in times of need. I know my  
bat - tle, strong e - nough to last the war. And He has  
ci - ty where be - side the King I walk. For there my



paid for ev - 'ry fail - ing; I am  
pain will not be wast - ed; Christ com -  
said He will de - liv - er safe - ly  
heart has found its treas - ure; Christ is



His for - ev - er - more.  
pletes His work in me.  
to the gold - en shore.  
mine for - ev - er - more.

# Elders

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## Parish 1

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

## Parish 2

Steven Gordon  
Ron Whitley  
Austin Willard

## Parish 3

David Cowen  
Jason Delong  
Andy Hardin  
Doug Hardy  
Justin Hubbard  
Kelly Holt  
Chris Lee  
Casey Willis

## Parish 4

Rick Endean  
Charlie Kennedy  
Chris Matocha  
Les Olson

## Parish 5

Tim Green  
Jamie Hinely

# Deacons

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## Parish 1

Ralph Haddock  
Kenneth Iverson  
Collin Kern  
Billy Lanter *(Chair)*  
Matt McEwen  
Bobby Pepiot  
Seth Ralston  
Harry Standing

## Parish 2

Ethan Johnson

## Parish 3

John Lee  
Jay Siekmann  
James Velderhorst

## Parish 4

Wesley Anderson  
Benjamin  
Commerford  
Mark Deicher  
Jordan Ellis  
Luke McAnally  
*(On Sabbatical)*  
Joshua Owen  
Andrei Shliakhau  
Tyler Strow

## Parish 5

Tim Meador  
Justin Provost  
*(Treasurer)*

# Announcements

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## 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. Also, you can see a list of the current elders and deacons listed above this announcement. Nominations must be returned to the box in the narthex by June 12.

## **POSTPONED: Worship Service Honoring Sandra Marlowe on June 12**

The service honoring Sandra Marlowe has been rescheduled to June 12. For more information about this service, please see this past week's TCPC News church-wide email (if you do not received these emails, please send an email to [contact@tcpca.org](mailto:contact@tcpca.org) to be added to the list).

# Announcements *(continued from previous page)*

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## May Term Sunday School Class

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 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](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).

## Baby Bottle Blessings

The annual fundraiser for Assurance began last Sunday! 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 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 English Teacher, Latin Teacher (Grades 6-9), and Teacher's aide for Middle and High School. To apply, please visit Trinity's website at [trinitylex.org](http://trinitylex.org)

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