



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, or fill out the Visitor Card in your pew and place it in the Offering bowl.

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship...

"Father, when the law drove me to Jesus—when You gave me faith to trust Jesus as my forgiveness and my righteousness, everything began to change. I'm now learning to love Your law as fatherly instruction to Your beloved children, as a revelation of the good, the true, and the beautiful, not as a formula for merit, acceptance, and favor. What a difference—what a life-giving, liberty-fueling difference!"

- **Scotty Smith**

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

August 21, 2022 at 9:00AM and 11:15AM

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Call to Worship adapted from Ezekiel 36:25-27

LEADER: The Lord says, “I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean.

PEOPLE: I will cleanse you from all your impurities and all your idols.

LEADER: I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you,

PEOPLE: I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

LEADER: And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.”

ALL: Sanctifying Spirit, please move among us as we worship You today.

Hymn of Rejoicing *Oh How Good It Is* (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 & Announcement

Pastoral Prayer

Pray for the Lord's continued blessing on Covenant Community Church in Richmond, as they celebrate their one-year anniversary today.

The Lord's Prayer

UNISON: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

RENEW Receive the grace of God

Scripture Reading Psalm 119:1-16 (Pew Bible p. 512)

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.

Confession of God's People

LEADER: And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me..."

PEOPLE: But we have failed to worship You alone

LEADER: "You shall not make for yourself graven images..."

PEOPLE: But we have crafted our own idols

LEADER: "You shall not take the name of the Lord in vain..."

PEOPLE: But we have profaned Your name

LEADER: "Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy..."

PEOPLE: But we have sought rest apart from You

LEADER: "Honor your father and your mother..."

PEOPLE: But we have despised authority

LEADER: "You shall not murder..."

PEOPLE: But we have been hateful

LEADER: "You shall not commit adultery..."

PEOPLE: But we have been lustful

LEADER: "You shall not steal..."

PEOPLE: But we have been unjust

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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.

LEADER: "You shall not bear false witness..."

PEOPLE: But we have been dishonest

LEADER: "You shall not covet..."

PEOPLE: But we have been discontent

- *Silent Prayers of Confession* -

Repentance of God's People

LEADER: Will you repent of your harmful lawlessness?

PEOPLE: We will

LEADER: Will you submit to God's healing law?

PEOPLE: We will

Assurance of God's Pardon from Romans 6:14

LEADER: For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

Greeting of the Peace of Christ

Hymn of Renewal *Blessed Assurance*

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Blessed assurance Jesus is mine
O what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation purchase of God
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

REFRAIN:

**This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long**

Perfect submission perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy whispers of love (**REFRAIN**)

Perfect submission all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blest
Watching and waiting looking above
Filled with His goodness lost in His love (**REFRAIN**)

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 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

Offertory Solo *Show Us Christ*

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Prepare our hearts O God; help us to receive. Break the hard and stony ground, help our unbelief. Plant Your Word down deep in us, cause it to bear fruit. Open up our ears to hear, lead us in Your truth. *Show us Christ, show us Christ. O God, reveal Your glory through the preaching of Your Word until every heart confesses, "Christ is Lord!"* Your Word is living light upon our darkened eyes, guards us through temptations, makes the simple wise. Your Word is food for famished ones, freedom for the slave, riches for the needy soul; come speak to us today. *Where else can we go Lord? Where else can we go? You have the words of eternal life.*

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 convicting 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 5:31-42 (Pew Bible p. 810)

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

Sermon Rev. Robert Cunningham “From Loopholes to Love”

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 *Lead On O King Eternal*

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Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest thy tents shall be our home:
Through days of preparation thy grace has made us strong,
And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;
For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums,
But deeds of love and mercy, the heav'nly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal, we follow, not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning where'er thy face appears;
Thy cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light:
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

Benediction

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



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

July Giving: \$166,112
July Goal: \$191,750
Difference: -\$25,638

Total FY Giving (Oct-Jul): \$2,110,572
Giving Goal (Oct-Jul): \$2,110,322
Difference: +\$250
FY Giving Goal (Oct-Sep): \$2,574,358
Remaining (Aug & Sep): -\$463,786

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

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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.

Announcements

Fall Kickoff Picnic TONIGHT at 6:00 PM

Join us tonight for a church-wide gathering with FREE food, activities, and inflatables. This is a great way to celebrate the start of a new ministry year and school year together as a church family. If you already know you're going to attend, please RSVP so we can plan ahead for food!



Combined Sunday School Next Sunday

We will be holding a combined Sunday School in the Sanctuary next week, August 28, where the pastors will give a vision & ministry update for this upcoming year.

Community at TCPC

Many ministries and groups are starting in the coming weeks, and we want you to know about all the ways you can find community at TCPC! Read below to learn more:

Sign up for Parish Groups!

Parish Groups will begin meeting again this September! Parish Groups are multi-generational gatherings of people that live near you. These gatherings take place on a consistent basis throughout the year, and often involve food, fellowship, and discussion about that week's sermon. Scan this QR code to sign up by August 30.



Sing with the Choir!

Choir will begin regular Wednesday rehearsals on September 7. We rehearse every Wednesday from 6:25-7:45 pm and childcare is available. If you're looking for a way to build community, serve TCPC, and enjoy God's great gift of music then choir is for you! We prepare pieces to sing in worship every other Sunday and for special services like Christmas and Easter. You don't have to have prior experience to sing in the choir. If you're curious about choir but unsure whether you want to join, feel free to come sing for a few rehearsals. Email Chelsea at csteyn@tcpca.org.

Sunday School

All adult and children's Sunday School classes will begin on September 11th. Info about those classes will be added here as they are finalized.

VERITAS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The VERITAS Class will resume its climb through the glorious mountains of Romans on September 11th. We meet at 10:15 in the basement classroom. Join us as we continue our study of Paul's fullest, grandest, and most comprehensive statement of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Our teacher will be Ron Whitley. For more information and a time of class fellowship, connect with us for coffee and bagels on September 4th.

Senior Ministry

SENIOR LUNCHEON ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Come and enjoy a free lunch with the Senior Ministry in the Fellowship Hall right after the second service on September 11. Mary Ellis Patton and Carolyn Howard Kelley are going to present vital information on Elder Law and estate financial planning for seniors. These luncheons are always open to all ages, not just seniors, but this time we especially encourage younger people with aging family to join us. The lunch will be catered, so in order to be sure there's enough food, please RSVP by Labor Day, September 5, to Trevor Tanous at etanous@gmail.com.

Women's Groups

MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study will begin meeting on September 7 at 9:00 AM. We'll be using Jen Wilkin's study on 1 Samuel in the fall and 2 Samuel in the spring (materials have been ordered in bulk to save money and will be available for purchase). Childcare is offered in the nursery. Scan this QR code to sign up, and send questions to Julia Meador at jamat10215@aol.com.

EVENING BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday Evening Women's Bible Study will also begin meeting on September 7 at 7:00 PM, continuing our study of "Saints and Scoundrels in the Story of Jesus" by Nancy Guthrie. Scan this QR code to sign up, or email questions to Kay Sox at kayrsox@gmail.com.



Men's Groups

WEDNESDAY NOON BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday noon Men's Bible study will begin meeting again on September 7 in the lower-level boardroom. We will begin a study of II Thessalonians. All men of all ages are welcome to join us for a time of fellowship, study, and prayer. We have been known to enjoy some coffee and a donut or two, as well! If you would like more information, please email Harry Standinger at hstandin@hotmail.com.

COMPANY OF MEN

Mark Randle will be leading a men's group on Thursday mornings called "Company of Men." More info will be shared in the coming weeks.

Youth Group

YOUTH PARENT KICKOFF - August 31st from 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Parents of kids who are in the Youth Group are invited to dinner on Wednesday the 31st! You'll have the opportunity to meet small group leaders and learn about our plan for the Fall semester.

YOUTH GROUP STARTS SEPTEMBER 7

Mark your calendars! The Youth Group will resume its Wednesday night gatherings on September 7.

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