



# *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...*

“If your foundation is sure, no storm will cause your life to collapse.  
You can't move an immovable rock.”

- Charles R. Swindoll

### **COVER ARTWORK**

*Sea and Rocks, Appledore, Isles of Shoals*  
Childe Hassam, 1918

## 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

November 20, 2022 at 9:00AM and 11:15AM

## REJOICE Declare the praises of God

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### Call to Worship

LEADER: O Come, let us sing to the Lord!

**PEOPLE: Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation!**

LEADER: Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving!

**PEOPLE: Let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!**

### Hymn of Rejoicing *O Worship The King*

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O worship the King all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing His power and His love;  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

### Welcome & Announcements

# Ordination & Installation of Officers

LEADER: What do you ask of your deacons?

**PEOPLE: The office of deacon is set forth in the Scriptures as one of sympathy and service, after the example of the Lord Jesus. It is your duty as deacon to minister to the needy—to the widowed, the orphaned, the sick, the friendless, and to any who may be in distress. Entrusted to you are the finances of the church as well as the care and maintenance of the property. You are to love as you have been loved, to serve as you have been served, and in all things maintain the peace and purity of Christ’s Church. May God grant you grace for your failures, and strength to be faithful.**

LEADER: What do you ask of your elders?

**PEOPLE: The office of elder is set forth in the Scriptures as one of authority and guidance, after the example of the Lord Jesus. It is your duty as elder to watch diligently over the flock committed to your charge, that no corruption of doctrine or of morals enter therein. You are to exercise government and discipline, and take oversight of the spiritual interests of our church. You are to instruct the uninformed, train the unequipped, comfort the mournful, nourish and guard the children of the covenant, and pray for the people under your care. You are to set an example by your zeal to evangelize the unconverted and make disciples. You are to love as you have been loved, to serve as you have been served, and in all things maintain the peace and purity of Christ’s Church. May God grant you grace for your failures, and strength to be faithful.**

## ORDINATION & INSTALLATION QUESTIONS

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the *Confession of Faith* and the *Catechisms* of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
4. Do you accept the office of elder or deacon in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?

5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the Church?

### **QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION**

1. Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive these brothers as ruling elders and deacons, and do you promise to yield them all that honor, encouragement and obedience in the Lord to which their office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles them?

## **RENEW** Receive the grace of God

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### **Scripture Reading** Psalm 1:1-6 (Pew Bible p. 448)

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**

**UNISON: Our loving God, we confess that we have failed to love as You have loved us.**

**You are merciful, but we are bitter.**

**You are patient, but we are demanding.**

**You are gentle, but we are harsh.**

**You are compassionate, but we are slanderous.**

**You are reconciling, but we are divisive.**

**You are forgiving, but we are vindictive.**

**Oh Father, Your people have made a mockery of Your love. Our churches are divided, our families are angry, our friendships are shallow, and our neighbors are neglected. This is not what You call us to be, and this is not what we want to be. Overwhelm us again with Your love that it might melt our cold hearts and transform our harmful habits. You are love. Teach us to love.**

*- Silent Prayers of Confession -*

### **Repentance of God's People**

LEADER: Will you turn from your bitter thoughts, harmful words, and divisive actions?

**PEOPLE: We will.**

LEADER: Will you recommit yourself to love as you have been loved?

**PEOPLE: We will.**

### **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 from 1 John 3:1

LEADER: See what kind of love the Father has for us that we should be called children of God, and so we are.

## Greeting of the Peace of Christ

## Hymn of Renewal *My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less*

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My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness,  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

### REFRAIN:

**On Christ the Solid Rock I stand,  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.**

When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil. **(REFRAIN)**

His oath, His covenant, His blood  
Support me in the whelming flood;  
Shen all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay. **(REFRAIN)**

When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in Him be found;  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne. **(REFRAIN)**

## 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.**

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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 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.

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 *Your Mercy*

Andi Rozier | Jonathan Smith | Paul Baloche  
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I once was lost, I walked away; the road was dark, I could not see. My hope was gone, the pain was real but Your mercy...You saw my steps, You felt my fears; You heard my cries, You caught my tears. Arms open wide, You ran to me with Your mercy. *Your mercy, Your mercy, I stand before my king and bow my heart to sing: You saved me, You raised me. You died so I could live, no greater love than this, Your mercy, Your mercy.* You give me life beyond the grave, my deepest shame is cast away. You sing a song that covers me; it's Your mercy. *Your loving-kindness leads me to repentance. Lord let Your kindness lead us to repentance.*

### **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 7:24-27 (Pew Bible p. 812)

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

### Sermon Macklann Basse (Pastor, Lome, Togo)

**“Wise or Foolish?”**

### 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.

### 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.

# 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

11:15 - Sam DeLong, son of Jason & Emily

## Holy Communion

## Hymn of Response *In Christ Alone*

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In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

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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.



There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

*No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand*

## 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](mailto:KRL40502@aol.com)

Janet Whitley  
[janetjwhitley@gmail.com](mailto:janetjwhitley@gmail.com)

## Giving Report

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

October Giving: \$180,932

Total FY Giving Goal:

\$2,728,820

October Goal: \$218,306

*(October 2022 - September 2023)*

**Difference: -\$37,374**

# Announcements

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## Next Fellowship Dinner (with Advent Kids Activities) on November 30

All are welcome to join us for a Christmas Fellowship Dinner on Wednesday, November 30, featuring special Advent crafts and activities for kids! A BBQ dinner will be served beginning at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. A suggested payment of \$6 per person or \$25 per family is appreciated (cash and check are accepted in-person, or if you'd like to send your suggested payment digitally, send a text to 859-287-1144 with the message "Fellowship" to use our automated payment system). Scan this QR to RSVP!



## Christmas Cantata on December 18 at 6:00 PM

Mark your calendars for our first Christmas Cantata since 2019! "Come and worship" with choir and musicians on Sunday, December 18 at 6 pm. This will be an Advent celebration in scripture and song.

## Sunday School & Gospel Storytime on November 27

There will be no Children's or Adult Sunday School next Sunday, November 27. The Nursery and Gospel Story Time will be available during the 9:00 service only.

## Thanksgiving Baskets on November 20

The diaconate will be delivering Thanksgiving baskets this Sunday November 20th after the second service. If any church members are interested, the diaconate would like for you to take part and join us. If you and/or your family know of a family or person who would be blessed by receiving a basket, please send the name, address, and contact information to [tcpcmercydiaconate@gmail.com](mailto:tcpcmercydiaconate@gmail.com) (this information will be kept strictly confidential). The diaconate will purchase the food and pack the box for you, you will simply have to pick it up and deliver it Sunday November 20th after the conclusion of the second service in the church basement. Please send all information and inquiries to [tcpcmercydiaconate@gmail.com](mailto:tcpcmercydiaconate@gmail.com).

## Ready to make a budget that will finally stick?

Gain control over your finances! Join us for a two part seminar to learn the popular budgeting tool YNAB (You Need A Budget). YNAB is a digital upgrade to the envelope system that encourages you to be intentional with your money. When you have a plan it's easier to prioritize what you value! If you have/earn money this class is for you. Couples are encouraged to join together. Childcare will be provided. Spots are limited so please email [zach.whelchel@gmail.com](mailto:zach.whelchel@gmail.com) to reserve. Nov 21: 7:00-8:30.

## TCPC Kids Lending Library

TCPC Kids has started a Lending Library! The library is housed on a cart next to the TCPC Kids desk. We aim to provide resources to parents in the Christian nurture and discipleship of their children. Our library includes books for children as well as parenting resources. If you would be interested in donating books, please scan this QR code to see our Amazon Wish List!



## Campus Outreach Banquet

Is God still changing the lives of college students? Campus Outreach is hosting a Vision Banquet on the evening of December 4th at Manchester Music Hall! We will share how you could partner with us and help us reach more college students. Please contact Andy Hardin if you would be interested or want more details ([andy.hardin@campusoutreach.org](mailto:andy.hardin@campusoutreach.org)).

# Elders

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## Parish 1

Greg Anderson  
Dan Breedon  
Ken Iverson  
Verne Kern (**Sabbatical**)  
Mark Randle (**Moderator**)  
Chuck Sox  
Andy Waters

## Parish 2

Stephen Gordon  
†Julius Schoop  
Ron Whitley  
Austin Willard

## Parish 3

David Cowen  
Jason DeLong  
Andy Hardin  
Doug Hardy  
Justin Hubbard  
Kelly Holt  
Chris Lee  
†Mark Whitworth  
Casey Willis

## Parish 4

†Tim Bickel  
Rick Endean  
Charlie Kennedy  
Chris Matocha  
Les Olson

## Parish 5

Tim Green  
Jamie Hinely

# Deacons

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## Parish 1

†Mark Garrison  
Ralph Haddock  
Kenneth Iverson  
Collin Kern  
Billy Lanter (**Chair**)  
Matt McEwen  
†Jeff Payne  
Bobby Pepiot  
Seth Ralston  
Harry Standinger  
†Seth White

## Parish 2

†Drew Farr  
Ethan Johnson

## Parish 3

John Lee  
Jay Siekmann  
James Velderhorst

## Parish 4

Wesley Anderson  
†Jordan Biery  
Benjamin Commerford  
Mark Deicher  
Jordan Ellis  
†Josh Ellis  
†Nicholas Jackson  
Luke McAnally (**Sabbatical**)  
Joshua Owen  
Andrei Shliakhau  
Tyler Strow

## Parish 5

Tim Meador  
Justin Provost (**Treasurer**)  
†Dylan Shoulders

†Will be ordained & installed today

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