



The Lord's Prayer

# *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...*

“Let your thoughts move to and fro like an accelerating pendulum, taking ever wider swings. ‘He’s my Father—and He’s God in heaven; He’s God in heaven—and He’s my Father! It’s beyond belief—but it’s true!’ Grasp this, or rather, let it grasp you; then tell God what you feel about it; and that will be the worship that our Lord wanted to evoke when he gave us this thought-pattern for the invocation of the One who is both his Father and ours.”

- J.I. Packer

### **COVER ARTWORK**

A storm over the sea

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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

January 8, 2023 at 9:00AM and 11:15AM

## REJOICE Declare the praises of God

### Call to Worship from Psalm 24

LEADER: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of Glory may come in.

**PEOPLE: Who is this King of glory?**

LEADER: The LORD, strong and might, the LORD, mighty in battle! Lift up your heads, O gates, that the King of glory may come in.

**PEOPLE: Who is this King of glory?**

**UNISON: The LORD of hosts, He is the king of glory!**

### 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

### Commissioning

11:15 - Mexico Missions Trips

## Scripture Reading Psalm 8 (Pew Bible p. 450)

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 from the Book of Common Worship

**UNISON: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world.**

- *Silent Prayers of Confession* -

## Repentance of God's People

LEADER: Do you turn from your unwillingness to love others as you have been loved by Christ?

**PEOPLE: We do.**

LEADER: Do you repent of your reliance upon your own strength rather than the strength of Christ?

**PEOPLE: We do.**

## Assurance of God's Pardon from Romans 8:38-39

LEADER: For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Greeting of the Peace of Christ

## Hymn of Renewal *Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing*

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Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

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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.



Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander – Lord, I feel it – prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

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

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### **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**

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#### **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.

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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.

# Hymn of Preparation *My Worth Is Not In What I Own*

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My worth is not in what I own  
Not in the strength of flesh and bone  
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross  
My worth is not in skill or name  
In win or lose in pride or shame  
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross

## **REFRAIN:**

**I rejoice in my Redeemer  
Greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul  
I will trust in Him no other  
My soul is satisfied in Him alone**

As summer flowers we fade and die  
Fame youth and beauty hurry by  
But life eternal calls to us at the cross  
I will not boast in wealth or might  
Or human wisdom's fleeting light  
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross (**REFRAIN**)

Two wonders here that I confess  
My worth and my unworthiness  
My value fixed my ransom paid at the cross (**REFRAIN**)

## **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 6:5-9 (Pew Bible p. 811)

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

## **Sermon** Rev. Mark Randle

**“Praying to Our Father”**

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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.

# 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

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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 *O God Our Help In Ages Past*

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O God our Help in ages past  
Our Hope for years to come  
Our Shelter from the stormy blast  
And our eternal Home

Under the shadow of Thy throne  
Thy saints have dwelt secure  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone  
And our defense is sure

Before the hills in order stood  
Or earth received her frame  
From everlasting Thou art God  
To endless years the same

Our God our Help in ages past  
Our Hope for years to come  
Be Thou our Guide while troubles last  
And our eternal Home

## Benediction

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



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

November Giving:	\$221,379	Total FY Giving (Oct-Nov):	\$402,310
November Goal:	\$191,017	Giving Goal (Oct-Nov):	\$409,323
<b>Difference:</b>	<b>+ 30,362</b>	<b>Difference:</b>	<b>-\$7,013</b>

## Officers On Duty Today's points of contact for spiritual or physical needs.

**Elder on duty:**  
Andy Hardin

**Deacons on duty:**  
Jordan Biery and Ken Iverson

## 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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Janet Whitley  
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# Sunday School Classes

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## Exodus Theme Across All Ages

Starting this week, the Vine Class, Bridge Class, and all children's and youth Sunday School classes will be using the same study (with age-appropriate materials) to walk through the book of Exodus. The study is called "From Captivity to the Wilderness" and was put together by The Gospel Project. We invite everyone to join us on this journey!

## Pre-K - 5th Grade Large Group Gathering in Youth Room

Rather than bringing your children directly to their classroom, all parents of Pre-K through 5th Grade children will bring their kids to the Youth Room at **10:20 AM** for a large group gathering before going to their individual Sunday School class with their teacher.

Parents will pick up their children at **11:05 AM** from their usual classroom (see below).

### Elementary Pickup Locations:

Pre-Kindergarten	Room 118
Kindergarten	Room 107
1st Grade	Room 111
2nd & 3rd Grade	Room 121
4th & 5th GIRLS	Room 123
4th & 5th BOYS	Room 125

### Middle School & High School:

Middle School GIRLS	Room 124
Middle School BOYS	Room 127
9th - 12th Grade	Trinity Library <i>(not the Youth Room, different from the fall)</i>

### Adult Sunday School Classes

Bridge Class	Fellowship Hall
Toolbox Class	Room 131
Vine Class	LL Classroom
VERITAS Class	LL Boardroom

# Announcements

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## **Congregational Meeting on TONIGHT at 6:00 PM**

The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, January 8, at 6:00 PM to present and vote upon two options for choosing a pulpit committee. If you did not receive the email sent this past Thursday, which outlines both options in detail, please let us know by emailing [contact@tcpca.org](mailto:contact@tcpca.org).

## **Annual Congregational Meeting on January 15**

Join us in-between services next Sunday, January 15 for a presentation about this past ministry year, including membership and giving statistics as well as ministry highlights.

## **Memorial Service for Simon Earl**

There will be a memorial service for Simon Earl on Saturday, January 21 at 11:00 AM in the Sactuary here at TCPC, with a visitation starting at 10:00 AM. Please keep the Earl family in your prayers.

## **Women's Bible Study**

### **MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

The Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study will start meeting again on January 11 at 9:00 AM in the Lower Level Classroom.

### **EVENING BIBLE STUDY**

Our Women's Evening Bible Study is moving to MONDAY evenings this spring. We will begin on Monday, January 23 at 7:00 pm in the Lower Level Boardroom. We will be studying "Blessed: Experiencing the Promise of the Book of Revelation" by Nancy Guthrie. Please email Kay Sox ([kayrsox@gmail.com](mailto:kayrsox@gmail.com)) to sign up or if you have any questions.

## **Youth Group Starts This Wednesday, January 11**

Youth Group will start back up next Wednesday, January 11 with a Parent & Youth Dinner and Informational Meeting from 7:00-8:00 PM. If you are the parent of a child in Youth Group, but are not receiving Luke's emails about Youth Group, please reply to this email and let us know.

## **Senior Ministry Luncheon on January 22**

Save the date! The next Senior Ministry Luncheon will be after the 11:15 service on Sunday, January 22. More details to come in the bulletin and future emails.

## **Toolbox Sunday School Class**

Toolbox Class will be continuing this spring, discussing practical tools from personal experience that we can use to work out our salvation in daily life. Topics for this semester are expectations, biblical decision-making, conflict, and our faith at the workplace. For more info contact Les Olson at 859-552-4742.

## **Stephen Lynerd Group Concert This Tuesday, January 10**

Join us this Tuesday January 10 at 7pm for a FREE concert presented by The Stephen Lynerd Group. Old and new hymns, thoughtfully reimaged with jazz influences. There is no cost, but a freewill offering will be collected to support the ministry of the group. Concert should last around 75 minutes.



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