



The Parables of Repentance

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...

“The greatest proof of Christianity for others is not how far a man can logically analyze his reasons for believing, but how far in practice he will stake his life on his belief.”

- T.S. Eliot

COVER ARTWORK

The Wedding Feast

Eugène Burnand

Liturgy Notes

Do you have questions about how we worship? This column answers the “what” and “why” of each element of our liturgy.

PLEASE NOTE:

During responsive readings, the part of the Leader will be in plain text, **and the part of the People will be in bold.**

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

March 12, 2023 at 9:00AM and 11:15AM

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Call to Worship

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.

Know that the LORD is God. It is He who made us and we are His;

We are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.

For the LORD is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.

Hymn of Rejoicing *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Text: Henry van Dyke

Music: Ludwig van Beethoven

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Joyful joyful we adore Thee
God of glory Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flow’rs before Thee
Opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day

All Thy works with joy surround Thee
Earth and heav’n reflect Thy rays
Stars and angels sing around Thee
Center of unbroken praise
Field and forest vale and mountain
Flowery meadow flashing sea
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee

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Thou art giving and forgiving
Ever blessing ever blest
Wellspring of the joy of living
Ocean depth of happy rest
Thou our Father Christ our Brother
All who live in love are Thine
Teach us how to love each other
Lift us to the joy divine

(Sung in unison)

Mortals join the mighty chorus
Which the morning stars began
Father love is reigning o'er us
Brother love binds man to man
Ever singing march we onward
Victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music lifts us sunward
In the triumph song of life

Welcome & Announcements

Baptism

11:15 - Caleb Luke Rakestraw, son of Luke & Celeste

Declaration to Our Covenant Children from the Church of Scotland

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, Caleb, though you do not know it yet.

Choir Anthem *Thou Art Holy*

Craig Courtney

Holy, holy, holy, Holy, Thou art holy, Thou alone art holy, Thou art holy. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee; Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity! Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Who wert, and art, and evermore shall be. Thou art holy! Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see; Only Thou art holy, There is none beside Thee, Perfect in power, in love and purity. Thou art holy! Holy, holy, holy art Thou, O Lord. Thou art holy, Thou alone art holy.

Scripture Reading

 Isaiah 61:1-11 (Pew Bible p. 620)

All men are like grass, their glory like flowers of the field. The grass withers and the flowers fall, **but the Word of the Lord stands forever.**

Confession of God's People

 From *Valley of Vision*

God of all Grace, I have no robe of righteousness to bring to cover my sins, and no skill to weave my own. But You have clothed me with the Savior's robe, and decked me with the jewels of His holiness. Every morning let me wear it, every evening return in it, go out to the day's work in it, be wound in death in it, stand before the great throne of judgment in it, and enter glory in it shining as the sun. Grant me to never lose sight of the exceeding wickedness of sin, the exceeding righteousness of salvation, the exceeding glory of Christ, the exceeding beauty of holiness, and the exceeding wonder of grace.

- *Silent Prayers of Confession* -

Repentance of God's People

Will you repent of your lawlessness? **We will.**

Will you return to God's law? **We will.**

Assurance of God's Pardon

 from Isaiah 55

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that He may have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

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.

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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.

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 the Westminster Shorter Catechism

What is justification?

Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardoneth all our sins, and accepteth us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

What is adoption?

Adoption is an act of God's free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges of, the sons of God.

What is sanctification?

Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?

The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption and sanctification, are, assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.

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.

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 *O Great God* (Sheet Music on Page 11)

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O great God of highest heaven, occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel power
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me, make me Yours forevermore

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice
Did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son, gave me endless hope and peace

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed
O great God of highest heaven, glorify Your Name through me
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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 Matthew 22:1-14 (p. 827)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Rev. Will Witherington

“Invited and Dressed”

The Lord's Prayer

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.

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

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

Let us together proclaim the hope of the Church:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ shall come again!

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 *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

Go love your God. **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:

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Janet Whitley
janetjwhitley@gmail.com

Giving Report

For more information, visit tcpca.org/give.

February Giving:	\$214,890	FY Giving from Oct-Feb:	\$1,166,458
February Goal:	\$218,306	Giving Goal for Oct-Feb:	\$1,255,258
Difference:	-\$3,416	Difference:	-\$88,800
		FY Giving Goal (Oct-Sep):	\$2,728,820

Officers On Duty

Today's points of contact for spiritual or physical needs.

Elder on duty:
Charlie Kennedy

Deacons on duty:
Jordan Ellis and Seth White

Pulpit Committee Update

The Pulpit Committee is excited to announce that, after a process of examinations and interviews, they have voted to present Mark Randle as our Senior Pastor candidate, and Will Witherington as our Associate Pastor candidate.

Today, March 12, there will be a combined Sunday School in between services to hear from Mark and Will as they share about their vision for their roles. The format will be an interview style, incorporating questions the session has heard from the congregation throughout this process.

» *Children's Sunday School for PreK-5th grade will take place as normally scheduled.*

On March 26, there will be a called congregational meeting in between services for the purpose of voting to elect Mark to the position of Senior Pastor and Will to the position of Associate Pastor. Only communicant members may vote, and you must be present in order to vote (absentee voting is not allowed by the PCA Book of Church Order).

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We hope you will join us on both of these important days in the life of our church!

Announcements

Next Fellowship Dinner on March 29

Save the date! Since schools will be on spring break during our typical first-Wednesday-of-the-month time slot, our next Fellowship Dinner will instead take place on March 29. Plan on joining us for a wonderful time of fellowship!

Foundations Membership Class on April 21-22

Registration is open for our next "Foundations" membership class on April 21 and 22. The sessions will take place Friday night and Saturday morning, with Friday dinner and Saturday breakfast provided. We invite anyone who is interested in pursuing membership and learning more about our church history and theology. Scan this QR code to sign up, and email Nate Jones with any questions at njones@tcpca.org.



Women's Retreat September 8-9

Mark your calendars for September 8-9, 2023 for our Women's Conference! We will have an amazing speaker, great food, fun activities, and a local hotel option. More details to come!

Vacation Bible School - Save the Date for June 19-23!

VBS is back this summer! During the mornings of June 19th-23rd we will be hosting VBS with great lessons, music, crafts and plenty of fun! More details on registration will be forthcoming. If you would like to serve on the VBS Committee we'd love to have your help to plan a wonderful week for our kids. Please contact Nicole Dorton: ndorton@tcpca.org.

Senior Ministry Newsletter for February

The February edition of the Senior Ministry newsletter is now available! You can access it on our website at tcpca.org/senior-ministry.

Trinity Christian Academy Presents "The Sound of Music," March 23-25

Don't miss the beloved classic, "The Sound of Music." Play dates are 7 pm, Thursday, March 23; Friday, March 24; and Saturday, March 25. There is also a matinee at 2 pm, Saturday, March 25. Shows are in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets are on sale at trinitylex.org/musical.

O Great God

Bob Kauflin

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O great God of high-est heav'n, oc-cu - py my low-ly heart. Own it
I was blind-ed by my sin, had no ears to heaYour voice, did not
Help me now to live a life that'sde - pend-ent onYour grace. Keepmy



all and reign su - preme, conquer ev - 'ry re - bel pow'r. Let no
know Your love with - in, had no taste for heav - en's joys. ThenYour
heart and guard my soul from the e - vils that I face. You are



vice or sin re - main that re - sists Your ho - ly war. You have
Spi - rit gave me life, op-ened up Your Word to me throughthe
wor - thy to be praised with my ev - 'ry thought and deed. O great



loved and purchased me, makeme Yours for - ev - er more.
Gos - pel of Your Son, gave me end - less hope and peace.
God of high-est heav'n, glo - ri - fy Your name through me.

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