



# *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.

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## *Preparing Our Hearts for Worship...*

“The Lord discovered to me a sense of my unbelief that, though late, I should remember my transgressions and that I should be converted with my whole heart to the Lord my God.”

- **Patrick of Ireland**



Today's flowers are given in honor of James Steggeman's baptism.

## **COVER ARTWORK**

*The Wicked Vinedressers*

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 19, 2023 at 9:00AM and 11:15AM

## REJOICE Declare the praises of God

### Call to Worship from Joel 2

“Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping, and with mourning.

#### **We return to You, our Holy God!**

Return to the LORD your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

#### **We return to You, our Loving Father!**

Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children, even the nursing infants.

#### **We return to You, Jesus our King!**

## Hymn of Rejoicing *How Firm A Foundation*

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How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word  
What more can He say than to you He hath said  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled

Fear not I am with thee O be not dismayed  
For I am thy God I will still give thee aid  
I’ll strengthen thee help thee  
And cause thee to stand  
Upheld by My righteous omnipotent hand

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie  
My grace all-sufficient shall be thy supply  
The flames shall not hurt thee I only design  
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose  
I will not I will not desert to its foes  
That soul though all hell should endeavor to shake  
I’ll never no never no never forsake

## Welcome & Announcements

## Baptisms

9:00 - Abrah Shoulders, daughter of Dylan & Hannah

11:15 - James Samuel Steggeman, son of Andrew & Macy

## 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, Abrah / James, though you do not know it yet.**

## RENEW Receive the grace of God

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### Scripture Reading Isaiah 5:1-7 (Pew Bible p. 569)

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 Isaiah 55 and Psalm 139

**Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that He may have mercy on them, and to our God for He will abundantly pardon. Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way of everlasting.**

*- Silent Prayers of Confession -*

### Repentance of God's People

Do you repent of your own lordship that enslaves you? **We do.**

Do you return to Christ's lordship that frees you? **We do.**

### Assurance of God's Pardon from Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

### Greeting of the Peace of Christ

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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.

# Hymn of Renewal *Lift High The Name Of Jesus* (Sheet Music on Page 11)

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Lift high the name of Jesus  
Of Jesus our King  
Make known the power of His grace  
The beauty of His peace  
Remember how His mercy reached  
And we cried out to Him  
He lifted us to solid ground  
To freedom from our sin

## **REFRAIN:**

*Oh sing my soul  
And tell all He's done  
'Til the earth and heavens are filled with His glory*

Lift high the name of Jesus  
Of Jesus our Lord  
His pow'r in us is greater than  
Is greater than this world  
To share the reason for our hope  
To serve with love and grace  
That all who see Him shine through us  
Might bring the Father praise (**REFRAIN**)

Lift high the name of Jesus  
Of Jesus our Light  
No other name on earth can save  
Can raise a soul to life  
He opens up our eyes to see  
The harvest He has grown  
We labor in His fields of grace  
As He leads sinners home (**REFRAIN**)

## Confession of Faith from Westminster Catechism

What is the chief end of man?

**The chief end of man is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.**

What is God?

**God is a spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.**

Are there more Gods than one?

**There is but only one, the living and true God.**

How many persons are there in the Godhead?

**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 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.

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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 *Come Find His Rest*

*(All join on "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say")*

Erik Dewar

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Horatius Bonar (1846)

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1906)

Come weary one, leave thy labors;  
Come lift thy head, see thy Savior and Friend  
His arms are opened wide. O soul, be satisfied.  
Come find His rest.

Take His yoke upon thee,  
For He is gentle and lowly in heart.  
So learn from Christ the Lord, thy Portion and Reward.  
Come find His rest.

I\_\_ heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest; lay  
I\_\_ heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give the  
down, thou wea - ry one, lay down thy\_\_ head up - on\_\_ my breast." I\_\_  
liv - ing wat - er; thirs - ty one, stoop down and drink and live." I\_\_  
came to Je - sus as I was, so\_\_ wea - ry, worn, and sad; I\_\_  
came to Je - sus and I drank of\_\_ that life - giv - ing stream; My  
found in Him\_\_ a\_\_ rest - ing place, and He has made me glad.  
thirst was quenched my\_\_ soul re - vived, and now I live in Him.

## **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 21:33-46 (p. 827)

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

**Sermon** Rev. Mark Randle

**“The Father’s Love”**

## 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.**

## 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

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

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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.

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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 *How Deep The Father's Love For Us*

Stuart Townend  
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How deep the Father's love for us how vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss the Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross my sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything no gifts no pow'r no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart His wounds have paid my ransom

## 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:

Kathryn Lyon  
[KRL40502@aol.com](mailto:KRL40502@aol.com)

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

## ACCESS Prayer Group

The Access Prayer Group meets each Thursday at noon to pray for our church and our community. Send prayer requests to:

Jodi Hicks  
[epnjphicks@twc.com](mailto:epnjphicks@twc.com)

## Giving Report

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

February Giving: \$214,890

February Goal: \$218,306

**Difference: -\$3,416**

FY Giving from Oct-Feb: \$1,166,458

Giving Goal for Oct-Feb: \$1,255,258

**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:

Justin Hubbard

### Deacons on duty:

Jordan Biery and Ethan Johnson

# Announcements

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## Congregational Meeting on March 26 for Pastoral Election

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).

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

## Next Fellowship Dinner on March 29

Please mark your calendar for the upcoming Fellowship Dinner! Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, March 29th. Dinner will be cajun food from Bourbon n' Toulouse (with a vegetarian option), and will be served beginning at 6pm. A suggested payment of \$6 per person or \$25 per family is appreciated (cash and check are accepted, 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). RSVP by scanning this QR code.



## 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](mailto:ndorton@tcpca.org).

## Lost & Found Cleanout

After the March 26 worship service, we will be donating all of the items in the lost & found box. Please check the box today or next Sunday for any items that you might have left behind at church.

## 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](mailto:njones@tcpca.org).



## 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](http://trinitylex.org/musical).

# Lift High The Name Of Jesus

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The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Lift High The Name Of Jesus'. It consists of six staves of music, each with a vocal line and lyrics. The music is written in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are as follows:

Lift Lift the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our King. Make  
Lift high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our Lord. His  
Lift high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our Light. No  
known the pow - er of His grace, the beau - ty of His peace. Re -  
pow'r in us is grea - ter than, is grea - ter than this world. To  
oth - er name on earth can save, can raise a soul to life. He  
mem - ber how His mer - cy reached when we cried out to Him. He  
share the rea - son for our hope, to serve with love and grace, that  
o - pens up our eyes to see the har - vest He has grown. We  
lift - ed us to so - lid ground, to free - dom from our sin. Oh  
all who see Him shine through us might bring the Fa - ther praise.  
la - bor in His fields of grace as He leads sin - ners home.  
sing my soul and tell all He's done 'til the  
earth and heav - ens are filled with His glo - ry.

# Holy Week Services



## **Palm Sunday**

Sunday, April 2 at 9:00 & 11:15 AM



## **Maundy Thursday**

Thursday, April 6 at 7:00 PM

*Childcare will not be provided during this service.*



## **Good Friday**

Friday, April 7 at 12:00 PM

*Childcare will not be provided during this service.*



## **Easter Sunday**

Sunday, April 9 at 9:00 & 11:15 AM

*Adult and Children's Sunday School classes will NOT meet on Easter.*

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