



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.



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Chris Matocha

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Preparing Our Hearts for Worship...

“One day when heaven was filled with His praises,
One day when sin was as black as could be,
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin,
Dwelt among men, my example is He!

Living, He loved me; dying, He saved me;
Buried, He carried my sins far away;
Rising, He justified freely, forever;
One day He's coming: O glorious day!”

- J. Wilbur Chapman (1910)

COVER ARTWORK

Lookout Mountain

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Order of Worship

May 28, 2023 - Pentecost Sunday

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.

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Call to Worship from Nehemiah 9

Stand up and bless the Lord your God from everlasting to everlasting.

Blessed be the Lord’s glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.

The Lord alone is God. He has made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them.

May all the host of heaven and all that is below worship Him.

Hymn *Sing Praise To God Who Reigns Above (Music on Page 10)*

Words: Johann J. Schutz, 1675; tr. Francex Cox, 1864

Music: Bohemian Brethren’s Kirchengesange

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Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of pow’r, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
My soul with comfort rich He fills, and ev’ry grief He gently stills:
To God all praise and glory!

What God’s almighty pow’r has made, in mercy He is keeping;
By morning glow or evening shade His eye is never sleeping.
And where He rules in kingly might, there all is just and all is right:
To God all praise and glory!

We sought the Lord in our distress; O God, in mercy hear us.
Our Savior saw our helplessness and came with peace to cheer us.
For this we thank and praise the Lord, who is by one and all adored:
To God all praise and glory!

Let all who name Christ’s holy name give God the praise and glory.
Let all who know His pow’r proclaim aloud the wondrous story.
Cast ev’ry idol from its throne; the Lord is God and He alone:
To God all praise and glory!

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn *Make Us One*

Carol Cymbala
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Make us one, Lord, make us one;
Holy Spirit, make us one.
Let Your love flow so the world will know
We are one in You.

RENEW Receive the grace of God

Scripture Reading Joel 2:28-32 (Pew Bible p. 762)

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

If we live by the Spirit...

Let us walk by the Spirit

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control

And yet we confess our hatred, discontentment, strife, impatience, bitterness, evil, falsehood, harshness, and self-indulgence. Forgive us for the deeds of our flesh and produce in us the fruit of Your Holy Spirit.

- *Silent Prayers of Confession* -

Repentance of God's People

Are you sorrowful for resisting the Holy Spirit? **We are.**

Do you sense the conviction of the Holy Spirit? **We do.**

Will you yield again to the Holy Spirit? **We will.**

Assurance of God's Pardon from Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; 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

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.

Hymn *Ancient Of Days* **(Music on Page 11)**

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Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall,
There is still one King reigning over all.
So, I will not fear for this truth remains:
That my God is the Ancient of Days.

REFRAIN

*None above Him, none before Him;
All of time in His hands.
For His throne, it shall remain and ever stand.
All the power, all the glory, I will trust in His name.
For my God is the Ancient of days.*

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul,
He is here with me. I am not alone.
O, His love is sure and He knows my name.
For my God is the Ancient of Days. **(REFRAIN)**

Though I may not see what the future brings,
I will watch and wait for the Saviour King.
Then, my joy complete, standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of Days. **(REFRAIN)**

Confession of Faith The Heidelberg Catechism; Question #53

What do you believe concerning “the Holy Spirit”?

First, that the Spirit, with the Father and the Son, is eternal God. Second, that the Spirit is given also to me, so that, through true faith, He makes me share in Christ and all His benefits, comforts me, and will remain with me forever.

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 *In God Alone*

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I cannot explain how my God takes a heartache, and mingles His peace with the pain; or the myst’ry of calm in the eye of a storm where there’s rest from the wind and the rain. I don’t understand how He placed deep within me the beat of eternity’s song, but I cannot deny, for it is my heart’s cry, ever drawing me to the One who calls me His own. *There is rest for my soul, in God alone, there is peace, when I trust in His care. He’s the rock of my faith, as the world rushes on. I can wait in the silence, for I know He is near. No matter this world, I will not be shaken, with my hope secure in God my salvation! I find rest for my soul.* There are seasons of life when the load feels so heavy. This race leaves me battered and worn. But my Lord knows each need, He gives strength to the weak; I can pour out my heart and find shelter in His loving arms. Though this heart may not comprehend all His ways, I will choose to trust my God each moment of each day.

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 Acts 2:1-41 (p. 909)

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

Sermon Rev. Mark Randle

“The Day of Pentecost”

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.

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

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 *My Jesus I Love Thee*

Text: William R. Featherston

Tune: Adoniram J. Gordon

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My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign;
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath,
And say when the deathdew lies cold on my brow:
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Benediction

8 Go love your God. **Go love your neighbor.**

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.

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

Janet Whitley
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:

Mary Beth Moore
mdmoorefamily@gmail.com

Announcements

Summer Nursery Schedule

The nursery (for children age 0-3) will be operating on a summer schedule starting today, May 28 - August 13. During this time, the nursery will be **open for the 9:00 service** and any special combined Sunday School classes, but will be **closed for the 11:15 service**. Also, Gospel Story Time (for children age 4 - Kindergarten) will continue to be offered during both services (9:00 and 11:15).

Women's Retreat on September 8-9

The Women's Ministry invites you to join us for our Fall Retreat! The theme is "Bring Shalom" and the retreat will include teaching times, small group discussion, fellowship, music, activities, prayer, and lots of fun. We will meet starting with dinner on Friday, September 8th, and conclude around lunch the next day. This will all take place at the Origin Hotel, and we would love for you book a room and stay the night with friends (scan QR code and look for "Origin Hotel Booking" button). The registration fee is \$65 from now until July 1, and is \$80 after July 1. Learn more and register today by scanning this QR code or go to tcpca.org/women.



VBS Decorating Workshop June 3rd

Please join us from 9am-1pm on Saturday June 3rd for our VBS Decorating Workshop! We will be creating all of the stage materials, classroom decor and hallway decorations. This is a great way to help with VBS, no artistic ability required. The exciting decorations make VBS feel so special for all the children. Coffee and donuts will be provided. It will be a great time of fun and fellowship while we create. Email Nicole for more details at ndorton@tcpca.org

Youth Summer Retreat June 25-27

This Summer, the Youth Group will be spending three days and two nights in the main lodge at Cliffview Resort in Red River Gorge. There will be plenty to do, from hiking and fishing to games at the cabin, as well as growing in our faith together in small groups and large group sessions. This is going to be a fantastic retreat in one of Kentucky's most beautiful places. Cost is \$150 per student (\$200 if you'd like to do the zipline). Scan this QR code to sign up, or if you have any questions, send an email to lrakestraw@tcpca.org.



Doctors & Physicians Needed for Medical Missions Trip to Mexico

We are praying and looking for one to two additional MDs, PAs, or NPs to join us on a medical missions trip to the Yucatan Peninsula later this year. The trip will be led by Sandy Suffoletta, Susie Ogden, and Charlie Kennedy, and will take place from November 4-11. If you are interested in being a part of this important missions work, please email our missions director Nate at njones@tcpca.org.

Giving Report

April Giving:	\$203,555	FY Giving from Oct-Apr:	\$1,564,862
April Goal:	\$245,594	Giving Goal for Oct-Apr:	\$1,691,869
Difference:	-\$42,039	Difference:	-\$127,007
		FY Giving Goal (Oct-Sep):	\$2,728,820

Sing Praise To God Who Reigns Above

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1. Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
2. What God's al - might - y pow'r has made, in mer - cy he is
3. We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy
4. Let all who name Christ's ho - ly name give God the praise and

a - tion, the God of pow'r, the God of love, the God of our
keep - ing; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his eye is nev -
hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness and came with peace
glo - ry. Let all who know his pow'r pro - claim a - loud the won -

sal - va - tion. My soul with com - fort rich he fills, and
er sleep - ing. And where he rules in king - ly might, there
to cheer us. For this we thank and praise the Lord, who
drous sto - ry. Cast ev - 'ry i - dol from its throne; the

ev - 'ry grief he gen - tly stills: to God all praise and glo - ry!
all is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!
is by one and all a - dored: to God all praise and glo - ry!
Lord is God and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry!

Ancient Of Days

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fall, there is still one King reign - ing o - ver
soul, He is here with me. I am not a -
brings, I will watch and wait for the Sav - ior

all. So, I will not fear for this truth re -
lone. Oh, His love is sure, and He knows my
King. Then, my joy com - plete, stand - ing face to

mains: that my God is the An - cient of Days. *None a -*
name. For my God is the An - cient of Days.
face in the pres - ence of the An - cient of Days.

bove Him, none be - fore Him. All of time in His hands. *For His*

throne, it shall re - main and ev - er stand. *All the*

pow - er, all the glo - ry, I will trust in His name. *For my*

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