



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 Form**. We would love to meet you and help you get connected. Please visit **tcpca.org/visitor** or scan this QR code with your smartphone camera.



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Preparing Our Hearts for Worship...

“Paul says:

When I travel, it is on Christ's errands.

When I suffer, it is in Christ's service.

When I speak, the theme is Christ.

When I write, Christ fills my letters.”

- Henrietta Mears

Order of Worship

September 17, 2023 at 9:00 and 11:15 AM

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

Dear friends, let us love one another. For love comes from God.

Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

Whoever does not love does not know God because God is love.

This is how God showed His love among us:

He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him

This is love: not that we have loved God, but that He loved us!

Hymn *To God Be The Glory*

Text: Fanny J. Crosby

Tune: William H. Doane

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To God be the glory great things He has done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life-gate that we may go in.

REFRAIN:

Praise the Lord praise the Lord

Let the earth hear his voice

Praise the Lord praise the Lord

Let the people rejoice

O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son

And give Him the glory great things He has done

O perfect redemption the purchase of blood
To ev'ry believer the promise of God
The vilest offender who truly believes
That moment from Jesus forgiveness receives **(REFRAIN)**

Great things He has taught us great things He has done
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder our transport when Jesus we see **(REFRAIN)**

Invocation Adapted from Book of Common Worship

Glory be to You, O Father everlasting, who did send Your only-begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. Glory be to You, O Lord Jesus Christ, who has brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. Glory be to You, O Holy Spirit, who does enliven us together with Christ, and does shed abroad His love in our hearts. Blessed be to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God; and blessed be Your glorious name for ever. Amen

Welcome & Announcements

Special Music *Come, Christians, Join to Sing!*

arr. Matthew Compton
TCPC Handbell Choir

RENEW Receive the grace of God

Scripture Reading Isaiah 12 (Pew Bible p. 576)

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 Adapted from the Church of Scotland

Eternal God, Your love for us is without end, yet our love for You and for one another is often weak, interrupted by self-centeredness and distrust. Whenever we come together to pray, acknowledge that much of our life deserves Your displeasure. We recognize that our lives are often marked by our pride and self-love. Forgive us, we pray, and restore us to fellowship with You and with one another. For Jesus' sake, amen.

- Silent Prayers of Confession -

Repentance of God's People

Do you turn from the sin of putting your hope in things which can never satisfy your heart's desire? **We do.**

Do you repent of seeking your own kingdom instead of Christ's kingdom? **We do.**

Will you leave your life of conflict and truly seek God's peace for this world? **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 Psalm 103:8-12

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will He harbor His anger forever; He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

Greeting of the Peace of Christ

Hymn *How Great Thou Art*

Stuart Hine
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O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r thru'out the universe displayed

REFRAIN:

*Then sings my soul My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art
Then sings my soul My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze **(REFRAIN)**

And when I think that God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die I scarce can take it in
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin **(REFRAIN)**

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim my God how great Thou art **(REFRAIN)**

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.

Greeting of Peace

We extend to others the grace that God has extended to us, greeting each other with the peace of Christ. In the midst of a fractured world filled with prejudice, hatred, and violence, we are a demonstration of God's reconciliation. Worshipers greeted one another with the words of Christ after His resurrection, which became the customary greeting of the early Church: "Peace be with you."

Confession of Faith

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.

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 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Text: Charles Wesley

Tune: Beach Spring

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Love divine all loves excelling Joy of heav'n to earth come down
Fix us in Your humble dwelling all Your faithful mercies crown
Jesus You are all compassion pure unbounded love You are
Visit us with Your salvation enter ev'ry trembling heart

Come Almighty to deliver let us all Your life receive
Suddenly return and never never more Your temples leave
You we would be always blessing serve You as Your hosts above
Pray and praise You without ceasing glory in Your perfect love

Finish then Your new creation pure and spotless let us be
Let us see Your great salvation perfectly restored in Thee
Changed from glory into glory 'till in heav'n we take our place
'Till we cast our crowns before You lost in wonder love and praise
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Confession of Faith

We confess together the convict-
tional truths of orthodoxy by recit-
ing 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 procla-
mation 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.

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 Philippians 1:8-18 (p. 980)

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

Sermon Rev. Mark Randle

“A Maturing Church”

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

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.

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 *Christ Is Mine Forevermore* (Music on Page 9)

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Mine are days that God has numbered
I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings

*But mine is hope in my Redeemer
Though I fall His love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing
I am His forevermore*

Mine are tears in times of sorrow
Darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good

*But mine is peace that flows from heaven
And the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes His work in me*

Mine are days here as a stranger
Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for His name

*But mine is armor for this battle
Strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore*

*And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore*

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

Janet Whitley
janetjwhitley@gmail.com

ACCESS Prayer Group

The Access Prayer Group meets each Thursday at 12:30 PM to pray for our church and our community. Send prayer requests to:

Mary Beth Moore
mdmoorefamily@gmail.com

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Mine are days that God has num - bered; I was made to walk with
Mine are tears in times of sor - row, dark-ness not yet un - der -
Mine are days here as a stran - ger, pil - grim on a nar - row



Him. Yet I look for world - ly treas - ure and for -
stood. Through the val - ley I must trav - el where I
way. One with Christ I will en - coun - ter harm and



sake the King of kings. But mine is hope in my Re -
see no earth - ly good. But mine is peace that flows from
ha - tred for His name. But mine is ar - mour for this
And mine are keys to Zi - on



deem - er; though I fall, His love is sure. For Christ has
heav - en, and the strength in times of need. I know my
bat - tle, strong e - nough to last the war. And He has
ci - ty where be - side the King I walk. For there my



paid for ev - 'ry fail - ing; I am
pain will not be wast - ed; Christ com -
said He will de - liv - er safe - ly
heart has found its treas - ure; Christ is



His for - ev - er - more.
pletes His work in me.
to the gold - en shore.
mine for - ev - er - more.

Announcements

Save the Date for the Evening of Reformation Sunday

Please mark your calendars for the evening of October 29th! We are planning a special evening service to celebrate Reformation Sunday. More details will be shared in the coming weeks.

Student Ministry Now Meeting on Sunday Nights

The Student Ministry (grades 6 through 12) will be meeting each week on Sunday nights at 7:00 PM (which is different from previous years, when they have met on Wednesday nights).

Volunteers Needed for Millcreek Elementary

One of the best ways to serve our neighborhood is through serving the schools in our neighborhood. Here are a few ways you can get involved in the neighborhood this year:

1. Emily Wise is leading a team to help serve the teachers at Millcreek Elementary. If you are interested in helping serve the teachers please contact Emily Wise (e.wise84@gmail.com).
2. Luke Rakestraw is leading a team to help mentor and volunteer with the students at Millcreek Elementary. If you are interested in helping with helping with the students contact Luke Rakestraw (lrakestraw@tcpca.org)

Hymn Sing at The LaFayette

We are looking for a few folks to sing and to fellowship with residents of The LaFayette at 2 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month beginning in October. The LaFayette is a senior living community located on Mason Headley Road, where TCPC members have been volunteering to lead times of singing and Bible study for years. Singers and instrumentalists of all ages and skill levels welcome! For more info, contact Rachel Baxley at 859-760-7010 or rachelmadden19@gmail.com.

Men's Fall Tailgate & Chili Cook-Off

All the men of TCPC are encouraged to save the date on Saturday, October 7 for the best Saturday of the fall. We will be having a tailgate and watch party for the UK vs. Georgia away game, as well as a chili cook-off. More details to follow as we get closer to gameday.

Giving Update

Giving Report

 For more information, visit tcpca.org/give.

August Giving:	\$197,145	Total Giving This Fiscal Year:	\$2,289,679
August Goal:	\$191,017	Goal for Fiscal Year Giving:	\$2,728,820
Difference:	+\$6,128	Difference:	-\$439,141

In order to reach our giving goal for this fiscal year (which ends on September 30), we need about \$439,000 of giving during the month of September. This is \$139,000 more than our anticipated September giving, which is why we are asking TCPC members and attendees to prayerfully consider giving to the general fund above and beyond your typical tithe. For more details, scan this QR code to read a letter from Mark.



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