



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

**Elder on duty:**  
Andy Waters

**Deacons on duty:**  
Mark Deicher and Nicholas Jackson

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

“Joy is a matter of attitude that stems from one’s confidence in God—that He is at work, that He is in full control, that He is in the midst of whatever has happened, is happening, and will happen. Either we fix our minds on that and determine to laugh again, or we wail and whine our way through life, complaining that we never got a fair shake. We are the ones who consciously determine which way we shall go. To paraphrase the poet:

One ship sails east  
One ship sails west  
Regardless of how the winds blow.  
It is the set of the sail  
And not the gale  
That determines the way we go.  
(Ella Wheeler Wilcox)”

- Chuck Swindoll

# Order of Worship

September 24, 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 Adapted from 1 Samuel 2

My heart rejoices in the LORD; in the LORD my horn is lifted high.

**There is no one holy like the LORD; there is no one besides You; there is no Rock like our God.**

The LORD brings death and makes alive; He brings down to the grave and raises up. The Lord sends poverty and wealth; He humbles and He exalts.

**For the foundations of the earth are the LORD’s, upon them He has set the world.**

**He will give strength to His king and exalt the horn of His anointed.**

### Hymn *Holy Holy Holy*

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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  
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be

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

Holy holy holy, Lord God Almighty  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea  
Holy holy holy, merciful and mighty  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

## Welcome & Announcements

# Baptism

9:00 - Emery Paige Clarke, daughter of Cy & Allison

## 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, Emery, though you do not know it yet.**

## Hymn *Precious Lord*

Text: Thomas Dorsey, Stephen Lynerd

Music: Stephen Lynerd

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When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near. When my life is almost gone, my strength in You, I will press on! *Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand. I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; thro' the storm, thro' the night lead me on.* Hear my cry, hear my call. Hold my hand, lest I fall. May my life reflect Your grace; 'till that day I see Your face!

## RENEW Receive the grace of God

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### Scripture Reading Psalm 16 (Pew Bible p. 453)

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

**God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ You came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of Your grace and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.**

- *Silent Prayers of Confession* -

### Repentance of God's People

Do you repent of spiritual apathy? **We do.**

Will you pick up your cross and follow Jesus? **We will.**

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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.

## Assurance of God's Pardon from 1 John 1:4-7

And these things we write, so that our joy may be made complete. And this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

## Greeting of the Peace of Christ

### Hymn *Oh How Good It Is*

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Oh how good it is when the family of God  
Dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity  
Where the bonds of peace of acceptance and love  
Are the fruit of His presence here among us

#### **REFRAIN:**

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord  
And with one heart we'll live out His word  
Till the whole earth sees  
The Redeemer has come  
For He dwells in the presence of His people*

Oh how good it is on this journey we share  
To rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn  
For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace  
When we offer the blessing of belonging **(REFRAIN)**

Oh how good it is to embrace His command  
To prefer one another, forgive as He forgives  
When we live as one we all share in the love  
Of the Son with the Father and the Spirit **(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 Westminster Shorter Catechism Q 37 and 38

What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

**The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves till the resurrection.**

What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

**At the resurrection, believers being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.**

## 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 *Ancient Of Days* **(Music on Page 10)**

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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)**

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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.

## **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 1:18-26 (p. 980)

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

## **Sermon** Rev. Mark Randle

**“The Christian Motto”**

## **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 *Satisfied* (Music on Page 11)

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All my lifelong I had panted  
For a draught from some cool spring  
That I hoped would quench the burning  
Of the thirst I felt within

### **REFRAIN:**

*Hallelujah I have found Him  
Whom my soul so long has craved  
Jesus satisfies my longings  
Thro' His blood I now am saved*

Feeding on the husks around me  
Till my strength was almost gone  
Longed my soul for something better  
Only still to hunger on **(REFRAIN)**

Poor I was and sought for riches  
Something that would satisfy  
But the dust I gathered 'round me  
Only mocked my soul's sad cry **(REFRAIN)**

Well of water ever springing  
Bread of life so rich and free  
Untold wealth that never faileth  
My Redeemer is to me **(REFRAIN)**

## 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 12:30 PM to pray for our church and our community. Send prayer requests to:

Mary Beth Moore  
[mdmoorefamily@gmail.com](mailto:mdmoorefamily@gmail.com)

# Announcements

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## Next Fellowship Dinner on October 4

You're invited to the church wide Fellowship Dinner on Wednesday, October 4. A catered meal from Bon Appetit Cafe will be served starting at 6pm. All are welcome, but please RSVP for food planning purposes by scanning this QR code. A donation of \$8 per person and \$30 a family is suggested. For your convenience you may text "Fellowship" to 859-287-1144 to pay online.



## 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.

## 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.

## College Lunch on October 15

All college students are invited to stay after church for lunch on Sunday, October 15! We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall for lunch.

## 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)

# Giving Update

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## Giving Report

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

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.



# Ancient Of Days

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Though the na - tions rage, king - doms rise and  
Though the dread of night o - ver whelms my  
Though I may not see what the fu - ture



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



God is the An - cient of Days.

# Satisfied

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1. All my life long I had pant - ed for a drink from some cool  
2. Feed - ing on the husks a - round me till my strength was al - most  
3. Poor I was, and sought for rich - es, some - thing that would sat - is -  
4. Well of wat - er ev - er spring - ing, bread of life so rich and

spring that I hoped would quench the burn - ing of the  
gone, longed my soul for some - thing bet - ter, on - ly  
fy; But the dust I gath - ered round me on - ly  
free, un - told wealth that nev - er fail - eth, my Re -

thirst I felt with - in. *Hal - le - lu - jah! I have*  
still to hun - ger on.  
mocked my soul's sad cry.  
deem - er is to me.

*found Him whom my soul so long has craved! Je - sus*

*sat - is - fies my long - ings; through His blood I now am saved.*

# Sunday School Classes

## Children & Students

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<b>Pre-Kindergarten 1</b>	Room 126
<b>Pre-Kindergarten 2</b>	Room 118
<b>Kindergarten</b>	Room 105/107
<b>1st Grade</b>	Room 109/111
<b>2nd Grade</b>	Room 119
<b>3rd Grade</b>	Room 121
<b>4th &amp; 5th GIRLS</b>	Room 123
<b>4th &amp; 5th BOYS</b>	Room 125
<b>Middle School GIRLS</b>	Room 124
<b>Middle School BOYS</b>	Room 131
<b>9th - 12th Grade</b>	Youth Lounge

## Adults

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<b>Bread &amp; Water Class</b>	Room 140
<b>Bridge Class</b>	Youth Room
<b>Parenting Class</b>	Room 142
<b>VERITAS Class</b>	LL Boardroom
<b>Vine Class</b>	LL Classroom

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