

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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Stephen Gordon

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Collin Kern and Jeff Payne

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship...

“We draw people to Christ not by loudly discrediting what they believe, by telling them how wrong they are and how right we are, but by showing them a light that is so lovely that they want with all their hearts to know the source of it.”

- Madeleine L'Engle

Order of Worship

October 1, 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 From Psalm 136

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!

For His steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of gods!

For His steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the LORD of lords!

For His steadfast love endures forever.

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

Membership Vows

9:00 - Maddy Bratcher

Baptism

9:00 - Kevin Rye Bratcher, son of Nick & Maddy

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, Rye, though you do not know it yet.

Hymn *He Knows My Name* (Music on Page 11)

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I have a Maker
He formed my heart
Before even time began my life was in His hand

REFRAIN:

*He knows my name
He knows my every thought
He sees each tear that falls and hears me when I call*

I have a Father
He calls me His own
He'll never leave me no matter where I go **(REFRAIN)**

RENEW

 Receive the grace of God

Scripture Reading

 Isaiah 52:13-15 (Pew Bible p. 613)

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

O Father, we are gathered before You, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved You with all our heart and soul, we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. In Your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone, so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred.

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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.

But, please, Father, do not leave us in sorrow. With You, O Lord, there is forgiveness. In Your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation; so that we may love You with holy love. Amen.

- Silent Prayers of Confession -

Repentance of God's People

Do you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord? **We do.**

Do you believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead? **We do.**

Assurance of God's Pardon from Isaiah 53:5

But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed.

Greeting of the Peace of Christ

Hymn *Come Thou Almighty King*

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Tune: Felice de Giardini
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Come thou Almighty King help us Thy name to sing
Help us to praise
Father all glorious o'er all victorious come and reign over us
Ancient of Days

Come thou Incarnate Word gird on Thy mighty sword
Our prayer attend
Come and Thy people bless and give Thy Word success Spirit of holiness
On us descend

Come Holy Comforter Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour
Thou who almighty art now rule in every heart and ne'er from us depart
Spirit of pow'r

To the great One in Three eternal praises be
Hence evermore
His sovereign majesty may we in glory see and to eternity
Love and adore

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.

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 Heidelberg Catechism Question 1

LEADER: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

UNISON: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

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 *My Wealth Is In The Cross*

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There is a hill I cherish
Where stood a precious tree
The emblem of salvation
The gift of Calvary

How is it I should profit
While He is crucified
Yet as His life was given
So I was granted mine

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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.

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.

REFRAIN:

My wealth is in the cross
 There's nothing more I want
 Than just to know His love
 My heart is set on Christ
 And I will count all else as loss
 The greatest of my crowns
 Means nothing to me now
 For I counted up the cost
 And all my wealth is in the cross

I will not boast in riches
 I have no pride in gold
 But I will boast in Jesus
 And in His Name alone **(REFRAIN)**

And when I stand in glory
 My crowns before the Lord
 Let this be my confession
 My wealth is in the cross **(REFRAIN)**

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

“To Live Is Christ, to Die Is Gain”

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.

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.

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 *Amazing Grace*

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» *The Mercy Fund offering will be collected at the beginning of this hymn. If you would also like to contribute your time and talents, please visit tcpca.org/mercy and fill out an Interest Form or Gifting Survey.*

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers toils and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun

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

Announcements

In addition to this announcements section, we also send a weekly email called TCPC News every Wednesday. If you would like to receive these emails, please contact Paul Adams at padams@tcpca.org

No Sunday School Today (unless otherwise noted)

Children's Sunday School Classes will not be meeting today. Adult Sunday School Classes will not be meeting unless your class leader has noted otherwise. All Sunday School Classes will resume next Sunday, October 8.

Next Fellowship Dinner This Wednesday, October 4

You're invited to the church wide Fellowship Dinner this 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 invited to a tailgate and watch party for the UK vs. Georgia away game, and everyone is welcome to bring a pot of chili to compete in a chili cook-off. The tailgate will start at 5PM and will be held at Casey Willis's house (1143 Catnip Hill Rd, Nicholasville, KY 40356). Help us plan well for food by RSVPing at this QR code.



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.

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.



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!

He Knows My Name

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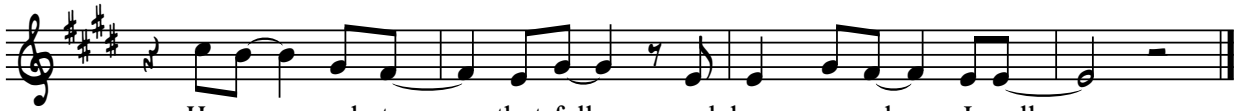
I have a Mak - er, He formed my heart.
I have a Fa - ther, He calls me His own.



Be - fore e - ven time be - gan my life was in His hands.
He'll ne - ver leave me no mat - ter where I go.



He knows my name. He knows my ev - 'ry thought.



He sees each tear that falls and hears me when I call.

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