

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:

Dan Breeden

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Bobby Pepiot and Justin Provost

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship...

“The truth that God uses us as tributes to His teaching seems absurd. No saint would claim such an honor. However, we can pray that the Holy Spirit will shape our lives with the sound teachings of His grace, that we might be ornaments who adorn the doctrine of God.”

- John Sartelle

Order of Worship

November 5, 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 29 and 64

May the Lord give strength to His people!
May the Lord bless His people with peace!

**Then we will bless You as long as we live;
in Your name we lift up our voices.**

Hymn *All Creatures Of Our God And King*

Text: St. Francis of Assisi, para. William H. Draper
Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN
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All creatures of our God and King lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam thou silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav’n along,
O praise Him, alleluia!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear, make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright, that givest man both warmth and light,
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye, alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on Him cast your care,
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him, alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in one,
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Welcome & Announcements

Baptism

9:00 - William Graham Duncan VII, son of Graham and Mariah

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, Liam, though you do not know it yet.

Hymn *My Heart Is Filled* (Music on Page 10)

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My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who bore my pain
Who plumbd the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me with His light
And wrote His law of righteousness with pow'r upon my heart

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who walks beside
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly
Whose every promise is enough for every step I take
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who reigns above
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace whose every thought is love
For every day I have on earth is given by the King
So I will give my life my all to love and follow Him
*For every day I have on earth is given by the King
So I will give my life my all to love and follow Him*

RENEW Receive the grace of God

Scripture Reading Psalm 19 (Pew Bible p. 456)

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

Merciful God, in Your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse Your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect

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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.

and reason, and turn them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve You in the world as agents of Your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

- *Silent Prayers of Confession* -

Repentance of God's People

Do you renounce your sinful thoughts, words, and deeds that offend God, harm others, and ruin creation? **We do.**

Do you renounce the ways and idols of this fallen world that oppose God's Kingdom and glory? **We do.**

Do you renounce Satan and all spiritual forces of darkness that rebel against the one true God? **We do.**

Assurance of God's Pardon From Isaiah 1

Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

Greeting of the Peace of Christ

Hymn *He Leadeth Me*

Joseph Gilmore
William Bradbury
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He leadeth me O blessed thought
O words with heav'nly comfort brought
Whate'er I do, Where e'er I be
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me

REFRAIN:

*He leadeth me He leadeth me
By His own hand He leadeth me
His faithful foll'wer I would be
For by His hand He leadeth me*

Lord I would clasp Your hand in mine
And never murmur or repine
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me. **(REFRAIN)**

And when my task on earth is done
When by Thy grace the vict'ry's won
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
Since O, my God You leadeth me. **(REFRAIN)**

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 The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried: he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic[†] Church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

† Worldwide communion of faith, past, present, and future.

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 *Your Mercy*

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I once was lost, I walked away; the road was dark, I could not see. My hope was gone, the pain was real but Your mercy...You saw my steps, You felt my fears; You heard my cries, You caught my tears. Arms open wide, You ran to me with Your mercy. *Your mercy, Your mercy, I stand before my King and bow my heart to sing: You saved me, You raised me. You died so I could live, no greater love than this, Your mercy, Your mercy.* You give me life beyond the grave, my deepest shame is cast away. You sing a song that covers me; it's Your mercy. *Your loving-kindness leads me to repentance. Lord let Your kindness lead us to repentance.*

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 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.

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:12-18 (p. 981)

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

Sermon

Rev. Will Witherington

“Working Out Your Salvation”

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 O Great God (Music on Page 11)

Bob Kauflin

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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 to fill out an Interest Form or Gifting Survey.*

O great God of highest heaven occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme conquer every rebel power
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me make me Yours forevermore

I was blinded by my sin had no ears to hear Your voice
Did not know Your love within had no taste for heaven's joys
Then Your Spirit gave me life opened up Your Word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son gave me endless hope and peace

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed
O great God of highest heaven glorify Your Name through me
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed
O great God of highest heaven glorify Your Name through me

Benediction

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



Giving Report

For more information, visit tcpca.org/give.

September Giving: \$384,104

September Goal: \$300,170

Difference: +\$83,934

FY Giving from Oct-Sep: \$2,673,783

Giving Goal for Oct-Sep: \$2,728,820

Difference: -\$55,037

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

Advent & Christmas Services

December 3
9:00 & 11:15 AM

1st Sunday
of Advent

December 10
9:00 & 11:15 AM

2nd Sunday
of Advent

December 10
6:00 PM

Christmas
Cantata

December 17
9:00 & 11:15 AM

3rd Sunday
of Advent

December 24
9:00 & 11:15 AM

4th Sunday
of Advent

December 24
5:00 & 11:00 PM

Christmas Eve
Services

Announcements

To receive announcements via email, please contact Paul Adams at padams@tcpca.org

Foundations Membership Class on November 17-18

We invite anyone who is interested in pursuing membership and learning more about our church history and theology to attend our next Foundations membership class on November 17-18. The sessions will take place Friday night and Saturday morning, with Friday dinner and Saturday breakfast provided. To sign up, please visit tcpca.org/foundations scan QR code.



Coffee & Connect on Sunday, November 12

Are you new to TCPC? We would love to meet you. Drop by the Parlor for coffee & donuts after each service next Sunday, November 12, and members of the TCPC staff will be there to say hi and get to know you. You can find the Parlor next to the elevator in the Narthex/foyer.

Senior Ministry Luncheon Next Sunday, November 12

The next Senior Luncheon will be next Sunday, November 12th, with Seth Ralston and Luke Rakestraw discussing how we can mentor and connect with the students here at TCPC as well as at Millcreek. RSVP by November 8th by sending an email to Susan Sylvester Kerfoot (msscat94@yahoo.com). Please RSVP so that we have sufficient food for everyone. We hope to see you there!!

Communicants Class

As a church, we pray continually that our children would profess their faith, thus fulfilling their baptism. Parents are often asking for direction in discerning if their child is ready to profess their faith and begin taking communion. This Fall we are offering a 4-week class that will walk children through the basics of the Christian faith, as well as what it means to profess their faith. The recommended ages for this class are ages 8-12. Our Fall Communicants Class will meet on Sunday afternoons from 4:00-5:00pm on November 12 & 19 and December 10 & 17. We plan to offer this class again in the Spring. If you think your child is ready to begin this process, please contact Will Witherington for more information (wwitherington@tcpca.org).

Thanksgiving Baskets on November 19

The diaconate will be delivering Thanksgiving baskets on Sunday November 19th after the 11:15 service. The diaconate will purchase the food and pack the box for you; all you need to do is simply pick it up from the church and deliver it. If you would like to volunteer, or if you know of a family/individual who would be blessed by receiving a basket, please send their name, address, and contact information to Luke Rakestraw by November 15 at lakestraw@tcpca.org (this information will be kept strictly confidential).

Decorating TCPC for the Holidays

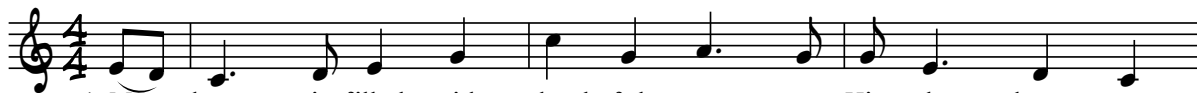
With Advent fast approaching, this is a great time to join the decorating team that transforms our sanctuary for dates of significance on our church calendar. Those gifted in beauty (decorating, floral design) and brawn (lifting, climbing to hang) are needed to help decorate. If you are interested and would be available to help November 30 - December 2, contact rwebber@tcpca.org.

My Heart Is Filled

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1. My heart is filled with thank-ful - ness to Him who bore my
2. My heart is filled with thank-ful - ness to Him who walks be -
3. My heart is filled with thank-ful - ness to Him who reigns a -



4 pain; Who_ plumbd the depths of my dis - grace and gave me life a -
side; Who_ floods my weak - ness - es with strength and caus - es fears to
bove; Whose wis - dom is my per - fect peace, whose ev - 'ry thought is



8 gain. Who_ crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness and clothed me in His
fly. Whose ev - 'ry pro - mise is e - nough for ev - 'ry step I
love. For_ ev - 'ry day I have on earth is giv - en by the



12 light and wrote His law of right-eous-ness with pow'r u - pon my heart.
take; sus - tain - ing me with arms of love and crown - ing me with grace.
King. So I will give my life, my all, to love and fol - low Him.

O Great God

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O great God of highest heav'n, oc-cu - py my low-ly heart. Own it
I was blind-ed by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice, did not
Help me now to live a life that's de - pend - ent on Your grace. Keep my



all and reign su - preme, conquer ev - 'ry re - bel pow'r. Let no
know Your love with - in, had no taste for heav - en's joys. Then Your
heart and guard my soul from the e - vils that I face. You are



vice or sin re - main that re - sists Your ho - ly war. You have
Spi - rit gave me life, op - ened up Your Word to me through the
wor - thy to be praised with my ev - 'ry thought and deed. O great



loved and purchased me, make me Yours for - ev - er more.
Gos - pel of Your Son, gave me end - less hope and peace.
God of high - est heav'n, glo - ri - fy Your name through me.

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