



# 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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**If this is your first time visiting**, please fill out a Connect Form. We would love to meet you and help you get connected. Please visit [tcpc.org/connect](https://tcpc.org/connect) or scan this QR code.



Also, please join us today after each service in the Parlor for "**Coffee & Connect**" to meet TCPC staff and learn more about getting connected at TCPC.

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

**Elder on duty:**  
Rick Endean

**Deacons on duty:**  
Drew Farr and Andrei Shliakhau

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

“What was Paul thinking about during the dark days before his execution? Himself? His future? He was thinking about the needs of his fellow Christians, and he was willing to sacrifice his own interests for theirs. Jesus lived for others, and He will teach you to live for others also, just as He taught Paul and his friends, Timothy and Epaphroditus.”

- James Montgomery Boice

# Order of Worship

November 12, 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 Proverbs 3

Blessed is the one who finds wisdom, the one who gets understanding.

**For she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold.**

She is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare with her.

**Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor.**

Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.

**She is a tree of life to those who embrace her; those who hold her fast are called blessed!**

### Hymn *Wonderful, Merciful Savior*

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Wonderful merciful Savior  
Precious Redeemer and Friend  
Who would have thought that a Lamb  
Could rescue the souls of men  
Oh You rescue the souls of men

Counselor Comforter Keeper  
Spirit we long to embrace  
You offer hope when our hearts  
Have hopelessly lost the way  
Oh we hopelessly lost the way

### **REFRAIN:**

*You are the One that we praise  
You are the One we adore  
You give the healing and grace  
Our hearts always hunger for  
Oh our hearts always hunger for*

Almighty infinite Father  
Faithfully loving Your own  
Here in our weakness You find us  
Falling before Your throne  
Oh we’re falling before Your throne **(REFRAIN)**

# Welcome & Announcements

## Membership Vows

9:00 - James Sharp

## Choir Anthem *The Lord is My Shepherd*

Allen Pote, 1991 choristers guild

*The Lord is my shepherd. Nothing shall I want. My shepherd makes me lie in fields of green, leads me beside still waters. The Lord is my shepherd, who restores my life. Leads me in the paths of righteousness for the sake of the Lord's name. And even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death. I will fear no evil, for You are with me, Your rod and staff they comfort me. You prepare a table before me, in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy, shall follow me all the days of my life, and in the house of my God I will live forever.*

## RENEW Receive the grace of God

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### Scripture Reading Ezekiel 36:22-27 (Pew Bible p. 724)

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 a prayer from the Church of Scotland

**Eternal God, Your love for us is without end, yet our love for You and for each other is often weak. Whenever we come together to pray to You, we have to acknowledge that much of our life deserves Your displeasure, that our life together is too often disfigured 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 your sin of doubting the goodness of God? **We do.**

Do you turn from your sin of doubting the power of God? **We do.**

Do you recommit yourself to trusting in God's ongoing grace? **We do.**

### Assurance of God's Pardon From Zephaniah 3:17

The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness; He will quiet you by His love; He will exult over you with loud singing!

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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.

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### 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."

# Greeting of the Peace of Christ

## Hymn *Good And Gracious King (Music on Page 10)*

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I approach the throne of glory  
Nothing in my hands I bring  
But the promise of acceptance  
From a good and gracious King

I will give to You my burden  
As You give to me Your strength  
Come and fill me with Your Spirit  
As I sing to You this praise

### **REFRAIN:**

*You deserve the greater glory  
Overcome I lift my voice  
To the King in need of nothing  
Empty handed I rejoice  
You deserve the greater glory  
Overcome with joy I sing  
By Your love I am accepted  
You're a good and gracious King*

O what grace that You would see me  
As Your child and as Your friend  
Safe secure in You forever  
I pour out my praise again **(REFRAIN)**

## **RESPOND** Embrace the call of God

### **Confession of Faith** Heidelberg Catechism Question 1

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**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.**

## 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.

## 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 *I Am Thine O Lord* **(Music on Page 11)**

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I am Thine O Lord I have heard Thy voice  
And it told Thy love to me  
But I long to rise in the arms of faith  
And be closer drawn to Thee

#### **REFRAIN:**

Draw me nearer nearer blessed Lord  
To the cross where Thou hast died  
Draw me nearer nearer nearer blessed Lord  
To Thy precious bleeding side

Consecrate me now to Thy service Lord  
By the pow'r of grace divine  
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope  
And my will be lost in Thine **(REFRAIN)**

O the pure delight of a single hour  
That before Thy throne I spend  
When I kneel in prayer and with Thee my God  
I commune as friend with Friend **(REFRAIN)**

There are depths of love that I cannot know  
Till I cross the narrow sea  
There are heights of joy that I may not reach  
Till I rest in peace with Thee **(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.*

## 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** Philipians 2:19-30 (p. 981)

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

## **Sermon** Rev. Mark Randle

**“Love Gives”**

## **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 *Take My Life And Let It Be*

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Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated Lord to Thee  
Take my moments and my days  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise

Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee

Take my silver and my gold  
Not a mite would I withhold  
Take my intellect and use  
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose

Take my voice and let me sing  
Always only for my King  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee

Take my love my Lord I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store  
Take myself and I will be  
Ever only all for Thee

## Benediction

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



## Giving Report

For more information, visit [tcpca.org/give](http://tcpca.org/give).

October Giving: \$180,814

October Goal: \$223,000

**Difference: -\$42,186**      **FY Giving Goal (Oct-Sep): \$2,900,000**

## 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)

# 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

**December 31**  
9:00 & 11:15 AM

Typical Sunday  
Worship

*Childcare will not be  
offered at these services*

## Announcements

To receive announcements via email, please contact Paul Adams at [padams@tcpca.org](mailto: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](http://tcpca.org/foundations) scan QR code.



### Coffee & Connect TODAY After Each Service

Are you new to TCPC? We would love to meet you. Drop by the Parlor for coffee & donuts after each service today, 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.

### 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 [lrakestraw@tcpca.org](mailto:lrakestraw@tcpca.org) (this information will be kept strictly confidential).

### Christmas Cantata on December 10

Join us on December 10th at 6:00 PM for a wonderful night celebrating the sounds and stories of Christmas! Childcare will be provided during the Cantata in the Nursery.

### 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](mailto:rwebber@tcpca.org).

# Good And Gracious King

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1. I ap - proach the throne of glo - ry; noth - ing in my hands I  
2. I will give to You my bur - den as You give to me Your  
3. O what grace that You would see me as Your child and as Your



bring, but the promise of ac - cept - ance from a good and gra - cious King.  
strength; come and fill me with Your Spi - rit as I sing to You this praise.  
friend. Safe, se - cure in You for - ev - er I pour out my praise a - gain.

Refrain (after V.2,3)



You de - serve the great - er glo - ry. O - ver - come, I lift my voice



to the King in need of noth - ing, emp - ty hand - ed I re - joice.



You de - serve the great - er glo - ry. O - ver - come with joy I sing.



By Your love I am ac - cept - ed. You're a good and gra - cious King.

# I Am Thine O Lord

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I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice, and it told Thy love to—  
Con - se - crate me now to Thy ser - vice, Lord, by the pow'r of grace di -  
O the pure de - light of a sin - gle hour that be - fore Thy throne I—  
There are depths of love that I can - not know 'till I cross the nar - row



4 me; but I long to rise in the arms of faith, and be  
vine; let my soul look up with a stead - fast hope, and my  
spend, when I kneel in prayer, and with Thee, my God, I com -  
sea; there are heights of joy that I may not reach 'till I



7 clos - er drawn to Thee. *Draw me near - er,*  
will be lost in Thine.  
mune as friend with friend.  
rest in peace with Thee.



10 *near - er, bless - ed Lord, to the cross where Thou hast died; draw me*



13 *near - er, near - er, near - er bless - ed Lord, to Thy pre - cious, bleed - ing side.*

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