



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 Connect Form. We would love to meet you and help you get connected. Please visit **tcpca.org/connect** or scan this QR code.



Today's Officers Our points of contact for spiritual or physical needs.

Elders:

Charlie Kennedy, Chuck Sox

Deacons:

Josh Ellis, Luke McAnally

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship...

“The beginning of anxiety is the end of faith, and the beginning of true faith is the end of anxiety.”

- George Muller

COVER ARTWORK:

Daisies and peonies in blue vase | Paul Gauguin, 1876

Order of Worship

April 7, 2024 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 1 Peter 3

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Christ is risen!

In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Christ is alive!

And into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade - kept in heaven for you.

Christ is returning!

Hymn *For All The Saints*

Author: William Walsham How | Tune: SINE NOMINE
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For all the saints who from their labors rest
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed
Thy name O Jesus be forever blest
Alleluia

Thou wast their Rock their Fortress and their Might
Thou Lord their Captain in the well-fought fight
Thou in the darkness drear their one true Light
Alleluia

O may Thy soldiers faithful true and bold
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor’s crown of gold
Alleluia

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day
The saints triumphant rise in bright array
The King of glory passes on His way
Alleluia

And when the strife is fierce the warfare long
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song
And hearts are brave again and arms are strong
Alleluia

Welcome & Announcements

Baptism

9:00 - Elijah Joseph Farr, son of Drew & Maddie

RENEW Receive the grace of God

Scripture Reading 2 Peter 1:5-9 (Pew Bible p. 1018)

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

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, You shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust Your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

- *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 Romans 8:11

If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit, who lives in you.

Greeting of the Peace of Christ

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

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."

Hymn *Abide With Me*

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Abide with me fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens Lord with me abide
When other helpers fail and comforts flee
Help of the helpless O abide with me

I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r
Who like Thyself my Guide and Stay can be
Through cloud and sunshine O abide with me

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness
Where is death's sting where grave thy victory
I triumph still if Thou abide with me

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies
Heav'n's morning breaks
And earth's vain shadows flee
In life in death O Lord abide with me

Confession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism Question 45

How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

First, by His resurrection He has overcome death, so that He might make us share in the righteousness He won for us by His death. Second, by His power we too are already now resurrected to a new life. Third, Christ's resurrection is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection.

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

Offertory Solo *It Was Finished Upon That Cross*

Jonny Robinson | Nigel Hendroff | Rich Thompson

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How I love the voice of Jesus. On the Cross of Calvary He declares his work is finished. He has spoken this hope to me. Though the sun had ceased its shining, though the war appeared as lost, Christ had triumphed over evil; It was finished upon that Cross! Now the curse, it has been broken: Jesus paid the price for me! Full the pardon He has offered, great the welcome that I receive. Boldly I approach my Father clothed in Jesus' righteousness. There is no more guilt to carry, It was finished upon that Cross. Death was once my great opponent; fear once had a hold on me; but the Son who died to save us rose that we would be free indeed! Free from ev'ry plan of darkness, free to live and free to love; death is dead and Christ is risen, it was finished upon that Cross.

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 convic-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.

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.

Baptism on Profession of Faith

11:15 - Yula Yenwongfai, daughter of Leonard & Anita

Holy Communion

Hymn *Christ Our Hope In Life And Death*

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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.*

What is our hope in life and death
Christ alone Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to Him belong

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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.

Who holds our days within His hand
What comes apart from His command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ in which we stand

REFRAIN:

*O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death*

What truth can calm the troubled soul
God is good God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise
Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ **(REFRAIN)**

Unto the grave what will we sing
Christ He lives Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore **(REFRAIN)**

Benediction

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



Giving Report

 For more information, visit tcpca.org/give.

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| February Giving: | \$190,213 | Total Giving for Oct-Jan: | \$1,161,323 |
| February Goal: | \$232,000 | Giving Goal for Oct-Jan: | \$1,334,000 |
| Difference: | -\$41,787 | Difference: | -\$172,677 |
| | | 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

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

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

Foundations Membership Class on April 19-20

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 April 19-20. The sessions will take place Friday night and Saturday morning, with Friday dinner and Saturday breakfast provided. To sign up, visit tcpca.org/foundations or scan this QR code.



No Children's Sunday School Today

Children's classes will not meet today due to Spring Break. Adult classes may or may not meet (please check with your Sunday School Class leader).

Senior Day Trip on Friday, April 19

Be part of HISTORY!!! TCPC is having its first ever Senior Day Trip Friday, April 19th and we would like for YOU to be part of that history! We will be going to High Bridge Park in Willmore for an afternoon of food, fun, and fellowship. We will be taking the TCA bus so join us on the bus and leave the driving to us! We have space for 40 on the bus so get your reservations in early! There will be a small per-person fee (under \$20) that will go toward travel and food costs but that has yet to be determined. We will leave the TCPC parking lot at 11:00 on the 19th and return home between 3:00 and 4:00. You can send your reservations to Susan Sylvester-Kearfott at msscat94@yahoo.com or you can scan this QR code to fill out an RSVP form. Please have your reservation in by SUNDAY, April 14th!! We hope to see you on the bus!!



College Lunch on April 14

All college students are invited to stay after the 11:15 service on Sunday, April 14 for a free lunch. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall right after the service ends.

Men's Gathering at Keeneland on April 20

The men of TCPC are all invited to a Men's Gathering at Keeneland on Saturday, April 20 between 12:30 and 6:00 PM. We will be meeting on "The Hill" (for directions, email Seth Ralston at sralston@tcpca.org). You can bring your own food and drinks or you can bring enough to share, and be sure to bring a chair if you'd like a place to sit.

Women's Ministry Event "Bloom" on April 27

Join us for the next Women's Ministry Event, "Bloom" on Saturday, April 27th from 10-11:30 am at Veterans Park Picnic Shelter # 3. The event will be a fun time of fellowship and planting herbs or flowers inspired by Will's sermon on March 24, 2024. Cost to participate is \$10, however, if you are unable to pay we will gladly cover it for you. Register today by scanning this QR code or by going to tcpca.org/bloom.



VBS Registration is Now OPEN!

June 17-21, 9am-12pm. Join us on an amazing undersea adventure this summer at Vacation Bible School (VBS) as we dive into friendship with God! Each day at VBS, kids will participate in awesome Bible adventures, play teamwork-building games, sing catchy songs, devour yummy treats, test out sciency-fun experiments and have LOTS of FUN! VBS is for kids aged 4 through rising 5th graders (and we offer childcare for children ages 0-3 years to parents who volunteer during VBS). Register today by scanning this QR code, or learn more on our VBS website at tcpca.org/vbs.



VOLUNTEER AT VBS! Vacation Bible School (VBS) is an exciting week in the life of our church that brings the gospel to life for our children through Bible lessons, worship, silly skits, games and so much more! The more volunteers we have, the more kids we can welcome to VBS. Our team includes adult and student (middle and high school) volunteers. Jump in on the fun alongside the kids or serve behind the scenes, we'll find the perfect place to use your gifts. Register to volunteer today by scanning the QR code above or email Nicole Dorton at ndorton@tcpca.org with any questions.

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