

Tates Creek  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# 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 **Visitor's Card** (located in the pew in front of you) and place it in the offering basket later in the service. We would love to meet you and help you get connected.

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This Order of Worship will be your guide to our service, and there are notes in the margins explaining the different elements of our liturgy.

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Finally, if you would like to speak to someone who can answer any questions you may have about our church, please visit the **Welcome Desk**, which will be on your left after you exit the Sanctuary.

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## Liturgy Notes

Do you have questions about how we worship? This column answers the “what” and “why” of each element of our liturgy.

### 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.

### Invocation

The minister invokes the presence of God that is promised to those who gather in His name. We ask for God to join us in worship, to lead us in worship, and to be pleased with our worship.

# Order of Worship

January 12, 2020 at 9:00 and 11:15AM

## REJOICE Declare the praises of God

### Prelude

### Call to Worship from Psalm 28

LEADER:

The Lord is the strength of his people!

**PEOPLE:**

**He is the fortress of his anointed!**

LEADER:

Oh, save your people and bless your heritage!

**PEOPLE:**

**Be our shepherd and carry us forever!**

LEADER:

The Lord is our strength and our shield, in him we put our trust!

**PEOPLE:**

**Our hearts exult in the Lord and with our song we give him thanks!**

### Hymn of Rejoicing *How Firm a Foundation* #94 (vss. 1,2,4,6)

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;  
For I am your God, and will still give you aid;  
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;  
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design  
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.

# Invocation

## Welcome, Announcements, and Pastoral Prayer

### Commissioning

9:00 - Valladolid Mexico Trip (Partnership Team)

11:15 - Valladolid Mexico Trip (Youth Mission Team)

## **RENEW** Receive the grace of God

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### Scripture Reading Psalm 20 (Pew Bible p. 456)

Read by Lee Sisk

LEADER:

All men are like grass, their glory like flowers of the field.

The grass withers and the flowers fall,...

**PEOPLE:**

**...but the Word of the Lord stands forever.**

### Confession of God's People

**UNISON:**

**Almighty God, your promises are endless, but we find it so hard to trust. You are sovereign, but we fear our circumstances. You are faithful, but we fear the future. You are mighty, but we fear the world. You are gracious, but we fear our sins. You are risen, but we fear our death. Forgive our unbelief and restore to us an unshakable confidence in you.**

- Silent Prayers of Confession -

### Repentance of God's People

MINISTER:

Will you turn from the vanity of your fears?

MINISTER:

Will you return to the surety of your God?

**PEOPLE:**

**We will.**

**PEOPLE:**

**We will.**

### Assurance of God's Pardon from Isaiah 43

MINISTER:

Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine!

### 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

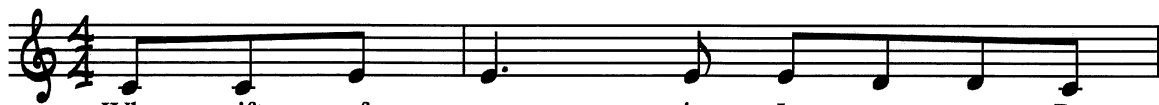
Confession and repentance is always met with the surety of God's grace. The minister proclaims to the penitent community words of pardon from Scripture, assuring our hearts of the grace that is already ours in Christ Jesus.

#### 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 of Renewal *Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me*

(by Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, & Michael Farren )



What gift of grace is Je - sus my Re -  
The night is dark, but I am not for -  
No fate I dread, I know I am for -  
With ev - 'ry breath, I long to fol - low



deem - er; There is no more for Hea - ven now to give. He is my  
sa - ken, for by my side, the Sa - viour He will stay. I la - bour  
giv - en; the fu - ture sure, the price it has been paid. For Je - sus  
Je - sus for He has said that He will bring me home. And day by



joy, my right - eous - ness, and free - dom; My stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less  
on in weak - ness and re - joi - cing, for in my need, His pow - er is dis -  
bled, and suf - fered for my par - don; And He was raised to ov - er - throw the  
day, I know He will re - new me un - til I stand with joy be - fore the



peace. To this I hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus, for my  
played. To this I hold: my Shep - herd will de - fend me; Through the  
grave! To this I hold: my sin has been de - feat - ed. Je - sus  
throne. To this I hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. All the



life is who - lly bound to His. Oh how strange and div - ine, I can  
deep - est val - ley He will lead. Oh the night has been won, and I  
now and ev - er is my plea. Oh the chains are re - leased, I can  
glo - ry ev - er - more to Him. When the race is com - plete, still my



sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
shall o - ver - come! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
lips shall re - peat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

## 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 Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low; praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost A-men.

## Offertory Prayer

### Offertory

#### ***Gospel Storytime:***

After the Offertory Anthem, children ages 4 - Kindergarten may be dismissed to Room 118 for prayer, singing, and a lesson from the Gospel Story Bible. They will return to the Sanctuary at the end of the sermon for their Communion blessing.

### 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.

### Anthem

It is not just financial offerings that we give to God during this time but offerings of beauty as well. While the offering is collected, our choir offers up to God beautifully-composed music with text that meditates upon the truths of the gospel and the promises of God. God's gift of music (along with the work of his Spirit) helps us feel deeply and marvel at who he is, what he has done, and what he will do.

# **Scripture Reading** Acts 5:17-42 (Pew Bible p. 913)

**MINISTER:**  
The Word of the Lord.

**PEOPLE:**  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon** Rev. Robert Cunningham, Senior Minister

### **“Unstoppable”**

A series of horizontal dotted lines for writing the sermon text.

### **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.

# SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

## **PLEASE NOTE:**

We offer both wine and grape juice in Holy Communion: the wine is in the outermost ring of cups, and the grape juice is in the inner rings of cups. Gluten-free bread is offered at the center table.

## **Children's Blessing:**

Children (of any age) who have not professed faith in Christ are encouraged to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing from the pastor or officer.

## **Words of Institution**

MINISTER:

Let us together proclaim the hope of the Church:

**UNISON:**

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ shall come again!**

MINISTER:

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**

### **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.

### **Benediction**

The minister raises His hands and pronounces God's benediction over the congregation, sending them forth with assurance from on high. Stretch forth your hands and open wide your hearts to receive the abundant blessings that are yours in Christ Jesus!

### **Prayer**

Prayer is available after the service to any in need. The Elder on Call will be waiting by the communion table to pray with you.

### **Prayer Chain**

Kathryn Lyon  
**KRL40502@aol.com**

Janet Whitley  
**JJWhitley@twc.com**



## Hymn of Response *Rejoice the Lord Is King* #309

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore:

### **REFRAIN:**

**Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;  
When he had purged our stains, he took his seat above. **(REFRAIN)**

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n. **(REFRAIN)**

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,  
And bow to his command and fall beneath his feet. **(REFRAIN)**

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,  
And take his servants up to their eternal home. **(REFRAIN)**

## **Benediction**

MINISTER:  
Go love your God;

**PEOPLE:**  
**Go love your neighbor.**

## **Postlude**



### **Today's Musicians**

Stephen Lynerd, vocals & piano  
Leeann Raleigh, vocals  
Jane Ritter, organ

# Weekly Information

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**1/5 Attendance:** 651

**Deacons on Duty:**

Tanner Ball, Jordan Ellis,  
and Luke McAnally

**Elder on Call:**

Andy Hardin

**Giving Report:** For more info, visit [tcpc.org/give](http://tcpc.org/give)

November Actual Giving:	\$159,184	YTD Actual Giving (Oct-Nov):	\$327,193
November Giving Goal:	\$156,417	YTD Actual Expenses (Oct-Nov):	\$352,417
<b>Difference:</b>	<b>+\$3,434</b>	<b>Difference:</b>	<b>-\$25,224</b>

## Sunday School 10:20-11:05AM

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Parents must pick up children in grade 3 or younger by 11:05AM

### Children & Teens

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**Preschool** » Room 126

**5-Year-Olds** » Room 109/111

**Kindergarten** » Room 105/107

**1st Grade** » Room 119

**2nd Grade** » Room 121

**3rd Grade** » Room 123

**4th & 5th Grade GIRLS** » Room 124

**4th & 5th Grade BOYS** » Room 127

**6th Grade** » Room 125

### Adults

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**Combined Sunday School** » Sanctuary

Robert will be interviewing Stephen Lynerd, our new Director of Music. There will be no Youth Group Sunday School, because all youth are encouraged to attend!

## Calendar

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### Sunday, January 12

9:00 am, Worship of the Living God  
10:20 am, Combined Sunday School  
11:15 am, Worship of the Living God  
12:30 pm, Senior Ministry Luncheon  
2:00 pm, Lafayette Place Seniors Worship  
5:00 pm, Stephen Lynerd Group Concert

### Wednesday, January 15

6:30 am, Men's Bible Study  
9:00 am, Morning Women's Bible Study  
12:00 pm, Men's Bible Study  
6:20 pm, Adult Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 pm, Evening Women's Bible Study

### Sunday, January 19

9:00 am, Worship of the Living God  
10:20 am, Congregational Meeting  
11:15 am, Worship of the Living God  
12:30 pm, Senior Ministry Luncheon  
2:00 pm, Lafayette Place Seniors Worship

### Future Events

January 19, Congregational Meeting  
February 13-16, Good of the Bluegrass Conference

# Announcements

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## Combined Sunday School Today

There will be Combined Sunday School this Sunday in the Sanctuary. Robert will be interviewing Stephen Lynerd, our new Director of Music. There will be no Youth Group Sunday School as they are encouraged to attend!

## Congregational Meeting on January 19

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 19 during the Sunday School hour.

## Concert with the Stephen Lynerd Group Tonight

We are excited to officially announce Stephen Lynerd as our new Director of Music at TCPC! The Stephen Lynerd Group will be performing a concert in the Sanctuary today at 5:00PM with special guests Chelsea Steyn and LeeAnn Raleigh. The concert will be followed by a reception with cookies and coffee in the Fellowship Hall.

## Good of the Bluegrass Conference

The conference will take place February 13-16, 2020, and we are honored to be joined by this year's speaker, Dr. Dan Doriani, professor of theology and ethics at Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. Register today at [gbcon.org](http://gbcon.org).

## Nursery Volunteers

Interested in volunteering in the nursery? There is a need for coordinators to help run the desk, monthly classroom volunteers, and volunteers who can only commit to the months with five Sundays. Contact LeeAnn at [lraleigh@tcpca.org](mailto:lraleigh@tcpca.org).

## Mom's Day Out Teacher

If you enjoy childcare and would like to teach in our MDO program, please contact LeeAnn at [lraleigh@tcpca.org](mailto:lraleigh@tcpca.org). There is a need for a teacher and substitutes. The program is Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am-1pm.

## Markers for Children in Valladolid

We have a TCPC team going to Valladolid, Mexico January 25 - 31st. They will do VBS for about 225 kids in different villages. The kids love to receive magic markers as 2 of the villages are in a very poor area. Please place markers in the box at the church office during the next week and our kindergartners at TCA will take this on as a project to bag and prepare these for their trip.

## Women's Bible Study

Please join us for the second semester of Women's Bible Study!! We will be looking at the little known OT books of Habakkuk, Jeremiah, Daniel, Ezekiel, Malachi. If you haven't attended this year and would like to come, please feel free to join us in the Lower Level Classroom!

- Wed 9-11 am, childcare provided. Contact Julia Meador, [jamat10205@aol.com](mailto:jamat10205@aol.com), for questions.
- Wed 7-8:30p, no childcare. Contact Kay Sox, [kayrsox@gmail.com](mailto:kayrsox@gmail.com), for questions.

## 2020 Nicaragua Trip

Please consider joining our short term missions trip to Bayardo Arce, Nicaragua August 1-8, 2020. TCPC partners with Food for the Hungry in this community and we have been supporting their work there for the past 10 years. We did not take a trip for the last 2 years due to political unrest but are returning this year as things have stabilized. Appropriate for any age, families included. Join us for the first team meeting February 9 at TCPC to learn more after second service in the lower level boardroom. Contact Wayne Marlowe with any questions at [wam9754@gmail.com](mailto:wam9754@gmail.com).

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