



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.



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.



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.



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.

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 26, 2020 at 9:00 and 11:15AM

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Prelude

Call to Worship from Psalm 145

LEADER:

Let us worship the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob!

PEOPLE:

We will extol you, our God and King, and bless your name forever and ever!

LEADER:

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

PEOPLE:

One generation shall commend your praise to another, and shall declare your mighty acts!

Hymn of Rejoicing *Lift High the Cross* #263

REFRAIN:

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore his sacred name.**

Come, brethren, follow where our Savior trod,
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (**REFRAIN**)

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu’ring ranks combine. (**REFRAIN**)

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As thou hast promised, draw men unto thee. (**REFRAIN**)

Thy kingdom come, that earth’s despair may cease
Beneath the shadow of its healing peace. (**REFRAIN**)

For thy blest cross which doth for us atone,
Creation’s praises rise before thy throne. (**REFRAIN**)

Invocation

Welcome, Announcements, and Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading Psalm 27 (Pew Bible p. 460)

Read by KAL Littrell

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:

Lord Jesus, our suffering Servant, you tell us, "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake," but we find it hard to believe your promise. Instead of loving the world, we have feared the world. We are reluctant with the truth, because we know what the truth will cost us. Forgive us for shunning your cross in favor of our own comfort; for preferring silence over witness. This is not who you called us to be or who we want to be. Fill us with the boldness we desire, that we may honor you with our sacrifice. And by your mercy, Lord, receive now our individual confessions...

- Silent Prayers of Confession -

Repentance of God's People

MINISTER:

Do you repent of choosing comfort over the cross?

MINISTER:

Will you recommit to the cause of Christ no matter the cost?

**PEOPLE:
We do.**

**PEOPLE:
We will.**

Assurance of God's Pardon from Exodus 14

MINISTER:

The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.

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 *He Will Hold Me Fast* (by Matthew Merker)

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast; When the tempt-er
2. Those He saves are His de-light, Christ will hold me fast; Pre-cious in his
3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast; Just-ice has been

would pre-vail, He will hold me fast. I could nev-er keep my hold
ho-ly sight, He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be lost; His
sat-is-fied; He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to end-less life,

Through life's fear-ful path; For my love is oft-en cold; He must hold me
Prom-is-es shall last; Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me
He will hold me fast Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at

fast. He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
fast.
last!

For my Sa-rior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Confession of Faith from Westminster Shorter Catechism

LEADER:

Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

PEOPLE:

The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

LEADER:

What offices does Christ execute as our Redeemer?

PEOPLE:

The offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.

LEADER:

How does Christ execute the office of a prophet?

PEOPLE:

In revealing to us, by his Word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

LEADER:

How does Christ execute the office of a priest?

PEOPLE:

In his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice and reconcile us to God, and in making continual intercession for us.

LEADER:

How does Christ execute the office of a king?

PEOPLE:

In subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

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 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.

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.

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.

Offertory Prayer

Offertory *O Sing a New Song to the Lord* (by Michael Bedford)

O sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous, marvelous things, O sing a new song to the Lord, hallelujah, praise the Lord. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth, break forth into joyous song, and praise the name of the Lord. Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, and the sound of melody, with trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise unto our God!

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.

Scripture Reading Acts 6:8-15 (Pew Bible p. 914)

MINISTER: The Word of the Lord. PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Rev. Robert Cunningham, Senior Minister

“The Truth Hurts”

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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.

Profession of Faith

9:00 - Natalia, Walker, and Noelle Shuman

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.

Hymn of Response *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* #92

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he,
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,
And he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever.

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

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Janet Whitley
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Benediction

MINISTER:
Go love your God;

PEOPLE:
Go love your neighbor.

Postlude



Weekly Information

1/19 Attendance: 611

Sunday School: 266

Deacons on Duty:

James Veldhorst, Ralph Haddock,
and Kenneth Iverson

Elder on Call:

Wayne Marlowe

Giving Report: For more info, visit tcpca.org/give

December Actual Giving: \$433,865

December Giving Goal: \$399,398

Difference: +\$34,466

YTD Actual Giving (Oct-Dec): \$774,331

YTD Actual Expenses (Oct-Dec): \$764,281

Difference: +\$10,050

Sunday School 10:20-11:05AM

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

Children & Teens

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

7th - 12th Grade » Youth Room

Adults

Bridge & Vine Class » Lower Level Classroom

Studying the major doctrines of our faith.

Led by Will Witherington & Mark Randle

Veritas » Parlor

Studying the epistle to the Galatians,

Led by Ron Whitley

Calendar

Sunday, January 19

9:00 am, Worship of the Living God

10:20 am, Sunday School

11:10-11:35 am, Age 4-1st Grade Children's Choir,
(Fellowship Hall)

11:15 am, Worship of the Living God

2:00 pm, Lafayette Place Seniors Worship

Wednesday, January 22

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 26

9:00 am, Worship of the Living God

10:20 am, Sunday School

11:10-11:35 am, Age 4-1st Grade Children's Choir,
(Fellowship Hall)

11:15 am, Worship of the Living God

2:00 pm, Lafayette Place Seniors Worship

Future Events

February 3, Room In The Inn

February 13-16, Good of the Bluegrass Conference

Announcements

Good of the Bluegrass Conference

You're invited to register for the Good of the Bluegrass Conference! This year's conference, taking place from February 13-16, will feature Dr. Dan Doriani from Covenant Seminary as the main speaker. The theme is "With: God with Us and Us with God" and there will be talks, seminars, and conversations around the theme of what it means to truly live with God. The \$50 conference cost will also include an all-conference dinner on the 13th and a Valentine's Party at Origin Hotel on the 14th. Register today at gbcon.org.

Bridge and Vine Classes Combined

This semester, the Bridge and Vine classes will meet as a combined class in the lower level classroom starting on January 26. Will and Mark will rotate teaching the class. They will be teaching through some of the major doctrines of our faith like, Justification, Sanctification, Baptism, End Times and the Resurrection of the Body to name a few!

Year-End Giving Statements

If you gave to TCPC last year, your giving statements were mailed out last week. You can also access them via your TouchPoint profile.

Children's Choir Age 4-1st Grade

We would love to get your child started out early learning to sing and praise God in song! Children's Choir for age 4-1st grade will begin Sunday, January 26 from 11:10-11:35 in the Fellowship Hall. To join, simply bring your child to practice or you can e-mail Suzanne Dovel with questions or to get on the e-mail list: sdovel@tcpca.org.

Room in the Inn

We are looking for volunteers! TCPC will be hosting Room in the Inn on February 3 and March 2. Room in the Inn is an opportunity for us to serve the community by providing safe shelter, warm meals, and fellowship for men struggling with homelessness during the coldest months of the year. Sign up to volunteer at tcpca.org/riti.

Trinity Admissions Open House on February 20

If you're looking for an excellent Christian education for your student, then we invite you to come take a look at Trinity! Our next Open House is on February 20 at 7:00 PM. You'll have the chance to tour the school, meet our leadership, and talk to teachers. For more info, go to trinitylex.org/open.

Trinity Father Daughter Dance

Saturday, February 8, 6:30-9pm

Lower School Gym (TCPC Gym)

Tickets: \$10 per person before February 3; \$12 at door (maximum of \$40 per family)

Father Daughter photographs will be available to purchase. Forms available in the church office.

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.

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