



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.



The flowers for today's worship services are given by the pastors, officers, and staff to commemorate Ruth Binkowski's many years of faithful service to TCPC and in honor of her final week of working in the office.

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

February 23, 2020 at 9:00 and 11:15AM

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Prelude

Call to Worship from Isaiah 8

LEADER:

The Lord Almighty is the one you are to regard as holy, he is the one you are to fear, he is the one you are to dread. Come and worship the Holy One.

PEOPLE:

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.

LEADER:

Listen, all you distant lands, for God is with us, and he will be a sanctuary.

PEOPLE:

We will wait for the Lord, we will put our trust in him. Let us worship the Lord our God.

Hymn of Rejoicing *Crown Him with Many Crowns* #295

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heav’nly anthem drowns all music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow’r a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
Fair flow’rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me:
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

Invocation

Welcome, Announcements, and Pastoral Prayer

Baptism

9:00 - Elijah James, Jace Robert Eugene, and Margaret (Mila) Marie Ellis,
children of Josh and Lindsey Ellis

Declaration to Our Covenant Children from the Church of Scotland

UNISON:

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, Elijah, Jace, and Mila, though you do not know it yet.

RENEW Receive the grace of God

Scripture Reading Psalm 31 (Pew Bible p. 461)

Read by Tim Green (9:00) and Fuller Thompson (11:15)

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

From Prone to Wander: Prayers of Confession and Celebration

UNISON:

Heavenly Father, we confess our sinful response to the trials and discomforts of our lives. We have resented our neediness and have not turned to you as our defender and friend. Instead, we have directed our gaze to earthly things that falsely promise escape and comfort:

the approval of others;

the possessions that we have or want;

the allure of misused sexuality;

the distraction of work and entertainment;

the temptation to trust our abilities and sufficiency.

Thank you that Jesus looked perfectly to you in every trial of his life, trusting you completely in all things, even unto the condemnation that we deserve. Yet Christ's life and death on our behalf is the very comfort to which we are so unwilling to look. Forgive us, Father, for our rejection of this beautiful gospel story into which you have invited us.

- Silent Prayers of Confession -

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."

Repentance of God's People

MINISTER:

Do you turn from the vanity of your fears?

MINISTER:

Do you return to the surety of your God?

PEOPLE:

We do.

PEOPLE:

We do.

Assurance of God's Pardon from Luke 12

MINISTER:

Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Greeting of the Peace of Christ

Hymn of Renewal *Blessed Assurance* #693

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

REFRAIN:

**This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.**

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (**REFRAIN**)

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (**REFRAIN**)

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.

The image shows two systems of musical notation for the hymn 'Old Hundredth'. Each system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/4. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff. The first system covers the first two lines of the hymn, and the second system covers the last two lines. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

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 *Arise, My Soul, Arise* (text: Charles Wesley music: Dan Forrest)

Sarah Glenn, violin

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off thy guilty fears: the bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears: before the throne, my Surety stands. My name is written on His hands. Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on Calvary, they pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me: "Forgive him, O, forgive," they cry, "nor let that ransomed sinner die." My God is reconciled, His pardoning voice I hear. He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear; with confidence I now draw nigh, and "Father, Abba, Father," cry. Arise, my soul, arise! And "Father, Abba, Father," cry. Arise, my soul, arise.

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 7:54-60 (Pew Bible p. 916)

MINISTER:

The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE:

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Robert Cunningham, Senior Minister

"The Cost of 'With'"

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

11:15 - Madeline Ford

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 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* #521

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

REFRAIN:

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil. (**REFRAIN**)

His oath, his covenant, his blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. (**REFRAIN**)

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found;
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne. (**REFRAIN**)

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!

Benediction

MINISTER:
Go love your God;

PEOPLE:
Go love your neighbor.

Postlude

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
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Janet Whitley
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Today's Musicians

Deb Endean, piano
Allison Hamrin, trumpet
Rebecca Price, cello
Sarah Glenn, violin

Weekly Information

2/16 Attendance: 805

Sunday School: 266

Deacons on Duty:

Bobby Pepiot, Seth Ralston,
and Russ Smith

Elder on Call:

Casey Willis

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

January Actual Giving:

\$112,242

YTD Actual Giving (Oct-Jan):

\$884,076

January Giving Goal:

\$133,673

YTD Actual Expenses (Oct-Jan):

\$897,954

Difference:

-\$21,431

Difference:

-\$13,878

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 » Fellowship Hall

Studying the major doctrines of our faith.

Led by Will Witherington and Mark Randle

Veritas » Parlor

Studying the epistle to the Galatians,

Led by Mark Deicher and Ron Whitley

Calendar

Sunday, February 23

9:00 am, Worship of the Living God

10:20 am, Sunday School

11:10-11:35 am, Children's Choir for Age 4 - 1st Grade,
(Lower Level Classroom)

11:15 am, Worship of the Living God

2:00 pm, Lafayette Place Seniors Worship

Wednesday, February 26

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, March 1

9:00 am, Worship of the Living God

10:20 am, Sunday School

11:10-11:35 am, Children's Choir for Age 4 - 1st Grade,
(Lower Level Classroom)

11:15 am, Worship of the Living God

2:00 pm, Lafayette Place Seniors Worship

Future Events

July 6-10, Vacation Bible School

Announcements

Senior Ministry Luncheon on March 8

All ages are invited to our next luncheon sponsored by the Senior Ministry in the Fellowship Hall right after the second service on March 8. We'll have more opportunities to swap stories among the generations, as well as musical entertainment from Ellyn Washburne, plus exciting information about our upcoming Healthy Aging Symposium on May 9 from Jamie Gitzinger and the inauguration of our youth mentoring program from Mac Holt. We provide a delicious catered meal at no charge, but in order to be sure we have enough food we would appreciate your RSVP to Eileen Frisinger, bifrisinger@aol.com, by Wednesday, March 4.

Handbell Choir Opening

The handbell choir is looking for one regular ringer as well as substitutes for rehearsals for the spring semester beginning Thurs. Feb. 20. You do not need to have played bells before but an understanding of music rhythm reading is important. Please contact Suzanne Dovel at sdovel@tcpca.org if you can help out or for more information.

Nursery Volunteers Needed

Each week in the nursery, we have the opportunity to serve our children with the hope that they will become corporate worshippers who love Jesus for a lifetime. We need eight volunteers for each service and Sunday School time. If you are interested, please visit tcpca.org/nursery.

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