



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 at TCPC and in honor of her final day of working in the office (February 28).

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

March 1, 2020 at 9:00 and 11:15AM

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Prelude *God Made Us All* (Music by Anna Laura Page; Text by John Parker)
Children’s Choir; Ellery Brown, clarinet; Anna Ortiz, piano

Call to Worship from Psalm 28

LEADER:
Blessed be the Lord!

PEOPLE:
The Lord is our strength and our shield; in him our heart exults, and with our song we give thanks to him!

LEADER:
The Lord is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

PEOPLE:
Oh come and bless your heritage!

Hymn of Rejoicing *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* #457

Come, thou fount of ev’ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of God’s unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I’m come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand’ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand’ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander – Lord, I feel it – prone to leave the God I love;
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Invocation

Welcome, Announcements, and Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading Psalm 27 (Pew Bible p. 460)

Read by David Kent (9:00) and Cameron Pittman (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 -

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

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 *Before the Throne* (Bancroft/Cook)

1. Be fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a strong, a per - fect plea, a great High
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair, and tells me of the guilt with - in, up - ward I
3. Be hold Him there! the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect, spot - less right - eous - ness; the great un -

Priest whose name is Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is grav - en on His
look and see Him there who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior
change - a - ble I AM, the King of glo - ry and of grace. One with Him - self I can - not

hands, my name is writ - ten in His heart, I know that, while in heav'n He
died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed free. For God the Just is sat - is -
die, my soul is pur - chased with His blood; My life is hid with Christ on

stands no tongue can bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
fied to look on Him and par - don me, to look on Him and par - don me.
high, with Christ my Sav - ior and my God, with Christ my Sav - ior and my God.

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RESPOND Embrace the call of God

Confession of Faith The Apostles Creed

UNISON:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried: he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic[†] Church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

† Worldwide communion of faith, past, present, and future.

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

Musical score for the Doxology 'Old Hundredth'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/4. The lyrics are: "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 *I Am His, and He Is Mine* (arr. Vicki Wright)

Loved with everlasting love, led by grace that love to know. Gracious Spirit from above, thou hast taught me it is so. O this full and perfect peace! O this transport all divine! In a love which cannot cease, I am His and He is mine. In a love which cannot cease, I am His, and He is mine. Heaven above is softer blue, earth around is sweeter green. Something lives in every hue Christless eyes have never seen. Birds with gladder songs o'erflow, flow'rs with deeper beauties shine, since I know, as now I know, I am His, and He is mine. Since I know, as now I know, I am His and He is mine. His forever, only His. Who the Lord and me shall part? Ah, with what a rest of bliss Christ can fill the loving heart! Heav'n and earth may fade and flee, firstborn light in gloom decline: but while God and I shall be, I am His and He is mine. But while God and I shall be, I am His, and He is mine.

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.

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.

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 *The Lord's Prayer* (Malotte)

Henry Lackey, tenor

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 *It Is Well with My Soul* #691

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
“It is well, it is well with my soul.”

REFRAIN:

**It is well with my soul;
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed his own blood for my soul. (**REFRAIN**)

My sin - O the bliss of this glorious thought! -
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (**REFRAIN**)

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
“Even so” - it is well with my soul. (**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!

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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Benediction

MINISTER:
Go love your God;

PEOPLE:
Go love your neighbor.

Postlude



Today’s Musicians

Jane Ritter, organ
Deb Endean, piano

Weekly Information

2/23 Attendance: 588

Sunday School: 184

Deacons on Duty:

Justin Provost, John Stewart,
and James Veldhorst

Elder on Call:

Chuck Sox

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

January Actual Giving: \$112,242

January Giving Goal: \$133,673

Difference: -\$21,431

YTD Actual Giving (Oct-Jan): \$884,076

YTD Actual Expenses (Oct-Jan): \$897,954

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, March 1

9:00 am, Worship of the Living God

10:20 am, Sunday School

11:15 am, Worship of the Living God

2:00 pm, Lafayette Place Seniors Worship

Wednesday, March 4

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 8

9:00 am, Worship of the Living God

10:20 am, Sunday School

11:15 am, Worship of the Living God

2:00 pm, Lafayette Place Seniors Worship

Future Events

April 5, Palm Sunday

April 9, Maundy Thursday

April 10, Good Friday

April 12, Easter Sunday

April 24-25, Foundations Weekend

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.

New Coordinator for Children's Sunday School

Please join us in welcoming our new Children's Sunday School Coordinator, Crystal Smith! If you would like more information about Children's Sunday School, contact Crystal at russandcrystal08@gmail.com.

New Director for Mom's Day Out

Please join us in welcoming our new Mom's Day Out Director, Malisa Anderson! If you would like more information about Mom's Day Out, contact Malisa at mdo@tcpca.org.

Volunteer Opportunities

Help Needed for Ministry at The Lafayette

For several years volunteers from TCPC have been conducting a short worship service for the independent residents at The Lafayette every Sunday afternoon at 2:00. We are currently in need of a new coordinator for this outreach - male or female, any age. This is a light administrative-type job, lining up speakers for each week and sending email reminders to them, and does not require attendance at the services. However, we are also looking for people who would like to go to the services, either regularly or occasionally, and visit with one or some of the residents after the service. For more information, please contact Preston and/or Jody Hicks, epnjphicks@twc.com.

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.

Room In The Inn Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers! TCPC will be hosting Room in the Inn on 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 by going to tcpca.org/riti

Scripture Readers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to read scripture on Sunday morning. If you are interested, please contact Brooke at bdaugherty@tcpca.org

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