



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.

Order of Worship

March 8, 2020 at 9:00 and 11:15AM

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Prelude *Wondrous Love* (arr. John Purifoy)

Ben Siff, trumpet; Deb Endean, piano

Call to Worship from Romans 11

LEADER:

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God;

PEOPLE:

How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

LEADER:

For who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been his counselor?

PEOPLE:

Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?

LEADER:

For from him and through him and to him are all things.

PEOPLE:

To him be glory forever!

Hymn of Rejoicing *Be Thou My Vision* #642

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art -
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
Thou my soul’s shelter, thou my high tow’r;
Raise thou me heav’n-ward, O Pow’r of my pow’r.

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Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Invocation

Welcome, Announcements, and Pastoral Prayer

Baptism

9:00 - Finnely Anderson, son of Wesley & Malisa Anderson

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, Finnely, though you do not know it yet.

RENEW

 Receive the grace of God

Scripture Reading

 Deuteronomy 20:1-4 (Pew Bible p. 162)

Cortney Lee (9:00) and Allison Buskey (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.

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.

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."

Confession of God's People

UNISON:

Heavenly Father, your promises are endless, but we find it so hard to believe and 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:

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 John 16

MINISTER:

In this world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.

Greeting of the Peace of Christ

Hymn of Renewal *The Power of the Cross* **Music on Page 9**

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 *How Deep the Father's Love for Us* (Townend arr. Harlan)

Rebecca Price, cello

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure, that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure. How great the pain of searing loss: the Father turns his face away, as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory. Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders; ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished; His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished. I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom; but I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection. Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer; but this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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 8:1-8 (Pew Bible p. 916)

MINISTER:

The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE:

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Robert Cunningham, Senior Minister

“The Power of Persecution”

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

Ben Siff, trumpet; Deb Endean, piano

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.

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 *O Church Arise* (Getty)



1. O church a - rise and put your ar - mor on. Hear the call of Christ our Cap -
2. Our call to war to love the cap - tive soul but to rage a - gainst the cap -
3. Come see the cross where love and mer - cy meet as the Son of God is strick -
4. So Spir - it come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give_ grace for ev - 'ry hur -



tain. For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has giv -
tor. And with the sword that makes the wound - ed whole we will fight with faith and val -
en. Then see His foes lie crushed be - neath His feet for the Con - quer - or has ri -
dle that we may run the race to win the prize of a ser - vant good and faith -



en. With shield of faith and belt of truth we'll stand a - gainst the dev - il's lies. An ar - my
or. When faced with trials on ev - 'ry side we know the out - come is se - cure and Christ will
sen! And as the stone is rolled a - way and Christ e - merg - es from the grave, this vic - 'try
ful. As saints of old still line the way re - tell - ing tri - umphs of His grace, we hear their



bold whose bat - tle cry is love_ reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.
have the prize for which He died_ an in - her - i - tance of na - tions.
march con - tin - ues till the day_ ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see Him.
calls and hun - ger for the day_ when with Christ we stand in glo - ry.

Benediction

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MINISTER:
Go love your God;

PEOPLE:
Go love your neighbor.

Postlude



Today's Musicians

Esther Ratajeski, violin
Rebecca Price, cello
Ben Siff, trumpet
Deb Endean, piano

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!

The Power of the Cross

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1. Oh to see the dawn of the dark - est day: Christ on the road to
2. Oh to see the pain writ - ten on your face, bear - ing the awe - some
3. Now the day - light flees, now the ground be - neath quakes as its mak - er
4. Oh to see my name writ - ten in the wounds, for through your suff - 'ring



Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men, torn and beat - en, then
weight of sin. Ev - ery bit - ter thought, ev - ery e - vil deed
bows his head. Cur - tain torn in two, dead are raised to life.
I am free. Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live



nailed to a cross of wood. This the power of the cross
crown - ing your blood - stained brow.
"Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry.
won through your self - less love!



— Christ be - came — sin for us. — Took the blame, —



— bore the wrath we stand for - giv - en at the cross.

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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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Weekly Information

3/1 Attendance: 707

Sunday School: 208

Deacons on Duty:

Matt McEwen, Andrei Shliakhau,
and James Veldhorst

Elder on Call:

Charlie Kennedy

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 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

Wednesday, March 11

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 15

9:00 am, Worship of the Living God

10:20 am, Sunday School

11:10-11:25, Children's Choir Age 4-6th grade

Lower Level Classroom

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 Today After 11:15 Service

If you were unable to RSVP for the luncheon, you are still encouraged to come - we've ordered plenty of food! It will be in the Fellowship Hall right after the second service, it's for all ages, and it's free! 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 Ageing Symposium on May 9 from Jamie Gitzinger and the inauguration of our youth mentoring program from Mac Holt.

Combined Children's Choir Opportunity

Children age 4-6th grade will be singing a combined Easter-themed piece on April 26 in worship and we want your children to come be a part of it! Rehearsals will begin Sun. March 15 11:10-11:25 (subsequent weeks 11:10-11:35) in the lower level classroom. You can email Suzanne Dovel with any questions at sdovel@tcpca.org.

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 childsundayschool@tcpca.org.

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 mado@tcpca.org.

Volunteer Opportunities

Help Needed for Ministry at The Lafayette

We are grateful to announce that Rachel Sebourn has stepped forward and accepted the responsibility of coordinating TCPC's weekly ministry at The Lafayette. However, we still need musicians who can accompany the hymn-singing about once a month, or more or less depending on your availability. We also need "hospitality" volunteers who can attend the services fairly often to befriend the residents and visit with them after the service. For more information or to offer your help, please contact Rachel at countess_de_chagny@hotmail.com or Preston & Jody Hicks at 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.

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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