



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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Preparing Our Hearts for Worship...

“In the cross of Christ, as in a splendid theatre, the incomparable goodness of God is set before the whole world. The glory of God shines, indeed, in all creatures on high and below, but never more brightly than in the cross.”

- John Calvin

COVER ARTWORK

Conversion on the Way to Damascus by Caravaggio

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

September 13, 2020 at 9:00AM, 11:00AM, and 1:00PM

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Prelude

Call to Worship

LEADER: Where there is distress and tears are the deepest expression of sorrow –

PEOPLE: God, bring your comforting presence.

LEADER: Where there is pain and anguish that cries out for healing –

PEOPLE: God, bring your comforting presence.

LEADER: Where weakness and infirmity drain life away –

PEOPLE: God, bring your comforting presence.

LEADER: Where there is contempt, hatred and prejudice –

PEOPLE: God, bring your comforting presence.

UNISON: Faithful God, all lives are in Your hands. Be with all who are living through troubled times. Help them to know that they can put their trust in You. Show us how we can help bring Your comforting presence into a needy world.

Hymn of Rejoicing *Sing Praise To God Who Reigns Above*

Music: Bohemian Brethren’s Kirchengesange, Berlin, 1566; Harm. Heinrich Reimann, 1895;

Words: Johann J. Schutz, 1675; tr. Francex Cox, 1864 ©Public Domain

Sing praise to God who reigns above the God of all creation
The God of power the God of love the God of our salvation
My soul with comfort rich He fills and ev’ry grief He gently stills
To God all praise and glory!

What God’s almighty power has made in mercy He is keeping
By morning glow or ev’ning shade His eye is never sleeping
And where He rules in kingly might there all is just and all is right
To God all praise and glory!

We sought the Lord in our distress O God in mercy hear us
Our Savior saw our helplessness and came with peace to cheer us
For this we thank and praise the Lord who is by one and all adored
To God all praise and glory!

Let all who name Christ’s holy name give God the praise and glory
Let all who know His power proclaim aloud the wondrous story
Cast ev’ry idol from its throne the Lord is God, and He alone
To God all praise and glory!

Welcome & Announcements

Membership Vows

9:00 - Travis & Emily Stephens

Baptism

9:00 - Jack Curtis Timothy Stephens, son of Travis & Emily

11:00 - Caleb Owen, son of Josh & Jenny Owen

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, Jack/Caleb, though you do not know it yet.

RENEW Receive the grace of God

Scripture Reading Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above Him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of His glory!”

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”

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All men are like grass, their glory like flowers of the field. The grass withers and the flowers fall, **but the Word of the Lord stands forever.**

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.

Confession of God's People

UNISON: Most Holy God, we humbly confess that we have profaned your holiness.

MINISTER: The Law of the Lord is perfect...

PEOPLE: We have transgressed your Law.

MINISTER: The ways of the Lord are unfailing...

PEOPLE: We have followed our own ways.

MINISTER: The fear of the Lord is wisdom...

PEOPLE: We have feared the opinion of others.

MINISTER: The salvation of the Lord is unfailing...

PEOPLE: We have trusted in our own righteousness.

UNISON: Forgive our failures, cover our shame, and restore in us a holy devotion to the God we love.

- Silent Prayers of Confession -

Repentance of God's People

MINISTER: Has your sin failed you?

PEOPLE: Always.

MINISTER: Has your God failed you?

PEOPLE: Never.

MINISTER: Will you turn from sin and return to God?

PEOPLE: By grace, we will.

Assurance of God's Pardon 1 Timothy 1

MINISTER: The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the worst.

Hymn of Renewal *His Mercy Is More* (Music on Page 10)

Matt Boswell | Matt Papa

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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

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Solo *Show Us Christ*

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Prepare our hearts O God help us to receive
Break the hard and stony ground help our unbelief
Plant Your Word down deep in us cause it to bear fruit
Open up our ears to hear lead us in Your truth

Show us Christ show us Christ
O God reveal Your glory through the preaching of Your Word
Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord

Your Word is living light upon our darkened eyes
Guards us through temptations makes the simple wise
Your Word is food for famished ones freedom for the slave
Riches for the needy soul come speak to us today

Confession of Faith

We confess together the convicting 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.

Scripture Reading Acts 9:1-19a

1But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest **2**and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. **3**Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. **4**And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” **5**And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. **6**But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” **7**The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. **8**Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. **9**And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

10Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.” **11**And the Lord said to him, “Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, **12**and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” **13**But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to Your saints at Jerusalem. **14**And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name.” **15**But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. **16**For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” **17**So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” **18**And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; **19**and taking food, he was strengthened.

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LEADER:

The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE:

Thanks be to God.

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.

Sermon Rev. Robert Cunningham, Senior Minister

“From Enemy to Missionary”

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

PLEASE NOTE:

Communion elements were passed out as you entered the Sanctuary. If you did not receive elements, please raise your hand and they will be brought to you. A gluten-free option is available as well.

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

Hymn of Response *My Heart Is Filled* (Music on Page 11)

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Benediction

MINISTER:
Go love your God;

PEOPLE:
Go love your neighbor.

Postlude



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

August Giving:	\$209,571	YTD Giving (Oct-Aug):	\$2,067,860
August Goal:	\$167,188	YTD Expenses (Oct-Aug):	\$2,209,885
Difference:	+\$42,382	Difference:	-\$142,025

Thank you for the encouraging response to Robert's letter in the month of August. Our budget for September is \$283,755.

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!

Announcements

“One Step” Race Application

As we seek the glory of Christ and the good of the Bluegrass, we believe God is calling us to take seriously the issue of racial justice in our community. In light of this, we have created applications that we'd like everyone to consider: one step for your head, heart, and hands. Visit tcpca.org/onestep to learn more.

Sunday School Pods Start September 20

On September 20, we will start a new way of doing Sunday School that we're calling "Sunday School Pods." These will be inter-generational educational opportunities for everyone in our church. These small groups will meet each Sunday from 10:10-10:50, and the theme for this Fall is "Stories from Genesis." 5th Graders and younger may attend a Children's Sunday School class for their age if the parent chooses (more info about these classes coming soon), but please know that they are welcome in these Pods, which are being designed for all ages. Sign up today at tcpca.org/pods or email Mark Randle with any questions at mrandle@tcpca.org.

VERITAS Sunday School Class

The VERITAS Adult Sunday School class will return to a study of the Epistle to the Galatians, Chapters 3-6, beginning this Sunday, September 13th. Our teacher will be Ron Whitley. You are welcome to join us in the Parlor, or virtually via Zoom. Kindly e-mail Harry Standinger (hstandin@hotmail.com) if you plan to attend in-person, or to receive a link to the virtual meeting.

Foundations Weekend - October 16-17

Registration is now open for our next membership class on October 16-17. The sessions will be Friday night and Saturday morning, and breakfast and dinner are provided. We invite anyone who is interested in pursuing membership and learning more about our church history and theology. To sign up, please go to tcpca.org/foundations. Please email Nate Jones with any questions at njones@tcpca.org

Parish Groups Starting in September

Parish Groups will be resuming in September! In light of the complexity of in-person gathering due to Covid 19, we aim to keep Parish Groups as simple as possible for the new year. Therefore, you will not need to sign up for a group this fall, but the groups from last year will remain in place. You will be hearing from your Parish Group leader in the coming weeks! If you are new to Parish Groups, or if you would like to be reassigned to a new group, email Mark Randle (mrandle@tcpca.org) and he will get you in a group.

Men's Bible Study

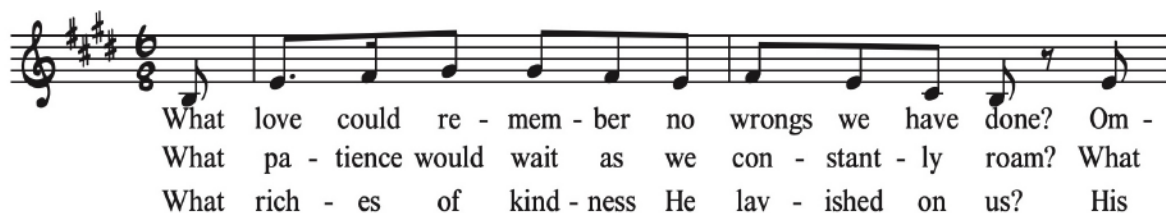
The Wednesday Noon Men's Bible Study will started today and will continue to meet both in-person (in the Lower Level Boardroom) and simultaneously online (using Zoom). We will resume our study of Ephesian with chapter 5. Paul explains to the Ephesians (and each of us today!) how we are to live as Christ's disciples. We have a good time of fellowship and prayer for one another. Men of all ages are welcome. Come join us! If you have any questions or need additional information, please email Harry Standinger at hstandin@hotmail.com

Company of Men

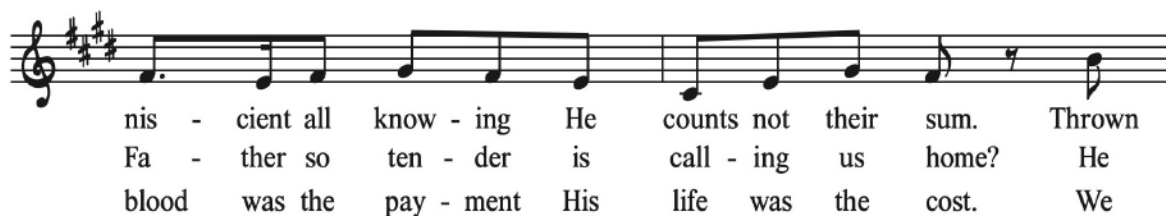
Company of Men resumed last week on Thursdays at 7:00 am. We will be meeting at TPCP in the lower level this fall. Company of Men is a wonderful way for men to enjoy fellowship, study the Bible and pray for one another (we also discuss various other topics!). If you have any questions, please email Mark Randle at mrandle@tcpca.org.

Mother's Day Out Openings

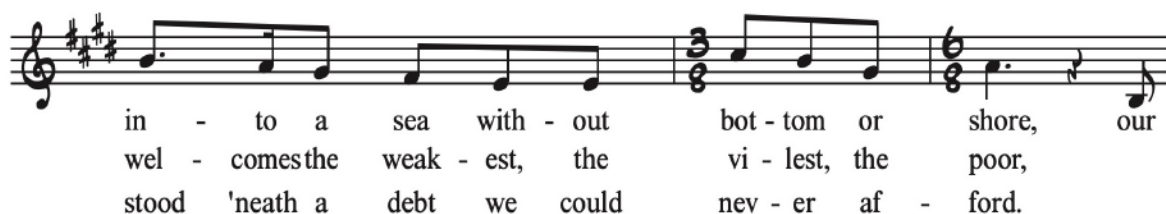
Our Mother's Day Out program is up and running, and we are so excited to serve 1-4 year olds this year! We still have two spots left in our 3/4 year old classroom. Contact Malisa Anderson at 706-877-2114 or mdo@tcpca.org if you are interested!



What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om -
What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What
What rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us? His



nis - cient all know - ing He counts not their sum. Thrown
Fa - ther so ten - der is call - ing us home? He
blood was the pay - ment His life was the cost. We



in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore, our
wel - comes the weak - est, the vi - lest, the poor,
stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford.



sins they are man - y His mer - cy is more.



Praise the Lord His mer - cy is more.



Strong - er than dark - ness new ev - 'ry morn, Our



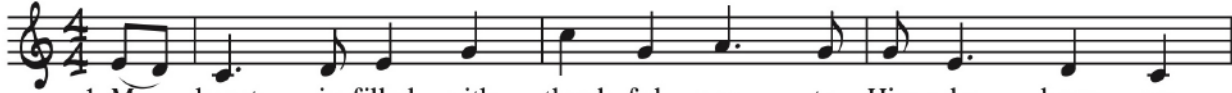
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My Heart Is Filled With Thankfulness

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1. My heart is filled with thank-ful - ness to Him who bore my
2. My heart is filled with thank-ful - ness to Him who walks be -
3. My heart is filled with thank-ful - ness to Him who reigns a -



4 pain; Who_ plumbd the depths of my dis - grace and gave me life a -
side; Who_ floods my weak - ness - es with strength and caus - es fears to
bove; Whose wis - dom is my per - fect peace, whose ev - 'ry thought is



8 gain. Who_ crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness and clothed me in His
fly. Whose ev - 'ry pro - mise is e - nough for ev - 'ry step I
love. For_ ev - 'ry day I have on earth is giv - en by the



12 light and wrote His law of right-cous-ness with pow'r u - pon my heart.
take; sus - tain - ing me with arms of love and crown-ing me with grace.
King. So I will give my life, my all, to love and fol - low Him.

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