

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, we would love to meet you and help you get connected. Please visit **tcpca.org/visitor** or scan the QR code to the left with your smartphone camera.

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship...

"We fear circumstances so much because we fear God so little."

- Lecrae

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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

call.

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

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 convic-

tion is beautiful to our God.

Order of Worship

September 27, 2020 at 9:00AM, 11:00AM, and 1:00PM

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Prelude

Call to Worship

LEADER: Our glorious Triune God, You alone have the words of eternal life. You alone are worthy to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing! You alone are worthy of praise!

PEOPLE: Let us exalt God's name together!

Hymn of Rejoicing Praise To The Lord, The Almighty

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Praise to the Lord the Almighty the King of creation O my soul praise Him for He is thy health and salvation All ye who hear now to His temple draw near Praise Him in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord Who over all things so wondrously reigneth Shelters thee under His wings yet so gently sustaineth Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been Granted in what He ordaineth

Praise to the Lord Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee Ponder anew what the Almighty can do If with His love He befriend thee

Praise to the Lord O let all that is in me adore Him All that hath life and breath come now with praises before Him Let the amen sound from His people again Gladly for all we adore Him

Welcome & Announcements

RENEW Receive the grace of God

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

Scripture Reading Psalm 133

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron,

running down on the collar of his robes! It is like the dew of Hermon. which falls on the mountains of Zion!

For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

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

UNISON: Our loving God, we confess that we have failed to love as You

have loved us.

You are merciful, but we are bitter. You are patient, but we are demanding. You are gentle, but we are harsh.

You are compassionate, but we are slanderous.

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 togeth-

er. We do this corporately through

a unison litany or prayer and in-

dividually through a moment of

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 alwavs 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 al-

ready ours in Christ Jesus.

silence for private confession.

You are forgiving, but we are vindictive. Oh Father, Your people have made a mockery of Your love. Our churches are divided, our families are angry, our friendships are shallow, and our

neighbors are neglected. This is not what You call us to be, and this is not what we want to be. Overwhelm us again with Your love that it might melt our cold hearts and transform our harmful habits. You are love. Teach us to

love. - Silent Prayers of Confession -

Repentance of God's People

LEADER: Do you repent of your failure to love?

PEOPLE: We do LEADER: Do you recommit to love as you have been loved?

PEOPLE: We do

Assurance of God's Pardon 1 John 3

MINISTER: See what kind of love the Father has given to us that we should be

called children of God; and so we are. 4

Hymn of Renewal We Will Glorify

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We will glorify the King of kings we will glorify the Lamb

We will glorify the Lord of lords who is the great I Am

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty we will bow before His throne We will worship Him in righteousness we will worship Him alone

He is Lord of heaven Lord of earth He is Lord of all who live He is Lord above the universe all praise to Him we give

Hallelujah to the King of kings hallelujah to the Lamb Hallelujah to the Lord of lords who is the great I AM

RESPOND Embrace the call of God

Confession of Faith from Westminster 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

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restraining and conquering all His and our enemies.

Offertory Prayer

Song of Preparation *Make Us One* (Music on Page 10)

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The offering is received, not merely

Offering

Confession of Faith

We confess together the convictional truths of orthodoxy by recit-

ing 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 procla-

mation to the watching world of

what we believe is true.

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 9:23-31 23 When many days had passed, the Jews plotted to kill him, 24 but their plot became known to Saul. They were watching the gates day and night in order to kill him, 25but his disciples took him by night and let him down through an opening in the wall, lowering him in a basket. 26 And when he had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples. And they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple. 27 But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles and declared to them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who spoke to him. and how at Damascus he had preached boldly in the name of Jesus. 28So he went in and out among them at Jerusalem, preaching boldly in the name of the Lord. 29 And he spoke and disputed against the Hellenists. But they were seeking to kill him. 30 And when the brothers learned this, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus. 31So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied. LEADER: **PEOPLE:**

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon	Rev.	Robert	Cunningham,	Senior	Minister

•	"The Beauty of Community"					

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.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Communion

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.

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 glutenfree 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 Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation

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Christ is made the sure foundation Christ the head and cornerstone Chosen of the Lord and precious binding all the Church in one Holy Zion's help for ever and her confidence alone

All that dedicated city dearly loved of God on high In exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody God the One in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally

To this temple where we call Thee come O Lord of hosts today With Thy wonted loving kindness hear Thy people as they pray And Thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway

Here vouchsafe to all Thy servants what they ask of Thee to gain What they gain from Thee forever with the blessed to retain And hereafter in Thy glory evermore with Thee to reign

Laud and honor to the Father laud and honor to the Son Laud and honour to the Spirit ever Three and ever One One in might and One in glory while unending ages run

Benediction

MINISTER: PEOPLE:

Go love your God; 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.

Benediction

The minister raises His hands and pronounces God's benediction over the congregation, sending them

in Christ Jesus!

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

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.

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

Men's Bible Study

The Wednesday Noon Men's Bible Study started last week and will continue to meet both in-person (in the Lower Level Boardroom) and simultaneously online (using Zoom). We will resume our study of Ephesians 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 TCPC 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.

Job Openings at Trinity Christian Academy

Trinity is currently hiring for the following positions:

- Upper School Aide (seasonal)

For more information, contact Melissa Feaster at mfeaster@trinitylex.org.

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