

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...

"God, hold us to that which drew us first, when the Cross was the attraction, and we wanted nothing else."

- Amy Carmichael

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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

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

November 22, 2020 at 9:00AM and 11:00AM

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Prelude

Call to Worship (from Psalm 9:1-2)

UNISON:

- I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;
- I will recount all of Your wonderful deeds.
- I will be glad and exult in You;
 - I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

Hymn of Rejoicing Come Thou Almighty King

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Come Thou Almighty King Help us Thy name to sing Help us to praise Father all glorious o'er all victorious Come and reign over us Ancient of Days

Come Thou Incarnate Word Gird on Thy mighty sword Our prayer attend Come and Thy people bless and give Thy Word success Spirit of holiness on us descend

Come Holy Comforter Thy sacred witness bear In this glad hour Thou who almighty art now rule in ev'ry heart And ne'er from us depart Spirit of pow'r

To Thee great One in Three Eternal praises be Hence evermore Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see And to eternity love and adore

Welcome & Announcements

Profession of Faith

9:00 - Becky Powell

Baptism

11:00 - Patrick McAnally, son of Luke & Alexis McAnally

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, Patrick, though you do not know it yet.

RENEW Receive the grace of God

Scripture Reading Genesis 15:1-5

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will You give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "Behold, You have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." And He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then He said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

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 Father, we confess that we have failed to be a loving people. 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.

You are reconciling, but we are divisive.

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.

to love. - 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.

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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.

Repentance of God's People

LEADER: Does God love you?

PEOPLE: He does.

LEADER: Will you recommit yourself to love as you have been loved? **PEOPLE: We will.**

Assurance of God's Pardon from Romans 8

LEADER: I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hymn of Renewal Abide With Me

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Abide with me fast falls the eventide The darkness deepens Lord with me abide When other helpers fail and comforts flee Help of the helpless O abide with me

I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r Who like Thyself my Guide and Stay can be Through cloud and sunshine O abide with me

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness Where is death's sting where grave thy victory I triumph still if Thou abide with me

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies Heav'n's morning breaks And earth's vain shadows flee In life in death O Lord abide with me

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 restraining and conquering all His and our enemies.

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Hymn of Preparation Come Now Remember (Sheet music on Page 10)

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Come, now remember our story; how we were blinded by grace, Stopped on the road of rebellion; won by the sound of His voice. May we remember our bondage, once with no hope to be free. Death was the wage we were earning, slaves, 'til He parted the sea.

Come, now remember God's mercy; how we had nothing to give. Yet Jesus gave us His garments; clothed us and caused us to live. Then let us put away boasting. Christ's blood must scatter our pride. Once we were not the Lord's people; now He has made us His bride.

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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.

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Come, now remember God's power; how Jesus rose from the grave! Come, hear the sound of His gospel; God's pow'r to those being saved. And though we share in His suffering, may we be never ashamed. His strength made perfect in weakness; our refuge found in His name.

Come, now remember God's promise; how we shall enter His rest, How we are sealed with His Spirit, called, chosen, righteous, and blessed. No condemnation in Jesus! No one can pluck from God's hand. One day to see and be like Him, on this assurance we stand.

Come, now remember our calling: Striving together as one, Humble and loving our neighbor, holy, as daughters and sons. Love shows that we are disciples. Now let us go and make more. Christ be the glory of nations. Christ be forever adored!

Scripture Reading Acts 10:44-48

44While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. **45**And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. **46**For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, **47**"Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" **48**And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

LEADER: The Word of the Lord. **PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Rev. Robert Cunningham, Senior Minister

"Lord of One Nation"

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

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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. 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 The Church's One Foundation

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The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord She is His new creation by water and the Word From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride With His own blood He bought her and for her life He died

Elect from every nation yet one o'er all the earth Her charter of salvation one Lord one faith one birth One holy name she blesses partakes one holy food And to one hope she presses with every grace endued

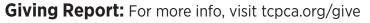
'Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war She waits the consummation of peace forevermore Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won O happy ones and holy Lord give us grace that we Like them the meek and lowly On high may dwell with Thee

Benediction

MINISTER: Go love your God;

PEOPLE: Go love your neighbor.



October Giving:	
October Goal:	
Difference:	

\$158,111 \$203,500 **-\$45,389** *This is the first month of the new fiscal year.

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!

Prayer Chain

If you would like to share prayer requests with our church prayer chain, we would love to pray for you. Please feel free to send an email to:

Kathryn Lyon KRL40502@aol.com

Janet Whitley janetjwhitley@gmail.com

Announcements

Additional COVID Measures for Worship

The session has decided to implement stricter measures in corporate worship to slow the spread of COVID. Our attendance capacity will be limited to 150 per service. Including overflow rooms, this number is roughly 10% of our total space capacity, providing more than enough room to spread out attendance beyond the recommended social distance. Additionally, we are requiring masks to be worn throughout the entirety of the service and are not permitting congregating in the parking lot before or after. These restrictions will be in place through the December 13 worship service, and may continue past December 13 if health experts believe it is prudent.

Volunteers Needed for Worship AV

As our need for different means of worship has grown, so too has our need for volunteers grown to help make these live-streams happen. We would love for anyone who is interested in serving the church to email Stephen Lynerd about joining our AV Volunteer rotation. No experience needed! We are happy to train anyone who is eager to learn. You can email Stephen at slynerd@tcpca.org.

Communion At Home

With the challenge of in-person attendance at Sunday worship service comes the inability to offer communion to those who are unable to attend. If you are unable to attend, because of risk factors related to Covid, our pastoral staff are happy to visit you at your home and offer the elements during the week at a time that is convenient for you. Please email Mark Randle (mrandle@tcpca.org) or call the office (859-272-4399) if you would like to receive communion at your home.

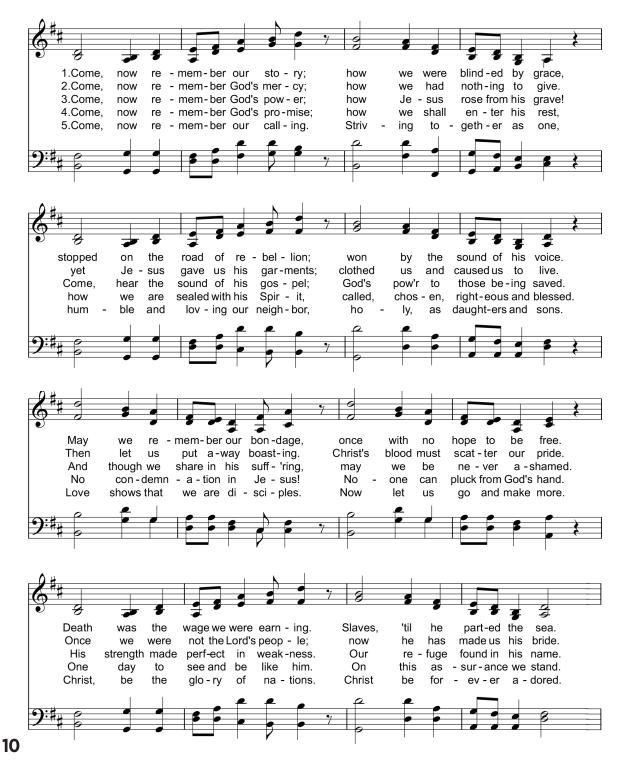
Trinity Job Openings for Substitute Teachers

Trinity Christian Academy is looking for substitute teachers! Applicants can contact Melissa Feaster for more information (mfeaster@trinitylex.org).

Come Now Remember

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