

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...

No sin is so great that the satisfaction of Christ and His mercies aren't greater.
His mercies are beyond comparison.

- Richard Sibbes

COVER ARTWORK

Dawn on a Scottish Moorland, George Harvey, 1866

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

January 3, 2021 at 9:00AM and 11:00AM

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Prelude

Call to Worship

LEADER: We will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in our mouth. Our souls make their boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

PEOPLE: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!

LEADER: The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him, and delivers them. Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

PEOPLE: Fear the LORD, you His saints.

LEADER: For those who fear Him have no lack! The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

Hymn of Rejoicing *Crown Him With Many Crowns*

George Job Elvey | Godfrey Thring | Matthew Bridges ©Public Domain

Crown Him with many crowns
The Lamb upon His throne
Hark how the heav’nly anthem drowns
All music but its own
Awake my soul and sing
Of Him who died for thee
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Thro’ all eternity

Crown Him the Lord of love
Behold His hands and side
Rich wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified
All hail Redeemer hail
For Thou hast died for me
Thy praise and glory shall not fail
Thro’out eternity

(continue on next page)

Crown Him the Lord of life
Who triumphed o'er the grave
Who rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save
His glories now we sing
Who died and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n
One with the Father known
One with the Spirit thro' Him giv'n
From yonder glorious throne
To Thee be endless praise
For Thou for us hast died
Be Thou O Lord thro' endless days
Adored and magnified

Welcome & Announcements

Membership Vows

9:00 AM - Michael & Taylor Elder

RENEW Receive the grace of God

Scripture Reading Isaiah 55:1-7

“Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

(continue on next page)

Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,
for He has glorified you.

“Seek the LORD while He may be found;
call upon Him while He is near;
let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that He may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

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.

Confession of God’s People

UNISON: Father of all mercies,

Although you have all authority, we have tried to control our lives.

Although your heart gives, our hearts are often closed.

Although your heart is gentle, our hearts are often hard.

Although your heart is lowly, our hearts are often proud.

Although your heart invites us to come, our hearts often move farther away.

Oh Father, we are foolishly wise in our own eyes. We have exchanged your light burden, for the world’s heavy one. Help us see that we have burdens too big to carry. Help us to become like a child, to come and find our rest in you.

- Silent Prayers of 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.

Repentance of God’s People

LEADER: Are you burdened with sin and suffering?

PEOPLE: We are

LEADER: Is Christ able to take your burdens?

PEOPLE: He is

LEADER: Is Christ willing to take your burdens?

PEOPLE: He is

LEADER: Do you return to him now as rest for your soul?

PEOPLE: We do

Assurance of God's Pardon from Isaiah 30:15

LEADER: For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength."

Hymn of Renewal *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Thomas Obediah Chisholm | William Marion Runyan © Public Domain

Great is Thy faithfulness O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be

Great is Thy faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness

Morning by morning new mercies I see

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided

Great is Thy faithfulness Lord unto me

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness mercy and love

Great is Thy faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness

Morning by morning new mercies I see

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided

Great is Thy faithfulness Lord unto me

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside

Great is Thy faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness

Morning by morning new mercies I see

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided

Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness Lord unto me

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 Faith

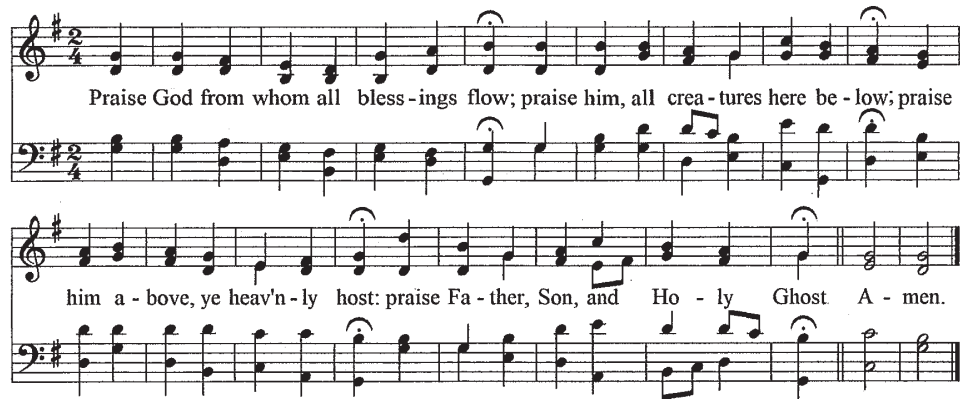
We confess together the convictional truths of orthodoxy by reciting the ancient creeds of our faith. We share these words with saints throughout the centuries as well as those throughout the world today. This also serves as a bold proclamation to the watching world of what we believe is true.

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.

Doxology



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.

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.

Offertory Prayer

Hymn of Preparation *O Praise The Name (Anástasis)* (Music on Page 10)

Benjamin Hastings | Dean Usher | Marty Sampson

©2015 Hillsong Music Publishing Australia

Scripture Reading Matthew 11:25-30

25At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; **26**yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. **27**All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. **28**Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. **29**Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. **30**For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

Sermon Luke Rakestraw

“A New Year’s Invitation”

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

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 *Amazing Grace*

John Newton ©Public Domain

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers toils and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun

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!

Benediction

MINISTER: Go love your God;

PEOPLE: **Go love your neighbor.**



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

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


November Giving:	\$213,308	Total FY Giving (Oct-Nov):	\$371,419
November Goal:	\$163,917	Total FY Expenses (Oct-Nov):	\$367,417
Difference:	+\$49,391	Difference:	+\$4,002

O Praise The Name (Anástasis)

Benjamin Hastings | Dean Usher | Marty Sampson

©2015 Hillsong Music Publishing Australia

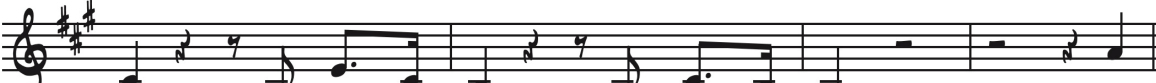
CCLI License #247013



I cast my mind to Cal - va - ry where Je - sus
His bod - y bound and drenched in tears they laid Him
Then on the third at break of dawn, the Son of
He shall re - turn in robes of white, the blaz - ing



bled and died for me. I see His wounds, His hands, His
down in Jo - seph's tomb. The en - trance sealed by heav - y
Heav - en rose a - gain. O tramp - led death where is your
sun shall pierce the night. And I will rise a - mong the



feet. My Sav - iour on that curs - ed tree. O
stone. Mes - si - ah still and all a - lone.
sting? The an - gels roar for Christ the King!
saints, my gaze trans - fixed on Je - sus' He



praise the Name of the Lord, our God. O praise His Name for -



ev - er - more. For end - less days we will sing Your praise. Oh



Lord, oh Lord our God.

Tates Creek Presbyterian Church

Phone: 859-272-4399 **Email:** contact@tcpca.org

Learn more about our church online at tcpca.org