

# 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...

"To imagine that Christian ministry is accomplished solely by the faithful exposition of the Word is to diminish the expansive scope of the gospel and the pastoral calling, because the day-in and day-out ministry of the pastor is meant to be wholly gospel-infused."

- Douglas Sean O'Donnell

#### **COVER ARTWORK**

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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**

August 8, 2021 at 9:00AM

# The Ordination of Luke Rakestraw to Holy Ministry

# **REJOICE** Declare the praises of God

# **Call to Worship**

LEADER: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

#### PEOPLE: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness.

LEADER: The God of glory thunders.

PEOPLE: The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

LEADER: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name.

UNISON: Worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness!

#### Hymn of Rejoicing For All The Saints (Sheet Music on Page 13)

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For all the saints who from their labors rest Who Thee by faith before the world confessed Thy name O Jesus be forever blest Alleluia

Thou wast their Rock their Fortress and their Might Thou Lord their Captain in the well-fought fight Thou in the darkness drear their one true Light Alleluia

O may Thy soldiers faithful true and bold Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old And win with them the victor's crown of gold Alleluia

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day The saints triumphant rise in bright array The King of glory passes on His way Alleluia

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And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long Steals on the ear the distant triumph song And hearts are brave again and arms are strong Alleluia

### Welcome & Announcements

# **RENEW** Receive the grace of God

#### Scripture Reading Proverbs 3:1-8

My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments, for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you.

Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good success

in the sight of God and man.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.
Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.
It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.

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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: Faithful Father, we confess that we have despised Your authority and are suffering under the tyranny of our autonomy. We have not trusted in the Lord with all our hearts but have trusted in our own self-sufficiency and self-righteousness. We have leaned upon our own understanding leading to chaos and corruption. We have not acknowledged You in all our ways but have sought acknowledgment from the world. We have been wise in our own eyes and suffered the consequences of our own blindness. By the mercy of Your Son our Savior, forgive our sins, heal our ways, and return us again to the freedom of Your authority. With merciful ears, hear now the confession of Your people...

- Silent Prayers of Confession -

# **Repentance of God's People**

LEADER: Do you repent of your failed lordship?

#### **PEOPLE: We do.**

LEADER: Do you return to Christ's faithful lordship?

#### **PEOPLE: We do**

#### Assurance of God's Pardon from Joel 2

LEADER: Return to the LORD your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

#### Hymn of Renewal Christ The Sure And Steady Anchor (Music on Page 14)

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# **RESPOND** Embrace the call of God

## Confession of Faith from the PCA Book of Church Order

LEADER: What is required of an elder in Christ's Church?

**PEOPLE:** The office of elder is set forth in the Scriptures as one of authority and guidance, after the example of the Lord Jesus. It is your duty, Luke, as elder to watch diligently over the flock committed to your charge, that no corruption of doctrine or of morals enter therein. You are to exercise government and discipline, and take oversight of the spiritual interests of the particular church. You are to instruct the uninformed, train the unequipped, comfort the mournful, nourish and guard the children of the covenant, and pray for the people under their care. You are to set an example by your zeal to evangelize the unconverted and make disciples. You are to love as you have been loved, to serve as you have been served, and in all things maintain the peace and purity of Christ's Church. May God grant you strength to be faithful and grace for your failures.

### Doxology

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

# **Offertory Prayer**

Offertory My Jesus I Love Thee arr. Paul Sjolund

#### Scripture Reading 1 Peter 5:1-4

<sup>1</sup>So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: <sup>2</sup>shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; <sup>3</sup>not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. <sup>4</sup>And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

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

#### **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.

#### 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

#### "The Authority of Luke Rakestraw"

# **ORDINATION & INSTALLATION**

### Charge & Questions to the Candidate Rev. Will Witherington

- 1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
- 2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will on your own initiative, make known to your Presbytery the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
- 3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of Biblical polity?
- 4. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
- 5. Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to seek the office of the holy ministry from love to God and a sincere desire to promote His glory in the Gospel of His Son?
- 6. Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in maintaining the truths of the Gospel and the purity and peace and unity of the Church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise unto you on that account?
- 7. Do you engage to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as a Christian and a minister of the Gospel, whether personal or relational, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before the flock of which God shall make you overseer?
- 8. Are you now willing to take the charge of this church, agreeable to your declaration when accepting their call? And do you, relying upon God for strength, promise to discharge to it the duties of a pastor?

# Charge & Questions to the Congregation Rev. Mark Randle

- 1. Do you, the people of this congregation, continue to profess your readiness to receive Luke Rakestraw, whom you have called to be your pastor?
- 2. Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth with meekness and love, and to submit to him in the due exercise of discipline?

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- 3. Do you promise to encourage him in his labors, and to assist his endeavors for your instruction and spiritual edification?
- 4. Do you engage to continue to him while he is your pastor that competent worldly maintenance which you have promised, and to furnish him with whatever you may see needful for the honor of religion and for his comfort among you?

#### Ordination and Installation Prayer and Declaration Mac Holt

LEADER: I now pronounce and declare that Luke Rakestraw has been regularly elected, ordained, and installed pastor of this congregation, agreeable to the Word of God, and according to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America; and that as such he is entitled to all support, encouragement, honor, and obedience in the Lord: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

# **Laying On of Hands**

#### Song of Reflection Spirit Of The Living God

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Spirit of the Living God Fall fresh on me Spirit of the Living God Fall fresh on me Melt me mold me Fill me use me Spirit of the Living God Fall fresh on me

# SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

#### PLEASE NOTE:

You will be released from your pew to come forward and receive the communion elements, and we will take the elements together once everyone has been served.

## 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 Only Christ (Sheet Music on Page 15)

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Scarlet crimes white as snow through Christ, only Christ Crimson red now like wool through Christ, only Christ Once for all like a flood made us pure, called us good Sprinkled clean with His blood through Christ, only Christ

For behold Heaven's plan through Christ, only Christ Son of God, Son of Man He left paradise Not to judge the depraved but to free those enslaved That the world might be saved through Christ, only Christ

On the cross love is shown through Christ, only Christ Debt is paid, sin atoned through Christ, only Christ Pilate mocked, "What is truth?" as the nails pierced Him through See the veil torn in two through Christ, only Christ

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#### 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. Hist'ry's hope, sealed in stone, 'twas Christ, only Christ Then a breath broke the dawn from Christ, only Christ On the third death was killed temple stone Christ rebuilt Jonah's sign now fulfilled through Christ Now the grave it has passed He's the First and the Last Faith is found, hope is cast on Christ, only Christ

Boldly come to His throne through Christ, only Christ Finding grace, grace alone through Christ, only Christ Drawing near through our Priest not condemned, now at peace Soon as guests at His feast through Christ Lord, with praise we proclaim there is no other name By which all might be saved but Christ, only Christ

#### **Benediction**

MINISTER: Go love your God; PEOPLE: Go love your neighbor.



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

-\$42,545
\$187,707
\$145,162

Difference:	-\$162,282
Giving Goal (Oct-Jun):	\$1,915,223
Total FY Giving (Oct-Jun):	\$1,752,941

## **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

## New Worship Service Times Starting NEXT WEEK

Starting next week, August 15, our new Worship Service times will be 9:00 and 11:15.

# Kickoff Cookout on August 22 (with Kickball Playoffs!)

On Sunday night, August 22, we will be gathering in the parking lot and soccer field for a churchwide cookout, and everyone is invited to come! More details coming soon, but the main event will be the culmination of our summer-long Kickball League: the playoffs! Join us to find out who will be crowned the Kickball Champs of 2021!

#### **Choir Resuming**

After a long break, choir will resume on Wednesday, August 18. Choir consists of Wednesday evening rehearsal from 6:15-7:30 pm (with childcare available) and Sunday morning worship on the Sundays when the choir sings. Singers of all ages and abilities are welcome. Choir is a great place to meet others in a small group setting and we enjoy sharing good music, coffee, and laughter. The choir has been a huge part of worship at TCPC for many years and we look forward to serving and sharing music again this fall. Email csteyn@tcpca.org with any questions or to volunteer.

### Parish Groups are back!

Parish Groups will begin meeting again this September! Parish Groups are multi-generational gatherings of people that live near you. These gatherings take place on a consistent basis throughout the year, and often involve food, fellowship, and discussion about that week's sermon. Please sign up on our website at tcpca.org.

# **Volunteer at Richmond Church Plant**

The church plant in Richmond (which will be called Covenant Community Church) is launching their worship services on August 22nd, and they are looking for volunteers over the next three months to help with various needs (setup, childcare, prayer, greeting, etc). Volunteers would be in Richmond from 8:45-11:45. If you are interested in helping one or two times during the next three months, please email Will Witherington at wwitherington@tcpca.org.

#### **Foundations Weekend**

Registration is now open for our next membership class on August 20-21. 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, visit tcpca.org/foundations. Please email Nate Jones with any questions at njones@tcpca.org.

# Handbell Players Needed

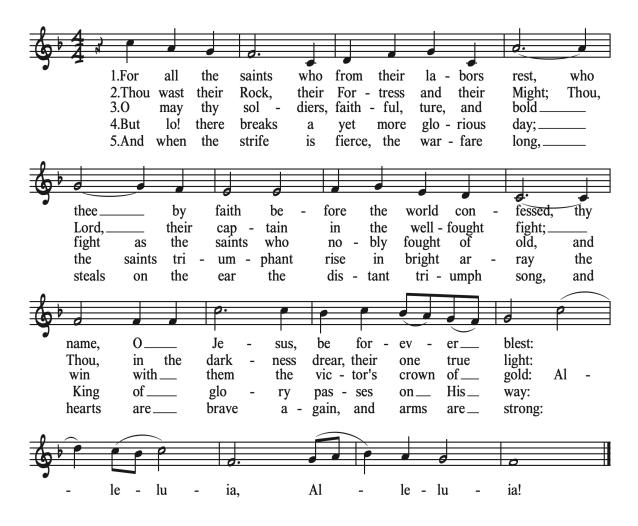
The handbell choir will be doing a session from Aug. 12 to Sept. 12 and are in need of one ringer and substitutes. There will be 4 rehearsals. If you are good at reading musical rhythms and would like to play, please contact Suzanne Dovel at sdovel@tcpca.org.

# **Trinity Job Openings**

Trinity Christian Academy currently has openings for several positions. If you are interested in applying to be a Lower School Classroom Aide, contact Vicki White (vwhite@trinitylex.org) and Brooks Ward (bward@trinitylex.org). If you are interested in applying to be the Lower School Part-Time Custodian, please contact Melissa Feaster (mfeaster@trinitylex.org). If you are interested in applying to be the Upper School piano accompanist or an Upper School Art Aide, please contact Nick LaCasse (nlacasse@trinitylex.org).

# **For All The Saints**

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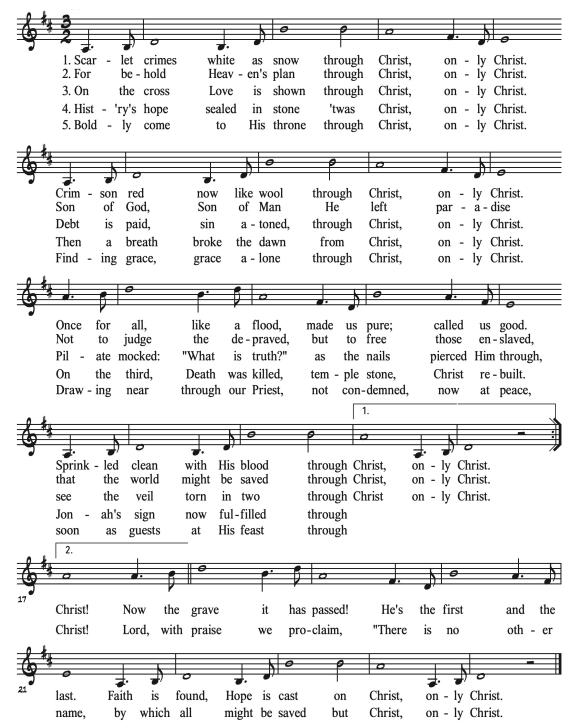
# **Christ The Sure And Steady Anchor**

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# **Only Christ**

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