

# 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, or fill out the Visitor Card in your pew and place it in the Offering bowl.

# Preparing Our Hearts for Worship...

"The way in which we declare God's Word matters, but it is also varied. Devoting to the doctrine necessitates our finding ways to faithfully bring God's Word to bear in our diverse communities such that it has an effect on the circumstances of the whole person."

- Irwin Ince, Jr.

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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**

October 23, 2022 at 9:00AM and 11:15AM

# **REJOICE** Declare the praises of God

# Call to Worship from Psalm 136

LEADER: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!

#### **PEOPLE:** For His steadfast love endures forever.

LEADER: Give thanks to the God of gods,

#### **PEOPLE:** For His steadfast love endures forever.

LEADER: Give thanks to the LORD of LORDS,

PEOPLE: For His steadfast love endures forever!

### Hymn of Rejoicing All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name

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All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name Let angels prostrate fall Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race Ye ransomed from the fall Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all

Let ev'ry kindred ev'ry tribe On this terrestrial ball To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all

O that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all

## Welcome & Announcements

### Baptism

9:00 - Ender Kai Whelchel, son of Zach & Sharayah 11:15 - Seth Owen, son of Josh & Jenny

#### 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, Ender/Seth, though you do not know it yet.

#### Hymn of Renewal Be Thou My Vision

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Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart, nought be all else to me, save that Thou art, Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light. Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my True Word, I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord; Thou my great Father and I Thy true son, Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one. Riches I heed not, nor men's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always, Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art. High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'ns Sun, heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my Vision O Ruler of all.

# **RENEW** Receive the grace of God

Scripture Reading John 12:37-41 (Pew Bible p. 899)

LEADER: All men are like grass, their glory like flowers of the field. The grass withers and the flowers fall...

**PEOPLE: ...but the Word of the Lord stands forever.** 

# Confession of God's People A prayer from John Calvin

UNISON: Eternal and merciful God, You have loved us with a love beyond our understanding, and You have set us on paths of righteousness for Your name's sake. Yet, we have strayed from Your way; we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, through what we have done and what we have left undone, and we have wandered from Your pathway. As we remember the cleansing water of baptism, O God, we praise You and give You thanks that You forgive us yet again. Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with You, and in whose strong name we pray. Amen.

#### 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.

### **Repentance of God's People**

LEADER: Do you turn from your sin of seeking Your own blessing rather than God's grace?

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

LEADER: Do you repent of your desire to control and manipulate rather than trust God's provision?

PEOPLE: We do.

### Assurance of God's Pardon from Romans 8

LEADER: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus!

# **Greeting of the Peace of Christ**

#### Hymn of Renewal Only A Holy God (Music on Page 10)

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Who else commands all the hosts of heaven Who else could make every king bow down Who else can whisper and darkness trembles Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises What other splendor outshines the sun What other majesty rules with justice Only a Holy God

**REFRAIN:** Come and behold Him The One and the Only Cry out sing holy Forever a Holy God Come and worship the Holy God

What other glory consumes like fire What other power can raise the dead What other name remains undefeated Only a Holy God (**REFRAIN**)

Who else could rescue me from my failing Who else would offer His only Son Who else invites me to call Him Father Only a Holy God (**REFRAIN**)

# **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 hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; Amen.

# **Offertory Prayer**

#### Hymn of Preparation Holy Father (Music on Page 11)

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Holy Father we come before You, we offer You our praise. At Your throne, take us and renew us, this is our anthem raised. You are mighty, strong to triumph! We are free from Satan's hold! In our weakness You find us, revive us, make us bold! Holy Father we come before You, we offer You our praise. At Your throne, take us and renew-us, this is our anthem raised.

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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. Precious Jesus I give my all to You, Your mercy rescued me. Take my heart, make me whole, and help me stand, surrend'ring all my being. Born to suffer, born to save me, born a child and yet a King! I will love You forever and lift my voice to sing: "Hallelujah, O what a Savior, His beauty rests on me!" Full of grace, Jesus, lift my weary eyes and give me victory!

As we run may You go before us, stay near to us we pray. Hold our hands, guide our feet, and keep us strong along the narrow way. Giv'n to stray, Lord, hold us closer. Giv'n to stray, Lord, we resign To Your blessings unending and boundless love divine! Lead us on through these worldly races, Lord, keep us in the stride. In Your strength we will show our paces; Your emblem be our guide!

#### GOSPEL STORYTIME

At this time, children ages 4 - Kindergarten may be dismissed to Room 103 for prayer, singing, and a lesson from the Gospel Story Bible. They will return to the Sanctuary at the end of the sermon to be with their families during Communion.

Scripture Reading Isaiah 6:1-8 (Pew Bible p. 571)

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

Sermon Rev. Andy Longwe

"A Life Transforming Vision of God"

# 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**

#### 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.

#### Communion Solo Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

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Alas! and did my Savior bleed and did my Sovereign die? Did he devote that sacred head for such a wretch as I? Was it for crimes that I have done He groaned upon the tree? Amazing pity grace unknown and love beyond degree. Well might the sun in darkness hide and shut his glories in when God the mighty Maker died for man the creature's sin. Thus might I hide my blushing face while his dear cross appears, dissolve my heart in thankfulness and melt mine eyes to tears. But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe; here Lord I give myself away 'tis all that I can do.

#### Hymn of Preparation Holy Holy Holy

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Holy holy holy! Lord God Almighty Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee Holy holy holy! Merciful and mighty God in three persons, blessed Trinity

Holy holy! All the saints adore Thee Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee Which wert and art and evermore shalt be

Holy holy holy! Though the darkness hide Thee Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee Perfect in power, in love and purity

Holy holy holy! Lord God Almighty All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea Holy holy holy! Merciful and mighty God in three persons, blessed Trinity

# **Benediction**

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

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

 September Giving:
 \$198,964

 September Goal:
 \$265,120

 Difference:
 -\$66,156

Total FY Giving (Oct-Sep): Giving Goal (Oct-Sep): **Difference:**  \$2,483,880 \$2,574,358 **-\$90,478** 

# **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

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# Announcements

# Fellowship Dinner on November 2

All are welcome to join us for the monthly Fellowship Dinner on Wednesday, November 2. Dinner from Bourbon n' Toulouse (cajun food) will be served beginning at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. A suggested payment of \$6 per person or \$25 per family is appreciated (cash and check are accepted in-person, or if you'd like to send your suggested payment digitally, send a text to 859-287-1144 with the message "Fellowship" to use our automated payment system). RSVP by scanning this QR code!

# Love Singing? Love Seniors? This Opportunity Is for You!

We are continuing to sponsor a time of hymn-singing and fellowship at The Lafayette every Sunday at 2:00, under the direction of Ellyn Washburne. This event is greatly appreciated by the residents and greatly rewarding for the volunteers who give their time to encourage these sweet people. Bring your children with you for a double blessing! Beautiful voices not required - just a heart for ministering to seniors! You can sign up for once a month or as often as you are able. Please contact Ellyn for more information at washburne@aol.com.

# **Trinity Presents Guest Speaker Keith McCurdy**

On Monday, October 24, at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary, Trinity Christian Academy will host a workshop for parents led by counselor and speaker, Keith McCurdy. The goal is to give our community a common understanding regarding the benefits of "healthy struggle" both in and out of the classroom. We look forward to sharing this time with you. Scan this QR to view the brochure.

# Save the Date! Next Senior Luncheon on Sunday, November 13

Please watch the bulletins and emails for more details later.

# **Gingerbread Run 5K to Benefit Assurance**

On Saturday, December 3 at Red Mile Race Track, Verne Kern is hosting a 5K to benefit Assurance. He is looking for participants as well as monetary sponsors to help offset the costs of conducting the race. Scan this QR code to sign up, or send an email to Verne (vernekernasw@gmail.com) to become a sponsor or help out on race day.

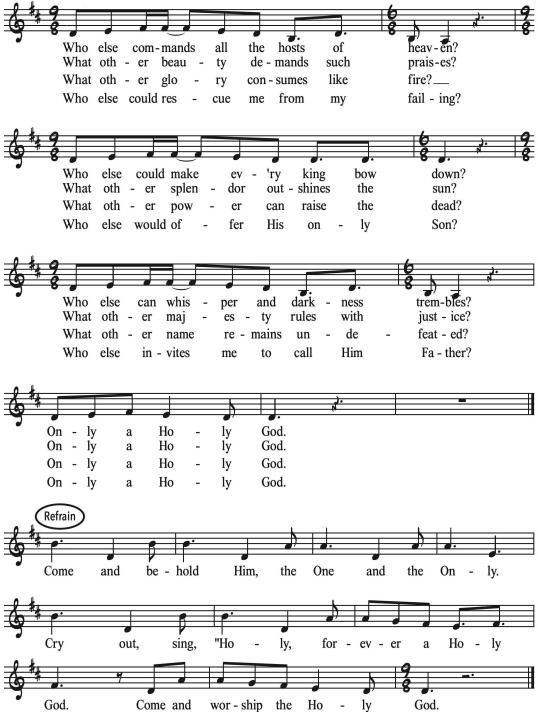






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#### **Holy Father**

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