



# *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...*

“Learn much of the Lord Jesus Christ. For every look at yourself, take ten looks at Christ. He is altogether lovely. Such infinite majesty, and yet such meekness and grace, and all for sinners, even the chief. Live much in the smiles of God. Bask in his beams. Feel his all-settling eye settled on you in love, and repose in His almighty arms. Let your soul be filled with a heart-ravishing sense of the sweetness and excellency of Christ and all that is in him.”

- Robert Murray M'Cheyne

## **COVER ARTWORK**

*Suburb under snow*  
Paul Gauguin, 1886

## 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 1, 2023 at 9:00AM

## REJOICE Declare the praises of God

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### Call to Worship

**LEADER:** In the midst of the congregation I will praise You. Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to God’s holy name!

**PEOPLE: I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; God’s greatness is unsearchable.**

### Hymn of Rejoicing *Joy To The World*

George Frideric Handel | Isaac Watts  
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Joy to the world the Lord is come  
Let earth receive her King  
Let ev’ry heart prepare Him room  
And heav’n and nature sing  
And heav’n and nature sing  
And heav’n and heav’n and nature sing

Joy to the earth the Savior reigns  
Let men their songs employ  
While fields and floods  
Rocks hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat repeat the sounding joy

No more let sins and sorrows grow  
Nor thorns infest the ground  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found  
Far as the curse is found  
Far as far as the curse is found

He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders wonders of His love

## Welcome & Announcements



## Scripture Reading Psalm 27:1-5 (Pew Bible p. 460)

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

**UNISON: Gracious Savior, we are exhausted by the emptiness of our self-reliance. You alone are omnipotent, but we seek control. You alone are omniscient, but we seek clarity. Our anxieties testify to our lack of trust and desire to walk by sight instead of faith. Teach us the strength of weakness, the freedom of surrender, and the power of dependence. In humility, we bring to you our many fears and failures...**

*- Silent Prayers of Confession -*

## Repentance of God's People

LEADER: Is the Father love?

**PEOPLE: He is.**

LEADER: Is the Son enough?

**PEOPLE: He is.**

LEADER: Is the Spirit faithful?

**PEOPLE: He is.**

LEADER: Will you turn from your pride and trust in your God?

**PEOPLE: We will.**

## Assurance of God's Pardon from 2 Corinthians 4:6

LEADER: For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

## Greeting of the Peace of Christ

## Hymn of Renewal *How Deep The Father's Love For Us*

Stuart Townend  
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How deep the Father's love for us how vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss the Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory

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### 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.

Behold the Man upon a cross my sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything no gifts no pow'r no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart His wounds have paid my ransom

## **RESPOND** Embrace the call of God

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### **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<sup>†</sup> Church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*<sup>†</sup> Worldwide communion of faith, past, present, and future.*

### **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** *How Great Thou Art*

Stuart Hine  
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O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy pow'r thru'out the universe displayed

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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.

**REFRAIN:**

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee  
 How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
 Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee  
 How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
 And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees  
 When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
 And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze **(REFRAIN)**

And when I think that God His Son not sparing  
 Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in  
 That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing  
 He bled and died to take away my sin **(REFRAIN)**

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
 And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart  
 Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
 And there proclaim, "My God how great Thou art!" **(REFRAIN)**

**Scripture Reading** Luke 2:15-21 (Pew Bible p. 857)

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

**Sermon** Rev. Luke Rakestraw, Assistant Pastor  
**"The Wonder of a New Year"****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.

## Hymn of Response *All Glory Be To Christ*

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Tune: Auld Lang Syne  
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Should nothing of our efforts stand no legacy survive  
Unless the Lord does raise the house in vain its builders strive  
To you who boast tomorrow's gain tell me what is your life  
A mist that vanishes at dawn all glory be to Christ

### **REFRAIN:**

**All glory be to Christ our king  
All glory be to Christ  
His rule and reign we'll ever sing  
All glory be to Christ**

His will be done His kingdom come on earth as is above  
Who is Himself our daily bread praise Him the Lord of love  
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price  
We'll take a cup of kindness yet all glory be to Christ (**REFRAIN**)

When on the day the great I Am the faithful and the true  
The Lamb who was for sinners slain is making all things new  
Behold our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light  
And we shall e'er his people be all glory be to Christ (**REFRAIN**)

## 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:

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## Giving Report

For more information, visit [tcpca.org/give](http://tcpca.org/give).

November Giving:	\$221,379	Total FY Giving (Oct-Nov):	\$402,310
November Goal:	\$191,017	Giving Goal (Oct-Nov):	\$409,323
<b>Difference:</b>	<b>+ 30,362</b>	<b>Difference:</b>	<b>-\$7,013</b>

# Announcements

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## **Congregational Meeting on January 8 at 6:00 PM**

The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, January 8, at 6:00 PM to present and vote upon two options for choosing a pulpit committee. If you did not receive the email sent this past Thursday, which outlines both options in detail, please let us know by emailing [contact@tcpca.org](mailto:contact@tcpca.org).

## **Annual Congregational Meeting on January 15**

Join us in-between services on January 15 for a presentation about this past ministry year, including membership and giving statistics as well as ministry highlights.

## **Good of the Bluegrass Conference Registration Opens Next Sunday**

We are excited to open up registration for this year's Good of the Bluegrass Conference next Sunday! The conference will take place from February 16-19, so save those dates! More details, including the speakers, theme, and cost, will be announced next week.

## **Women's Monday Evening Bible Study**

Our Women's Evening Bible Study is moving to MONDAY evenings this spring. We will begin on Monday, January 23 at 7:00 pm in the Lower Level Boardroom. We will be studying "Blessed: Experiencing the Promise of the Book of Revelation" by Nancy Guthrie. Please email Kay Sox ([kayrsox@gmail.com](mailto:kayrsox@gmail.com)) to sign up or if you have any questions.

## **TCPC Helpline**

In light of recent weather conditions and power outages, we would like to remind everyone about the TCPC Helpline. If you should ever find yourself in a place where you need assistance and don't know who to reach out to (especially during hours when our office is closed), please send a text message to our TCPC Helpline at 859-379-5564 and one of our staff members or pastors will respond to your message or call you directly.

## **Stephen Lynerd Group Concert on January 10**

Join us on Tuesday January 10 at 7pm for a FREE concert presented by The Stephen Lynerd Group. Old and new hymns, thoughtfully reimagined with jazz influences. There is no cost, but a freewill offering will be collected to support the ministry of the group. Concert should last around 75 minutes.

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