



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.



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Elder on duty:
Mark Whitworth

Deacons on duty:
Jeff Payne and Bobby Pepiot

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship...

“We draw people to Christ not by loudly discrediting what they believe, by telling them how wrong they are and how right we are, but by showing them a light that is so lovely that they want with all their hearts to know the source of it.”

- Madeleine L'Engle

COVER ARTWORK

Emmaus

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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.

PLEASE NOTE:

During responsive readings, the part of the Leader will be in plain text, **and the part of the People will be in bold.**

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

April 23, 2023 at 9:00AM and 11:15AM

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Call to Worship from Psalm 145

I will exalt You, my God the King; I will praise Your name for ever and ever. Every day I will praise You and extol Your name for ever and ever.

We praise You Christ Our Risen King!

Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; His greatness no one can fathom. One generation commends Your works to another; they tell of Your mighty acts.

We praise You Christ Our Risen King!

They speak of the glorious splendor of Your majesty—and I will meditate on Your wonderful works. They tell of the power of Your awesome works—and I will proclaim Your great deeds.

We praise You Christ Our Risen King!

Hymn *Brethren We Have Met To Worship*

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Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God;
Will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the Word?
All is vain, unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down;
Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Brethren, see poor sinners round you slumb’ring on the brink of woe;
Death is coming, hell is moving— can you bear to let them go?
See our fathers and our mothers and our children sinking down;
Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Sisters, will you join and help us? Moses’ sister aided him;
Will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin?
Tell them all about the Savior— tell them that He will be found;
Sisters, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other too;
Let us love and pray for sinners ‘till our God makes all things new.
Then He’ll call us home to heaven, at His table we’ll sit down;
Christ will gird Himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.

Welcome & Announcements

Membership Vows

9:00 - Cy & Allison Clarke and Catherine Flowers

11:15 - Jim & Ros Crinean

Choir Anthem *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

Test: Isaac Watts, based on Psalm 23

Tune from Southern Harmony, Arr. Jay Althouse

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My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is His name. In pastures fresh He makes me feed, beside the living stream. He brings my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake His ways; and leads me, for His mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace. When I walk through the shades of death Your presence is my stay; one word of Your supporting breath drives all my fears away. Your hand in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread; my cup with blessings overflows, Your oil anoints my head. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; oh, may Your house be my abode, and all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come; no more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.

RENEW Receive the grace of God

Scripture Reading Isaiah 53 (Pew Bible p. 613)

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 Adapted from a liturgy by John Knox

Almighty God, eternal Father, we acknowledge and confess to You that we were born in unrighteousness. Our life is full of sin and transgression; we have not gladly believed Your Word nor followed Your holy commandments. For Your name's sake, be gracious to us and forgive us all our sin, which is very great.

- *Silent Prayers of Confession* -

Repentance of God's People

Has your strength failed you? **Always.**

Has God's Word failed you? **Never.**

Will you return to the promises of God's Word today? **By grace, we will.**

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.

Assurance of God's Pardon from Zephaniah 3:17

The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in His love He will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.

Greeting of the Peace of Christ

Hymn *Pass Me Not* (Music on Page 10)

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Pass me not O gentle Savior
Hear my humble cry
While on others Thou art calling
Do not pass me by

REFRAIN

*Savior Savior hear my humble cry
While on others Thou art calling
Do not pass me by*

Let me at Thy throne of mercy
Find a sweet relief
Kneeling there in deep contrition
Help my unbelief (**REFRAIN**)

Trusting only in Thy merit
Would I seek Thy face
Heal my wounded broken spirit
Save me by Thy grace (**REFRAIN**)

Thou the Spring of all my comfort
More than life to me
Whom have I on earth beside Thee
Whom in heaven but Thee (**REFRAIN**)

RESPOND Embrace the call of 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.

Confession of Faith from Westminster Catechism

Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

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.

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What offices does Christ execute as our Redeemer?

The offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in His estate of humiliation and exaltation.

How does Christ execute the office of a prophet?

In revealing to us, by His Word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

How does Christ execute the office of a priest?

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.

How does Christ execute the office of a king?

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

Offertory Solo *Christ Be In My Waking*

Simon Brading | Stuart Townend

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Christ be in my waking, as the sun is rising, in my day of working, with me ev'ry hour. Christ be in my resting, as the day is ending, calming and refreshing, watching through the night. Christ be in my thinking and my understanding, guarding me from evil, walking in the light. Christ be in my speaking, every word a blessing; pure and not deceiving: grace to all who hear.

Jesus, this is my devotion: all my life to know You, ev'ry day to walk with You. Savior, You're my deepest longing, You're the One I live for; teach me, Lord, to walk with You.

Christ be in my gladness for the joy of living; thankful for the goodness of the Father's hand. Christ be in my sorrow, in my day of darkness; knowing that I follow in the steps He trods. Christ when hope has faded, nothing left to cling to; every pleasure jaded, every well is dry. Christ, the loving Shepherd, draws me with His kindness; leads me from the desert, to the streams of life.

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.

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

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

Let us together proclaim the hope of the Church:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ shall come again!

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 *Victory In Jesus*

Eugene M. Bartlett

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I heard an old old story
How a Savior came from glory
How He gave His life on Calvary
To save a wretch like me
I heard about His groaning
Of His precious blood's atoning
Then I repented of my sins
And won the victory

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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.

REFRAIN

*O victory in Jesus
My Savior forever
He sought me and bought me
With His redeeming blood
He loved me ere I knew Him
And all my love is due Him
He plunged me to victory
Beneath the cleansing flood*

I heard about His healing
Of His cleansing pow'r revealing
How He made the lame to walk again
And caused the blind to see
And then I cried dear Jesus
Come and heal my broken spirit
And somehow Jesus came and brought
To me the victory **(REFRAIN)**

I heard about a mansion
He has built for me in glory
And I heard about the streets of gold
Beyond the crystal sea
About the angels singing
And the old redemption story
And some sweet day I'll sing up there
The song of victory **(REFRAIN)**

Benediction

Go love your God. **Go love your neighbor.**



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

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| March Giving: \$194,849 | FY Giving from Oct-Mar: \$1,361,307 |
| March Goal: \$191,017 | Giving Goal for Oct-Mar: \$1,446,275 |
| Difference: +\$3,832 | Difference: -\$84,968 |
| | FY Giving Goal (Oct-Sep): \$2,728,820 |

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

ACCESS Prayer Group

The Access Prayer Group meets each Thursday at noon to pray for our church and our community. Send prayer requests to:

- Jodi Hicks
epnjphicks@twc.com

Pass Me Not

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Pass me not, O Gent - le Sa - vior, Hear my hum - ble
Let me at Thy throne of mer - cy find a sweet re -
Trust - ing on - ly in Thy mer - it, would I seek Thy
Thou the Spring of all my com - fort, more than life to



4 cry; While on oth - ers Thou art cal - ling,
lief, Kneel - ing there in deep con - tri - tion;
face; Heal my wound - ed, bro - ken spir - it,
me, Whom have I on earth be - side - Thee?



7 do not pass me by. Sa - vior,
Help my un - be - lief.
Save me by Thy grace.
Whom in heav'n but Thee?



10 Sa - vior, Hear my hum - ble cry;



13 While on oth - ers Thou art cal - ling, do not pass me by.

Announcements

Installation Service and Dinner TONIGHT

We will be holding a worship service for the whole congregation tonight at 5:00 PM for the installation of Mark Randle as our Senior Pastor and Will Witherington as our Associate Pastor, followed immediately by a no-cost church-wide dinner in the Fellowship Hall (so feel free to wear casual attire to the service!). Join us for a wonderful evening as we praise God and fellowship together as a church!

VBS Registration is NOW OPEN

Join us for a fun-filled week at Vacation Bible School (VBS) June 19th-23rd from 9am to 12pm each day as we learn about Jesus' love and what that means for us! Each day at VBS, kids will participate in awesome Bible adventures, play teamwork-building games, sing catchy songs, devour yummy treats, make fun crafts and have lots of fun! VBS is for kids aged 4 through rising 5th graders. (We offer childcare for children ages 0-3 years for parents who volunteer during VBS) Register today by scanning this QR code, or learn more on our VBS website at tcpca.org/vbs.



VOLUNTEER AT VBS!

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is an exciting week in the life of our church that brings the gospel to life for our children through Bible lessons, worship, silly skits, games and so much more! The more volunteers we have, the more kids we can welcome to VBS. Our team includes adult and student (middle and high school) volunteers. Jump in on the fun alongside the kids or serve behind the scenes, we'll find the perfect place to use your gifts. Register to volunteer today at tcpca.org/vbs or email Nicole Dorton at ndorton@tcpca.org.

Next Fellowship Dinner on May 3

Save the date! Our next monthly fellowship dinner will take place on Wednesday, May 3.

Volunteers to Prepare Communion

We are looking for volunteers who can help us each week prepare the communion elements for worship! You will be placed on a rotation of other individuals, so you won't have to serve every week. Please email Mark Randle (mrandle@tcpca.org) if you would like to serve our church in this role!

Senior Ministry Luncheon on May 21

You may be surprised to learn the breadth of TCPC's Mercy Ministry! We are excited about having a presentation by James Veldhorst, the chairman of the Mercy Committee for the diaconate, who will give us an overview of all that this ministry encompasses. In addition, Preston Hicks, who leads the weekly ACCESS prayer group, will present plans for expansion of this ministry, which is also critically important to the entire ministry of TCPC. We'll meet for lunch in the Fellowship Hall right after the second service. We heartily welcome all ages, not just seniors, but please help us to be sure we have enough food by sending an RSVP to Eileen Frisinger at bifrisinger@aol.com by May 16.

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