



Peter Paul Rubens 1678 Die untergehende Sonne über der Landschaft

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 **tc pca.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.



Officers On Duty Today's points of contact for spiritual or physical needs.

Elder on duty:
Andy Waters

Deacons on duty:
Luke McAnally and Seth Ralston

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship...

“You ascended before our eyes,
and we turned back grieving,
only to find You in our hearts.”

- Augustine

COVER ARTWORK

Cloud

Isaac Levitan, 1878

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

May 21, 2023 at 9:00AM and 11:15AM

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Call to Worship from Psalm 24

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory!

Hymn *In Christ Alone*

Keith Getty | Stuart Townend
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In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again

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And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

*No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand*

Welcome & Announcements

Membership Vows

9:00 - William & Joan Preston

11:15 - Eric & Andria McQuitty

Choir Anthem *Come To Me*

Dan Forrest

Come to me, all you who labor, come to me, and I will give you rest. Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and you will find rest for your souls. Come, my child, learn my heart, for I am gentle and lowly. See how great my love for you, that I have called you my child.

Scripture Reading Psalm 110 (Pew Bible p. 509)

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

Heavenly Father, Your promises are endless, but we find it so hard to believe and trust. You are sovereign, but we fear our circumstances. You are gracious, but we fear our sins. You are risen, but we fear our death. You are reigning, but we fear our world. You are returning, but we fear our future. Forgive our unbelief and restore to us an unshakable confidence and comfort in You.

- *Silent Prayers of Confession* -

Repentance of God's People

Has your strength failed you? **Always**

Has Jesus failed you? **Never**

Will you return to Him now as your only hope? **We will.**

Assurance of God's Pardon from Ephesians 2

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus

Greeting of the Peace of Christ

Hymn *I Surrender All*

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Winfield Scott Weedon
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All to Jesus I surrender all to Him I freely give
I will ever love and trust Him in His presence daily live

All to Jesus I surrender only at His feet I bow
Worldly pleasures all forsaken take me Jesus take me now.

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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.

REFRAIN:

I surrender all I surrender all

All to Thee my blessed Savior I surrender all

All to Jesus I surrender make me Savior wholly Thine

Let me feel the Holy Spirit truly know that Thou art mine **(REFRAIN)**

All to Jesus I surrender all to Him I freely give

I will ever love and trust Him in His presence daily live **(REFRAIN)**

RESPOND Embrace the call of God**Confession of Faith** The Apostles Creed

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 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** *Complete In Thee* **(Sheet Music on Page 10)**

Text: Aaron Wolfe and James M. Gray

Music: Ben Nyce

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Complete in Thee! no work of mine
Could take, dear Lord, the place of Thine;
Thy blood hath pardon bought for me,
And I shall stand complete in Thee.

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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:

*Yea, justified! O blessed thought!
And sanctified! Salvation wrought!
Thy blood hath pardon bought for me,
And glorified, I too, shall be!*

Complete in Thee, each want supplied,
And no good thing to me denied;
Since Thou my portion, Lord, will be,
I ask no more, complete in Thee. **(REFRAIN)**

Complete in Thee! no more shall sin,
Which Thou has conquered, reign within;
Thy blood shall bid the tempter flee,
And I shall stand complete in Thee. **(REFRAIN)**

Dear Savior, when, before Thy bar
All tribes and tongues assembled are,
Among the chosen I will be,
At Thy right hand, complete in Thee. **(REFRAIN)**

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 Luke 24:50-53 (p. 885)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Rev. Luke Rakestraw

“Ascension Day”

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.

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.

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 *Before The Throne Of God Above*

Charitie Lees Bancroft | Vikki Cook

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Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Saviour died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

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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.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased with His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Saviour and my God
With Christ my Saviour and my God

I bow before the cross of Christ
And marvel at this love divine
God's perfect Son was sacrificed
To make me righteous in God's eyes
This river's depths I cannot know
But I can glory in its flood
The Lord Most High has bowed down low
And poured on me His glorious love
And poured on me His glorious love

Benediction

Go love your God. **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

ACCESS Prayer Group

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

Mary Beth Moore
mdmoorefamily@gmail.com

Giving Report

For more information, visit tcpca.org/give.

April Giving: \$203,555
April Goal: \$245,594
Difference: -\$42,039

FY Giving from Oct-Apr: \$1,564,862
Giving Goal for Oct-Apr: \$1,691,869
Difference: -\$127,007

FY Giving Goal (Oct-Sep): \$2,728,820


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Com - plete in Thee, no work of mine could take dear
Com - plete in Thee, each want sup - lied, and no good
Com - plete in Thee, no more shall sin Thy grace has
Dear Sav - ior, when, be - fore Thy bar, all tribes and



Lord the place of Thine. Thy blood hath par - don bought for
thing to me de - nied, since Thou my por - tion, Lord, will
con - quered reign with - in; Thy blood shall bid the temp - ter
tongues as - sem - bled are, a - mong the cho - sen I shall



me, and I shall stand com - plete in Thee! Yea, jus - ti -
be, I ask no more, com - plete in Thee!
flee, and I shall stand, com - plete in Thee!
be, at Thy right hand, com - plete in Thee!



fied, oh bles-sed thought! And sanc - ti - fied sal - va - tion wrought! Thy blood hath



par - don bought for me, and glo - ri - fied I, too, shall be!

Announcements

Summer Nursery Schedule

The nursery (for children age 0-3) will be operating on a summer schedule from May 28 - August 13. During this time, the nursery will be **open for the 9:00 service** and any special combined Sunday School classes, but will be **closed for the 11:15 service**. Also, Gospel Story Time (for children age 4 - Kindergarten) will continue to be offered during both services (9:00 and 11:15).

Women's Retreat on September 8-9

The Women's Ministry invites you to join us for our Fall Retreat! The theme is "Bring Shalom" and the retreat will include teaching times, small group discussion, fellowship, music, activities, prayer, and lots of fun. We will meet starting with dinner on Friday, September 8th, and conclude around lunch the next day. This will all take place at the Origin Hotel, and we would love for you book a room and stay the night with friends (scan QR code and look for "Origin Hotel Booking" button). The registration fee is \$65 from now until July 1, and is \$80 after July 1. Learn more and register today by scanning this QR code or go to tcpca.org/women.



VBS Decorating Workshop June 3rd

Please join us from 9am-1pm on Saturday June 3rd for our VBS Decorating Workshop! We will be creating all of the stage materials, classroom decor and hallway decorations. This is a great way to help with VBS, no artistic ability required. The exciting decorations make VBS feel so special for all the children. Coffee and donuts will be provided. It will be a great time of fun and fellowship while we create. Email Nicole for more details at ndorton@tcpca.org

Doctors & Physicians Needed for Medical Missions Trip to Mexico

We are praying and looking for one to two additional MDs, PAs, or NPs to join us on a medical missions trip to the Yucatan Peninsula later this year. The trip will be led by Sandy Suffoletta, Susie Ogden, and Charlie Kennedy, and will take place from November 4-11. If you are interested in being a part of this important missions work, please email our missions director Nate at njones@tcpca.org.

Assurance Baby Bottle Blessings

Baby Bottle Blessings, a fundraiser for Assurance for Life, is an easy and fun way to support those facing unplanned pregnancies in our community. Assurance has provided us with empty bottles that you can pick up from the Narthex. Bring them back filled up with change, cash, or checks on or before Father's Day, or, you can give online at babybottleblessings.org

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