

# 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 Form. We would love to meet you and help you get connected. Please visit **tcpca.org/visitor** or scan this QR code.



Also, please join us today between services in the Parlor for "**Coffee & Connect**" to meet TCPC staff and learn more about getting connected at TCPC.

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

Elder on duty:

**Deacons on duty:** Matt McEwen and Ethan Johnson

# Preparing Our Hearts for Worship...

"When you are too much in awe of you, you set up to be a self-righteous, controlling, overconfident, judgmental, unfalteringly opinionated, ecclesiastical autocrat, unwittingly building a kingdom whose throne will be inhabited by you, no matter how much you are able to convince yourself that you do it all for the glory of God."

- Paul David Tripp

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# **Order of Worship**

October 15, 2023 at 9:00 and 11:15 AM

# 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.

# **REJOICE** Declare the praises of God

## Call to Worship Adapted from 2 Chronicles 7:14-15

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways.

#### Come Lord Jesus!

Then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

#### Come Lord Jesus!

Now my eyes and my heart will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place.

#### Come Lord Jesus!

### Hymn Crown Him With Many Crowns

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Crown Him with many crowns the Lamb upon His throne Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own Awake my soul and sing of Him who died for thee And hail Him as thy matchless King thro' all eternity

Crown Him the Lord of love behold His hands and side Rich wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified All hail Redeemer hail for Thou hast died for me Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity

Crown Him the Lord of life who triumphed o'er the grave Who rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save His glories now we sing who died and rose on high Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n one with the Father known One with the Spirit thro' Him giv'n from yonder glorious throne To Thee be endless praise for Thou for us hast died Be Thou O Lord thro' endless days adored and magnified

## Welcome & Announcements

## Baptism

9:00 - Hannah Kate Neidig, daughter of Justin & Michelle

## Declaration to Our Covenant Children from the Church of Scotland

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, Hannah, though you do not know it yet.

# **RENEW** Receive the grace of God

### Scripture Reading Proverbs 3:1-8 (Pew Bible p. 528)

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 Psalm 23

Lord, You are our shepherd, yet we still want. You promise us rest, but we refuse to be still. You are our righteousness, but we look to our own works. You are with us, but we still fear and do not trust Your promises to defend us. Lord, forgive us and cause us to embrace Your goodness and mercy that we may truly believe You will be with us all the days of our life. We pray this in the powerful name of Jesus Christ.

- Silent Prayers of Confession -

## Repentance of God's People From 1 Corinthians 13

| Love is patient                     | Forgive our impatience.     |
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| Love is kind                        | Forgive our bitterness.     |
| Love does not envy                  | Forgive our jealousy.       |
| Love does not boast                 | Forgive our arrogance.      |
| Love does not insist on its own way | Forgive our stubbornness.   |
| Love does not rejoice at wrongdoing | Forgive our transgressions. |
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Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things...

Forgive our failure to love in all things.

## Assurance of God's Pardon From Matthew 5:3

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

## **Greeting of the Peace of Christ**

#### **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.

## **Greeting of Peace**

We extend to others the grace that God has extended to us, greeting each other with the peace of Christ. In the midst of a fractured world filled with prejudice, hatred, and violence, we are a demonstration of God's reconciliation. Worshipers greeted one another with the words of Christ after His resurrection, which became the customary greeting of the early Church: "Peace be with you."

#### Hymn Complete In Thee (Music on Page 10)

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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.

#### **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)** 

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

## Confession of Faith from Westminster Catechism

What is the chief end of man?

#### The chief end of man is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.

What is God?

God is a spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

Are there more Gods than one?

There is but only one, the living and true God.

How many persons are there in the Godhead?

There are three persons in the Godhead; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

## 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 Come Unto Jesus

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Come unto Jesus, all you who are weary. Come to the mercy seat; fervently kneel. Here, bring your wounded hearts, broken and needy. Come unto Jesus, mighty to heal. Joy of the comfortless, light for the straying, hope of the penitent, peace in our strife; here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying, "My yoke is easy, my burden is light." *Come unto Jesus. Come unto Jesus. Lay down your burdens; He is enough. Come unto Jesus; rest in His love.* Come taste the Bread of Life, broken for sinners; drink from the cup of His promise made sure. Feast at His table as sons and as daughters. Grace overflowing is yours evermore. Come now and follow Him, this life forsaking. All that was gain, count as nothing but loss. Trade all this world for His kingdom unfading. Come unto Jesus; take up your cross. Come unto Jesus; take up your cross. Life everlasting He offers to us!

## 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.

## **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.

#### Scripture Reading Philippians 2:1-4 (p. 980)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Mark Randle "The Humility of 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.

## **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 May The Mind Of Christ My Savior

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May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day By His love and pow'r controlling all I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour So that all may see I triumph only through His pow'r

May the peace of God my Father rule my life in ev'rything That I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing

May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea Him exalting self abasing this is victory

May I run the race before me strong and brave to face the foe Looking only unto Jesus as I onward go

May His beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win And may they forget the channel seeing only Him

## **Benediction**

Go love your God. Go love your neighbor.

#### 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.

## **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 12:30 PM to pray for our church and our community. Send prayer requests to:

Mary Beth Moore mdmoorefamily@gmail.com In addition to this announcements section, we also send a weekly email called TCPC News each Wednesday. If you would like to receive these emails, please contact Paul Adams at **padams@tcpca.org** 

## **Reformation Sunday Service & Dinner**

In addition to our regularly-scheduled Sunday morning worship services, join us at 5:00 PM on the evening of October 29th for a special Reformation Sunday worship service, followed by a church-wide dinner! You can help us plan well for childcare and for food by filling out the RSVP form online at **tcpca.org/refsunday** (or scan this QR code).

### **Coffee & Connect TODAY Between Services**

Are you new to TCPC? We would love to meet you. Drop by the Parlor for coffee & donuts in-between services, and members of the TCPC staff will be there to say hi and get to know you. You can find the Parlor next to the elevator in the Nathex/foyer.

#### **College Lunch TODAY After the 11:15 Service**

All college students are invited to stay after church today for lunch! We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall right after the 11:15 service.

#### Foundations Membership Class on November 17-18

We invite anyone who is interested in pursuing membership and learning more about our church history and theology to attend our next Foundations membership class on November 17-18. The sessions will take place Friday night and Saturday morning, with Friday dinner and Saturday breakfast provided. To sign up, please scan this QR code or visit **tcpca.org/foundations**. If you have any questions, please email Nate Jones at njones@tcpca.org.

#### Student Ministry Parent Meeting Friday, October 20

All parents of middle school and high school students are invited to a Parents Meeting on Friday, October 20th at 6:30 pm in the Student Ministry Room.

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

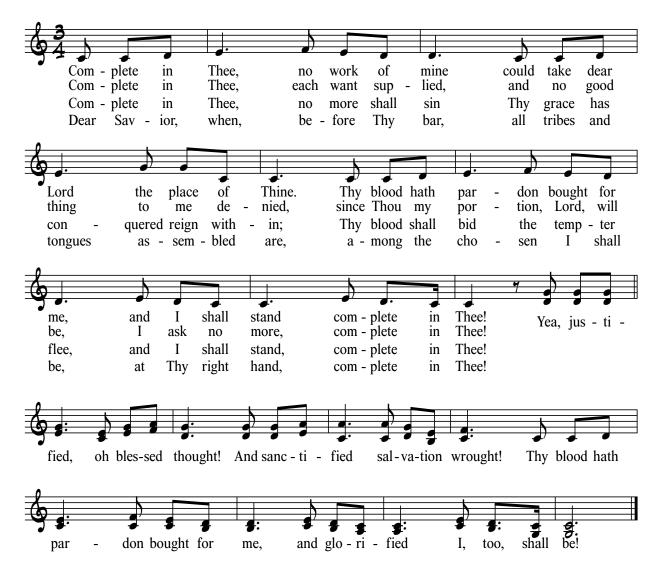
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| September Goal:   | \$300,170 | Giving Goal for Oct-Sep: | \$2,728,820 |
| September Giving: | \$384,264 | FY Giving from Oct-Sep:  | \$2,673,943 |





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