

# 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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**Today's Officers** Our points of contact for spiritual or physical needs.

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Julius Schoop

Ben Commerford, Drew Farr

# Preparing Our Hearts for Worship...

The Lord discovered to me a sense of my unbelief that, though late, I should remember my transgressions and that I should be converted with my whole heart to the Lord my God.

- Patrick of Ireland

# **Order of Worship**

March 17, 2024 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 convic-

tion is beautiful to our God.

# **REJOICE** Declare the praises of God

# **Call to Worship** from Hebrews 12:2-3

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfector of our faith.

#### We look to You alone, Lord Jesus!

Who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God.

### We praise You alone, Lord Jesus!

Let us consider Him who endured such opposition from sinful people, so that we will not grow weary and lose heart.

We worship You alone, Lord Jesus!

### **Hymn** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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Immortal invisible God only wise In light inaccessible hid from our eyes Most blessed most glorious the Ancient of Days Almighty victorious Thy great name we praise

Unresting unhasting and silent as light Nor wanting nor wasting Thou rulest in might Thy justice like mountains high soaring above Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love

To all life Thou givest to both great and small In all life Thou livest the true life of all We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree And wither and perish but naught changeth Thee

Great Father of glory pure Father of light Thine angels adore thee all veiling their sight All praise we would render O help us to see 'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee

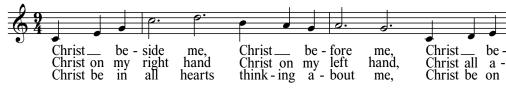
## **Welcome & Announcements**

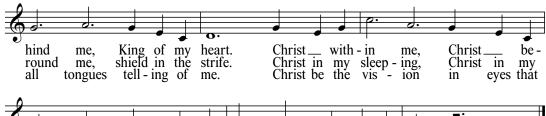
### **Hymn** Christ Beside Me

Text: James Quinn

Adapted from St. Patrick's Breastplate, 8th Century

Tune: Bunessan (Morning Has Broken)







# **RENEW** Receive the grace of God

### **Scripture Reading** Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (Pew Bible p. 151)

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**

Most merciful God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, was tempted in every way, yet was without sin, we confess before You our own sinfulness; we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted Your power to protect us. Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in Your ways and delight in doing Your will.

- Silent Prayers of Confession -

# Repentance of God's People

Do you renounce your sinful thoughts, words, and deeds that offend God,

harm others, and ruin creation? We do. Do you renounce the ways and idols of this fallen world that oppose God's kingdom and glory? We do.

Do you renounce Satan and all spiritual forces of darkness that rebel against the one true God? We do.

### 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

# Repentance of God's People

silence for private confession.

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 al-

ready ours in Christ Jesus.

#### Assurance of God's Pardon from Hebrews 4:15-16

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

# **Greeting of the Peace of Christ**

## **Hymn** The King Shall Come

Words: Early Greek Hymn, Trans. John Brownlie, 1907 Music: Trad. American, KENTUCKY HARMONY, 1816 © Public Domain



# 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.

# **RESPOND** Embrace the call of God

### Confession of Faith Westminster Larger Catechism Q #75 and #76

they more and more die unto sin, and rise unto newness of life.

What is sanctification?

Sanctification is a work of God's grace, whereby they whom God hath, before the foundation of the world, chosen to be holy, are in time, through the powerful operation of his Spirit applying the death and resurrection of Christ unto them, renewed in their whole man after the image of God; having the seeds of repentance unto life, and all other saving graces, put into their hearts, and those graces so stirred up, increased, and strengthened, as that

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What is repentance unto life?

Repentance unto life is a saving grace, wrought in the heart of a sinner by the Spirit and Word of God, whereby, out of the sight and sense, not only of the danger, but also of the filthiness and odiousness of his sins, and upon the apprehension of God's mercy in Christ to such as are penitent, he so grieves for and hates his sins, as that he turns from them all to God, purposing and endeavouring constantly to walk with him in all the ways of new obedience.

# **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 All Will Be Peace

Erik Dewar

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A kingdom is coming where all will be right; injustice and suff'ring will end. For God will deliver the poor and contrite; the meek of the earth He'll defend. Then Jesus the Righteous will speak for His Word, and none of the wicked will stand. He'll answer our cries that we thought went unheard, and all will be peace in that land. The nations will fashion their swords into shears, no longer preparing for war. New plows will be made from the last of the spears, and no one will fear anymore. Then mountains will sing as we go out with joy, while trees of the field clap their hands. And no one in Zion will hurt or destroy, for all will be peace in that land. Instead of the briar the myrtle will grow; the cypress instead of the thorn. And so, living water forever will flow when all that was cursed is reborn. The beasts will not kill but be led by a child; the wolf will lie down with the lamb. The calf and the lion will graze in the wild, for all will be peace in that land. From least to the greatest we'll all know the Lord, and ever His people we'll be. The earth will be filled with the knowledge of God, like waters that cover the sea. And Jesus will wipe ev'ry tear from our eyes, as God makes His dwelling with man. Then death, pain, and ev'ry last sorrow will die, and all will be peace in that land.

#### **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.

Scripture Reading Matthew 4:1-11 (p. 809) The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**Sermon** Rev. Mark Randle

The Lord's Prayer

"Jesus is King!"

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come,

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 nourish-

ment 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.

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:

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!

You will be released from your pew to come forward and receive the communion

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** O Church Arise (Music on Page 9)

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O church arise and put your armor on

Hear the call of Christ our Captain

For now the weak can say that they are strong In the strength that God has given

With shield of faith and belt of truth

We'll stand against the devil's lies An army bold whose battle cry is Love Reaching out to those in darkness

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An inheritance of nations Come see the cross where love and mercy meet As the Son of God is stricken Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet For the Conqueror has risen And as the stone is rolled away And Christ emerges from the grave This victory march continues till the day Every eye and heart shall see Him So Spirit come put strength in every stride Give grace for every hurdle That we may run with faith to win the prize Of a servant good and faithful As saints of old still line the way Retelling triumphs of His grace We hear their calls and hunger for the day When with Christ we stand in glory **Benediction** Go love your God. Go love your neighbor. Praver Chain If you would like to share prayer

February Goal:

Difference:

\$232,000

-\$41,787

Our call to war to love the captive soul

And with the sword that makes the wounded whole

And Christ will have the prize for which He died

But to rage against the captor

We will fight with faith and valor When faced with trials on every side We know the outcome is secure

February Giving: \$190,213

**Giving Report** For more information, visit tcpca.org/give. Total Giving for Oct-Jan:

Giving Goal for Oct-Jan:

Difference: FY Giving Goal (Oct-Sep):

\$1,161,323 \$1,334,000 -\$172,677 \$2,900,000

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email to:

requests with our church prayer chain, we would love to pray for vou. Please feel free to send an

janetjwhitley@gmail.com

**ACCESS Prayer Group** The Access Prayer Group meets

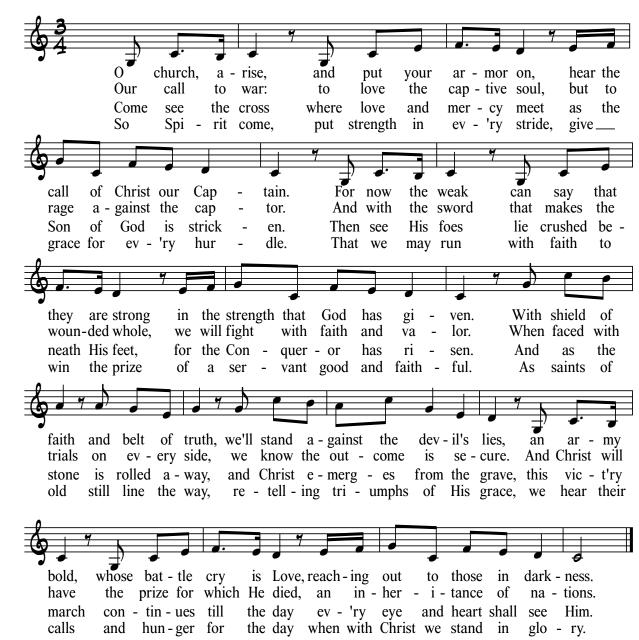
for our church and our community. Send prayer requests to: Mary Beth Moore

mdmoorefamily@gmail.com

each Thursday at 12:30 PM to pray

#### O Church Arise

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#### Serve in the Nursery this Easter

Easter is always our busiest day of the year in the nursery, so we are getting word out now to ensure we have enough volunteers to care for all our children! Even if you can't commit to being on the regular volunteer rotation, we would love to have you for one of our two Easter services. Parents are welcome to bring their older children along with them to serve as a family. Please email Nicole Dorton to sign up! (ndorton@tcpca.org)

#### **Foundations Membership Class on April 19-20**

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 April 19-20. The sessions will take place Friday night and Saturday morning, with Friday dinner and Saturday breakfast provided. To sign up, visit **tcpca.org/foundations** or scan this QR code.



#### **Maundy Thursday Missions Offering**

Each year during our Maundy Thursday service, we collect a special Missions Offering that goes to special requests that the Missions Committee receives from our missionaries and ministries, in order to help them above and beyond our missions budget. Watch the video in this past week's TCPC News email, featuring Will and Nate, which highlights this year's giving need. Give in-person at the Maundy Thursday service or online at **tcpca.org/missions**.

#### **Spring Communicants Class**

As a church, we pray continually that our children would profess their faith, thus fulfilling their baptism. Parents are often asking for direction in discerning if their child is ready to profess their faith and begin taking communion. This Spring we are offering a 4-week class that will walk children through the basics of the Christian faith, as well as what it means to profess their faith. The recommended ages for this class are ages 8-12. Our Spring Communicants Class will meet on Sunday afternoons from 4:00-5:00pm on April 21 & 28 and May 5 & 19. We plan to offer this class again in the Spring. If you think your child is ready to begin this process, please contact Will Witherington for more information (wwitherington@tcpca.org).

#### Cantata for Palm Sunday - "See How Great His Love For You"

On the evening of Palm Sunday (March 24) at 6:00 PM, join the choir, soloists, and musicians for a Lenten meditation in Scripture and song.

#### **Communion Prep Volunteers**

Are you a member of TCPC looking for a way to serve? Consider joining the rotation of people who help prepare communion. We need more helpers in this area. This service opportunity could work for individual adults, couples, or even families with older children. Contact Ronda at rwebber@tcpca.org for more information and to express interest.

#### **Decorating For Easter**

Do you love seeing the beautiful sanctuary on Easter? Do you love flowers? Volunteer to decorate! Please contact Pam Kirkendall (pamkirkendall@yahoo.com) if you are available Saturday, March 30th to make our sanctuary ready to celebrate the resurrection.

#### **Help Send Students to Summer Camp**

If you would like to financially invest in the discipleship of our students through supporting their trip to Ridgehaven Summer Camp, you can scan this QR code or give by check (write "SM Camp" in the memo line and place it in the regular offering).



#### "Be Still and Know" on March 19

The Women's Ministry will be holding another "Be Still and Know" event on Tuesday, March 19th at 7:30 pm. Longing for more still, quiet time with the Lord? This event is for you! This will be time for middle school and older ladies of our church to have an hour of quiet with the Lord in the beauty of our sanctuary. We will start promptly at 7:30 and move quickly to times of silent reflection so please be seated in the sanctuary by 7:30. Bring a journal to capture what you hear from the Lord in your time together. You do not need to register in advance for this event.

#### **Women's Ministry Book Club**

The Women's Ministry invites you to take part in a book club discussing the book "God Does His Best Work with Empty" by Nancy Guthrie. We are offering this six-week book club three times across the spring and summer to enjoy fellowship together in the seasons between Bible Studies:

- April 10 May 15: Wednesdays from 9:00 11:00 AM (childcare available for newborn to 4-yr-olds)
- June 10 July 22: Mondays from 7:00-8:30 PM (excluding July 1)
- June 15 July 27: Saturdays from 9:30-11:00 AM (excluding July 6)

The cost to register is \$12, which includes the book, but we will gladly cover that for anyone for whom it is a challenge. Please register for one of the three book clubs by March 20th so that we can order the books in bulk. Scan this QR to register or visit our website at **tcpca.org/women**.



#### MARCH CALENDAR



#### **Lent Prayer Services**

Each Monday at 6:00 PM - Sanctuary



#### March 24 - Palm Sunday

**Palm Sunday Worship** 

9:00 and 11:15 AM - Sanctuary

Cantata for Palm Sunday - "See How Great His Love For You"

6:00 PM - Sanctuary



#### March 28 - Maundy Thursday

**Maundy Thursday Service** 

7:00 PM - Sanctuary

Note: this year's Maundy Thursday will be a brief service consisting of scripture readings, prayer, singing, a brief message, and communion.



### March 29 - Good Friday

**Good Friday Service** 

7:00 PM - Sanctuary

Note: this year's Good Friday service will be a evening service consisting of music, readings, prayer, and a homily.



## March 31 - Easter Sunday

**Easter Sunday Worship** 

9:00 and 11:15 AM - Sanctuary

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