

**\*Hymn #35** "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" Lobe Den Herren

**\*Invitation to Confess** Rev. Joel Strom

**\*Prayer of Confession**

God of life and of truth,  
You invite us to see the world through your eyes  
and we find ourselves disoriented:  
You bless the poor;  
You bless the meek;  
You bless the pure in heart;  
You turn this world's values upside down.  
Your kingdom is strange territory,  
looking little like the life this world has taught  
will make us happy.

Yet, you know the despair of many who fear their future  
has been mortgaged by our greed and carelessness.  
You hear our cries when our pursuits of power and money  
leave us wanting for love and things of real value.

Set us at Jesus' feet so we can learn to judge our lives differently.  
Awaken in us a hunger for your will and your peace.  
Open our eyes to see your unexpected blessings.

Then make us into a community of blessedness  
that beckons this neighborhood  
into your joy.

- silent reflection and confession -

**\*Assurance of Grace**

Leader: Do you know the Good News?  
In God's kingdom, grace reigns and love is the only currency.  
People: Praise God! We are forgiven and freed.

**\*Response to Grace**

Hymn to Joy

GTG: #611

**\*Passing of the Peace**

Leader: In Jesus Christ, we know God's forgiveness and peace.  
Let us share it with each other. Peace be with you.  
People: And also with you.

- All are invited to share the "peace" of Christ with one another -

- Children are invited to come forward -

**Children's Message** (10:00)

- Children through Grade 5 are invited to the Education Wing -

**Proclaim God's Word**

**Prayer for Illumination**

Chuck LaBerge (10:00)

**Scripture Reading**

1 Corinthians 1: 10-18 (Pew Bible p. 179, N. T.)  
Leader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.  
People: Thanks be to God!

**Scripture Reading**

Luke 6: 17-26 (Pew Bible p. 64, N. T.)  
Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture,  
For the Word of God among us,  
For the Word of God within us,  
People: Thanks be to God!

**Sermon**

"On The Level"

**Respond in Thanks & Faith**

**\*Hymn #773** "Heaven Shall Not Wait" Heaven Shall Not Wait

**\*Affirmation of Faith** Confession of Belhar (10.7)

- We believe
- that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;
- that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged
- that God calls the church to follow him in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;
- that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly;
- that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right;
- that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

**Prayers of the People & 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;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Call to Commitment**

**Offertory** (10:00) *And the Father Will Dance* Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

And the Father will dance over you in joy!  
He will take delight in whom he loves.  
Is that a choir I hear singing the praises of God?  
No, the Lord God himself is exulting o'er you in song!  
And he will joy over you in song!  
My soul will make its boast in God, for he has answered all my cries.  
His faithfulness to me is as sure as the dawn of a new day.  
Awake, my soul, and sing! Let my spirit rejoice in God!  
Sing, O daughter of Zion, with all of your heart!  
Cast away fear, for you have been restored!  
Put on the garment of praise as on the festival day.  
Join with the Father in glorious, jubilant song.  
God rejoices over you in song!

**\*Doxology** Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Leader: You pour out your abundance on us, Loving God,  
calling us to see the many blessings we have to share.  
People: Take and use our gifts, that they may serve to mend the broken and fill the empty as you continue your work of offering new life to all. Amen.

**\*Hymn #767** "Together We Serve" San Anselmo

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** *Toccata in Seven* John Rutter (b. 1945)

\*Worshippers are invited to stand as able.  
\*\*Large print bulletins with hymns and hearing assistance devices are available;  
please ask a deacon (with a red nametag) for assistance.

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**The Towson Presbyterian Church**

Inclusive - Curious - Compassionate - Courageous  
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**Our Mission:**

Towson Presbyterian Church is an inclusive community of faith growing as disciples of Christ

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TPC is a member of the *Covenant Network* (striving for a fully inclusive church).

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**Please pray for:** Bob Adams, Davis Barkley (Roxanne Maffitt Harvey's grandson), Tom Bivin (Barbara Dillon's brother), Cindy Cole (JoAnn Brooks' sister), Everette Cook (Lois Robinson's friend), Barbara Davis, Elsie DeGarmo Smith, Betsy Griffin, Laura Howard, Kelsen LaBerge, Julie Mertus, Carol Morton, and Ann Phillips. *Names remain on prayer list for four weeks, unless otherwise requested.*

The sympathy of the congregation and our resurrection faith are extended to Russell Smouse and his family for his wife, Creta, who died on February 12. A memorial service was held on February 15.

### Today at TPC

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Mary McGibbon in loving memory of her husband, Dr Bernard McGibbon, on the occasion of what would have been their 38<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Assisting in Worship today:** Kristie Burkett, Alex Foley, Mike Just, Cass Mairs, Liza Salemi, Bill Sherman, and Dianne Thompson.

### Sunday, February 17

8:30 a.m.	Worship Service – Chapel Book Study – Library
9:45 a.m.	Nursery Care for Infants – age 3 – Noah's Nursery
10:00 a.m.	Worship Service – Sanctuary Heartlights Class – Heartlights Room
10:15 a.m.	Church School
11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Hour – Thompson Hall Book Study – Library Cherubs Choir – Room 212 Children's Choir – Choir Room
12:00 p.m.	Sunday Community Lunch – Thompson Hall
5:30 p.m.	Youth Group Meal – Thompson Hall

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### All God's People

#### Schedules to note:

- The Church offices will be closed on February 18
- February 24 is Youth Sunday - MS & HS youth will create and lead worship

**National Geographic's "Paris to Pittsburg" Film Screening || Sunday, Feb. 24 || 11:15 a.m. || Library ||** This film brings to life the impassioned efforts of individuals who are battling severe threats of climate change in their own backyards. Set against the national debate over the energy future of the United States—and the decision to exit the Paris Climate Agreement—the film captures what's at stake and the inspiring ways Americans are responding.

**Honduras Mission Trip ||** Donations of medications and supplies (found on towsonpres.org) are needed || They can be left on the stage in Thompson Hall.  
**Prayer Partners ||** This Lent, you're invited to be partnered with another from

TPC (males with males & females with females). Once a week in Lent (six time total), you and your partner will connect in person or on the phone to share what matters and what's really going on in your life. Partners will take a turn praying for the other (or commit to praying for them later that day). Prayer Partners will help you grow in your faith and grow closer to another at TPC. || Register online at towsonpres.org.

**Women's Retreat || March 1 & 2 || Living B.I.G.** (Living with Boundaries, Integrity, and Generosity) || Explore how to live fully into your gifts, talents, and personhood || Cost of \$130.00 includes a light dinner on Friday at TPC, breakfast and lunch at the Mt. Washington Conference Center on Saturday || Any questions: please contact Ann Lehwald or Dotsie Bregel.

**Gifts of the Dark Wood || Four Week Lenten Small Group || Sundays at 11:15 a.m., beginning March 10 || Library ||** Explore how we often meet God in the most unexpected of places – in our disappointments, darkness and even failures || Pick up a book in Thompson Hall and register at towsonpres.org. || Childcare is available.

**Adult Spiritual Formation Playlist ||** Check towsonpres.org || Explore a word from Brian McLaren's book "Naked Spirituality: A Life with God in 12 Simple Words." Playlists can be viewed on your computer or smartphone.

### Youth Ministry

**MS & HS ||** Youth Group meets tonight from 5:30-7:30 p.m. We'll continue to plan and prepare for Youth Sunday on February 24.

### TPC This Week

<b>Monday, February 18</b>	Church Offices Closed
<b>Tuesday, February 19</b>	11:00 a.m. Leuba Memorial Service – Chapel 1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl – Library 6:30 p.m. Mission Outreach – Library 7:00 p.m. Book Study – Chapel CFM – Conference Room 7:15 p.m. Handbells – Choir room
<b>Wednesday, February 20</b>	7:00 p.m. Finance – Library
<b>Thursday, February 21</b>	9:00 a.m. TPC Men's Breakfast – Towson Diner 12:45 p.m. Gentle Yoga – Thompson Hall 2:00 p.m. Encore Chorale – Chapel 7:00 p.m. Troop 729    Youth Room, Troop 10175    Room 212 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir – Choir Room
<b>Friday, February 22</b>	5:00 p.m. TPP Movie Night – Thompson Hall
<b>Sunday, February 24</b>	<b>Youth Sunday</b> 8:30 a.m. Worship Service – Chapel 9:45 a.m. Nursery Care for Infants – age 3 – Noah's Nursery 10:00 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary Heartlights Class – Heartlights Room 10:15 a.m. Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour – Thompson Hall Film Screening – Library Cherubs Choir – Room 212 Children's Choir – Choir Room 12:00 p.m. Sunday Community Lunch – Thompson Hall 5:30 p.m. Youth Group Meal – Thompson Hall

# The Service of the Lord's Day



## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feb. 17, 2019

8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

## Assemble in God's Name

We joyfully welcome you to worship this morning!  
All are invited to use the Prayer and Prelude as a time of silent preparation.

### *Prayerful Reflection*

by Rev. Shannan Vance-Ocampo

Great and Holy God,  
This is why we are here today:  
for community that supports and inspires us,  
for worship that lifts our spirits,  
for the urgent reminder of your grace  
that abounds in our lives,  
for the peace that enables us  
to embody your Spirit of peace.  
In this time of worship, O Living Lord, remake us.  
In this time of worship, O Holy Spirit, fill us up.  
Remind us of our calling.  
Grant us the courage to be your people  
through the Risen Christ, the only One who sets us free.

### *Prelude*

*Fugue in E-flat, BWV 552*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

### *Welcome*

Rev. Rob Carter

### *Minute for Mission*

Prayer Partners

Tim Burkett

### *\*Call to Worship*

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*Leader:* Happy are we  
*People:* when our treasures cannot be measured  
except by love given and received.  
*Leader:* Happy are we  
*People:* when our pursuit for more  
is trumped by kindness and generosity.  
*Leader:* Happy are we  
*People:* when our certainty is tempered by mystery.  
*Leader:* Happy are we  
*People:* when our pain is held in the balm of compassion.  
*Leader:* Happy are we  
*People:* when our delight comes from beyond ourselves.  
*Leader:* Let us worship the Lord our God.