

**\*Invitation to Confess**

Jenness Hall

**\*Prayer of Confession**

You must shake your head in wonder at our ways,  
Keeper of the Covenant.  
How can we say we want wisdom,  
when we foolishly squander the knowledge we have  
of your ways?  
How can we claim to follow you,  
when we walk the slippery roads of the world  
not caring where they lead us?  
How can we desire your great and steadfast love,  
when the simple seductions of our society  
are in full view every day?

How can you have mercy on us, Perfect Wisdom?  
Yet, that is exactly what you do:  
and our greed turns to gratitude;  
our pettiness to praise;  
our tantrums to thanksgiving,  
as hope and joy become our blessing  
through the One we call our Lord and Savior,  
Jesus Christ.

- silent reflection and confession -

**\*Assurance of Grace**

Leader: Have you heard the Good News of Jesus Christ?  
People: Grace has set us free!  
We are forgiven and made new!

**\*Response to Grace**

Glory to God

GTG: #582

**\*Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Jesus Christ stems from knowing to whom you belong—  
People: the One who loves us and will never let us go.  
Leader: Because immeasurable love is not something we keep to ourselves,  
let us share it one another. 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**

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

**Proclaim God's Word**

**Prayer for Illumination**

Elder Alison Peer

**Scripture Reading**

Psalms 111 (Pew Bible pp. 562-3, OT.)  
Leader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word;  
People: Thanks be to God!

**Scripture Reading**

Rev. Debbie Schmidt

John 6: 52-58 (Pew Bible pp. 98-9, 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**

"Feasting on Jesus"

Rev. Debbie Schmidt

**Respond in Thanks & Faith**

**\*Hymn #501**

"Feed Us, Lord"

Feed Us

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

The Confession of 1967(9.15)

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of human understanding. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals God's love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinners. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

**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**

In Remembrance of Me

Courtney/Red

**\*Doxology**

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.

Old Hundredth

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Leader: O God, you not only surround us with resources and people who love us,  
but bless us with the responsibility of discerning how to use our time,  
possessions, and relationships.

People: We thank you, God, for the opportunity to share some of what we have received.  
Help us use all our gifts as you intend.

**\*Hymn #541**

"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

Randolph

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

Festive Postlude

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

\*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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**Our Mission:**

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

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TPC is a PC(USA) Earth Care Congregation;

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), Barbara Beard (Leslie Strawhand's sister), Ray Brooks, Jasen Carter, Cindy Cole (JoAnn Brooks' sister), Barbara Davis, Elsie DeGarmo Smith, Betsy Griffin, Jackson Herbert, Elisa Hodge, Chrissie Kahan, Julie Mertus, Michael Strawhand (Leslie's son), Charlotte Wilkes and Lester Wilkes (Charlotte's husband). Names remain on prayer list for four weeks, unless otherwise requested.

## Today at TPC

**Today:** We are blessed to welcome Debbie Schmidt, Associate for Spiritual Leader Development from the Presbytery of Baltimore, as our guest preacher.

**Assisting in Worship today are:** Jeff Bowerman, Kristie Burkett, Alex Foley, Cass Mairs, Liza Salemi, Bill Sherman, Dianne Thompson, and Liz White.

### Sunday, August 19

9:15 a.m.	Nursery Care for Infants – age 3 – Noah’s Nursery
9:30 a.m.	Worship Service – Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Summer Church School -- Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Fellowship – Thompson Hall
11:30 a.m.	SCL – Thompson Hall

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## All God’s People

**Summer Worship Schedule || Today - Sept. 2:** || TPC celebrates one Sunday morning service in the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m.

**Begin worship this summer with hymn singing!** In lieu of prelude music, Stephen will lead us in singing hymns new and old every Sunday through Labor Day. Arrive before 9:30 to lend your voice. You may submit your requests at [sharouff@towsonpres.org](mailto:sharouff@towsonpres.org).

### Schedules to note:

- Rev. Strom is on vacation August 19.
- Rev. Carter is on vacation August 19 (emergency pastoral care has been arranged).
- Stephen Harouff is on vacation August 20 – 31.

**Happy Hour in the Intergenerational Garden** on Friday, August 24 beginning at 5:00 pm. All ages are welcomed to this corner of God’s creation for a mix of work (pulling weeds, watering, harvesting), fellowship and relaxation. Some snacks and drinks provided, but BYO also welcome. Hope to see you there.

**Save the Date – Homecoming Sunday** is September 9. An “All Church Pot Luck” will be held immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

## Church School

**Church School August 19:** We continue to say “Hello” to learning The Lord’s Prayer. The goal is for the children to memorize it by Homecoming Sunday, if not before!

Parents, please practice with your children during the coming weeks. It’s a wonderful way to close out the evening before everyone goes to bed. I grew up saying The Lord’s Prayer to myself as the last “thing” I did before I went to sleep. That comforting, lifelong habit continues to this day. There is both beautiful peace and call for action in it. I look forward to exploring The Lord’s Prayer with our children.

## TPC This Week

### Tuesday, August 21

10:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting – Library
1:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl – Library

### Wednesday, August 22

1:00 p.m.	Communications Team – Library
7:00 p.m.	Session – Library
	Scout master Meeting – Youth Room

### Thursday, August 23

7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts – Youth Room
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### Sunday, August 26

9:15 a.m.	Nursery Care for Infants – age 3 – Noah’s Nursery
9:30 a.m.	Worship Service – Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Summer Church School
10:30 a.m.	Fellowship – Thompson Hall
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# The Service of the Lord’s Day



20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Aug. 19, 2018

9:30 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.

### ***Preparatory Reflection***

Bread of Heaven,  
Drink of Eternal Life,  
who calls us to a daring love of neighbor,  
we are hungry.

The things we have sought have all left us unsatisfied.  
So we come this morning  
seeking your bread of life—  
your Word made flesh.

Fill us and use us,  
opening our hearts and minds to your Spirit’s leading,  
that we might further live into the blessings  
you have called us to be.

### ***Prelude***

Hymn Sing

### ***Welcome***

### ***Call to Worship***

*Leader:* The Spirit of God invites us to worship.

**People:** In God’s Spirit, we rejoice and give thanks.

*Leader:* The glory of God calls us to praise.

**People:** In God’s glory, we meet the mysteries of the Holy.

*Leader:* The wisdom of God summons us to live with thanksgiving and truth.

**People:** In God’s wisdom, we find grace for living our lives.

*Leader:* The love of God invites us to service.

**People:** In God’s love, we are filled with strength and peace.

*Leader:* The peace of God calls us into abundant generosity.

**People:** So we turn our hearts and minds now to worship,  
living always as God’s beloved.

**\*Hymn #5**

“God the Sculptor of the Mountains”

Jennings-Houston