**Call to Worship**
This Call incorporates Mark 12 (the story of the widow’s offering) & Acts 4 (the way the early Church lived)

**Leader:** Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury; now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common.

**People:** Gather us in, Holy One; show us the way of righteousness.

**Leader:** And Jesus saw a poor widow put in two copper coins.

**People:** Gather us in, Compassionate Christ, help us to see community and hear welcome.

**Leader:** Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all the living that she had.”

**People:** Gather us in, Sustaining Spirit, enable us to open our arms and extend the circle.

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**Hymn #396**
"Brethren We Have Met To Worship"

**Prayer of Confession**

**Bountiful Love:** Our self-focus causes us to imagine how poor we are. We are convinced we don’t have enough: enough ... poverty, we cannot trust you; we cannot see the emptiness of others; we cannot help but cling to more than we need.

**Forgive us, Bestower of Blessings.** Show us righteousness once more: tell us we can be more loving; whisper to us how we can be more compassionate; sing to us how we can serve others in the name of Jesus, who revealed the fullness of your righteousness.

**Assurance of Grace**

**Leader:** The good news is that we are made whole not by our efforts, not by any work we have done, not by any word of ours, but by grace!

**People:** God pours grace into our lives, giving us all we need in Jesus Christ so we might live in hope and joy. Thanks be to God.

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**Response to Grace**

**Leader:** Let that grace now, like a tree, bring my wandering heart to thee;

**People:** Let the grace now be known and lived.

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**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture Reading**

Mark 12: 38-44 (Pew Bible p. 49-50, 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!

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**Sermon**

"Appearances Can Be Deceiving – Part 2 What Righteousness Looks Like"

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**Hymn #697**
"Take My Life"

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**Affirmation of Faith**

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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**Recognition of 50+-Year Members**

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**Call to Commitment**

**Offertory**


**Doxology**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

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Our Mission:
Towson Presbyterian Church is an inclusive community of faith growing as disciples of Christ
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, Shirley Albert, Davis Barker (Roxanne Maffitt Harvey's grandson), Ray Brooks, Cindy Cole (JocKan Brooks's sister), Everett Cook (Lois Robinson's friend), Barbara Davis, Elise DeGarmo Smith, Betsy Griffin, Jackson Herbert, Elisa Hodge, Alex Hurt, Kelsen LaBerge, Julie Mertus, Carol Morton, Sarah O'Brien (Patty's niece), Lois Robinson, and Leslie Strawhane. Names remain on prayer list for four weeks, unless otherwise requested.

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given are by the Hyde Family in loving memory of Carol and Jim Hyde.

The rose on the communion table announces the birth of Paxton Kai Fields to parents Jesse and Paris, grandson of Dotsie and Ross Bregel.

“Inhabiting Eden” Book Study || Adult Spiritual Formation invites you to explore humanity's connection and calling to care for God's creation. Books ($5) are on sale in Thompson Hall, Small Groups begin in January.

ACTC Gratitude & Prayer Service at The Church of the Immaculate Conception || Wed., Nov 14 at 7:00 p.m. || ACTC Member Churches are invited to come together to worship and thank God for our many blessings.

Christmas Wreath Fundraiser || Help support High School’s trip to the Presbyterian Youth Triennium next summer by buying a Christmas wreath! You can order a wreath beginning next Sunday in Thompson Hall or select and purchase one online. Go to www.towsonpres.org for more information.

The annual Alternative Gift Market || 11/25, 12/2 and 12/9 || Thompson Hall

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 11, 2018 8:30 a.m. & 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.

Preparatory Reflection “Two Copper Coins” Katherine Hawker
two copper coins echo beyond time abundance yielded drought, poverty bloomed to generosity two copper coins echo beyond time the need to protect confronts the call to relinquish two copper coins echo beyond time redefining worth as a place in the heart two copper coins echo beyond time

Prelude Fantasy on Kingsfold Dean Wagner (b. 1961)
Welcome Rev. Rob Carter

Moment for Mission “Inhabiting Eden” Deacon Tracy Morgan

Introit
Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;...

TPC This Week
Monday, November 12
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 – Thompson Hall
11:30 a.m. Chorals Choir – Choir Room
Children’s Choir – Choir Room
12:00 p.m. Sunday Community Lunch – Thompson Hall
5:30 p.m. Youth Group Meal – Thompson Hall

Tuesday, November 13
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting – Library
7:00 p.m. Property – Library
7:30 p.m. Handbells – Choir Room

Wednesday, November 14
7:00 p.m. Deacons – Library
Personnel – Conference Room

Thursday, November 15
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 729 – Youth Room
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir – Choir Room

Friday, November 16
6:00 p.m. HS Youth Lock In

Saturday, November 17
8:30 a.m. Running Small Group
9:00 a.m. Hiking Small Group
11:00 a.m. Jayne Nurtle Memorial Service – Sanctuary
Jack Mier Memorial Service – Merry Ridge
Reception – Thompson Hall
12:00 p.m. Sunday, November 18
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 – Thompson Hall
Children’s Choir – Choir Room – Room 212
12:00 p.m. Sunday Community Lunch – Thompson Hall
2:00 p.m. Andrew Drake Memorial Service – Sanctuary
Reception – Thompson Hall

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All God's People

Today, November 11 || 10:00 a.m. worship service we give thanks to those TPC members who have we have been members for 50+ years.

Schedules to note:
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• Thanksgiving baskets are due to the TH stage by 11/12.

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