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TOWSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Christ the King & Harvest Sunday

November 22nd, 2026 || 10:00 a.m.

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Assemble in God's Name

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

Prayerful Reflection John van de Laar *(adapted)*

Fill us again, O God,
with your immeasurable grace,
your inexhaustible love,
and your unconquerable life,
that we may be changed,
and may express our love and devotion
through lives of worship.
Amen.

Prelude *Prelude on "Ar Hyd Y Nos"* Dale Wood

Welcome

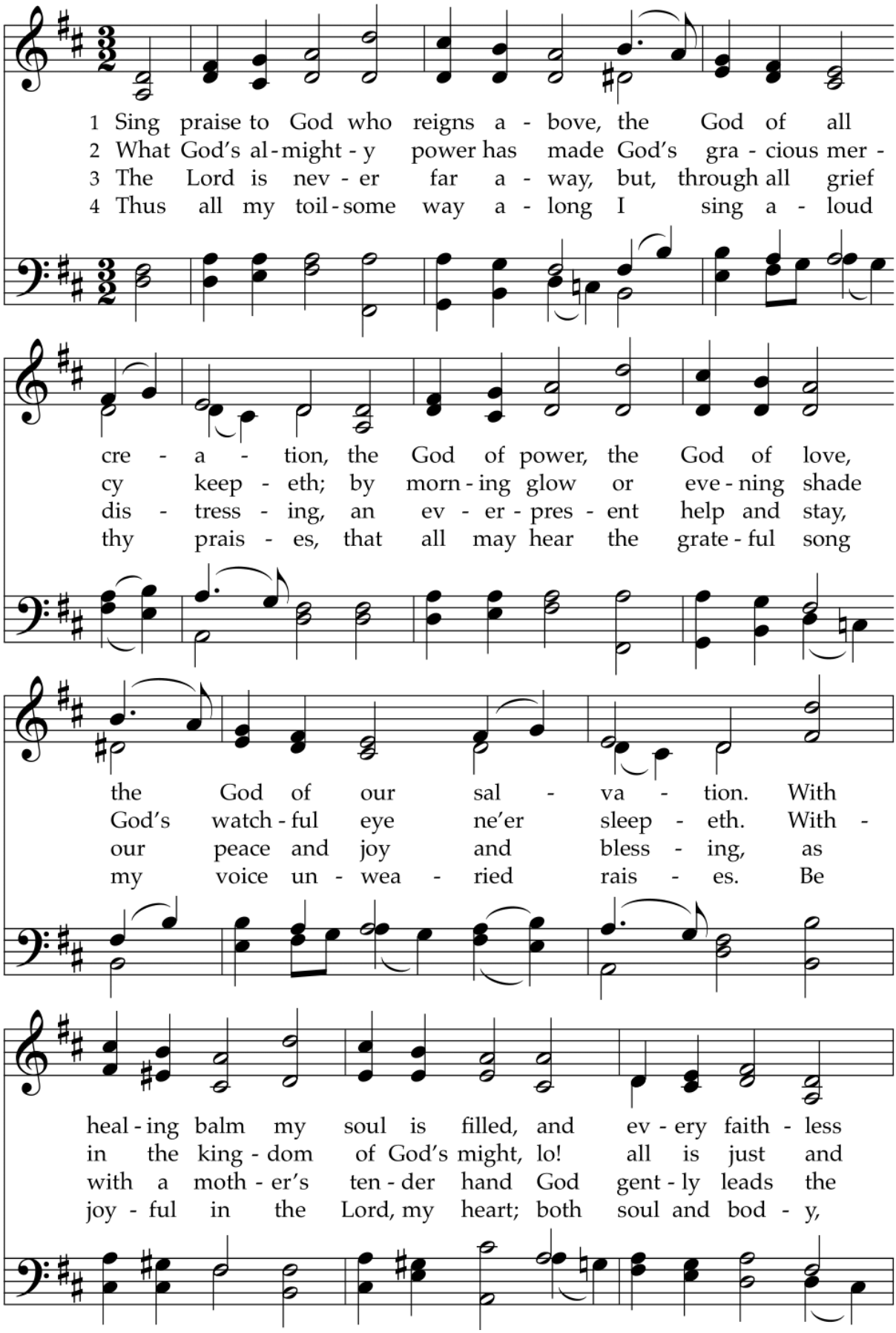
Introit *Andante (Debbie's Song)* Michael Burkhardt

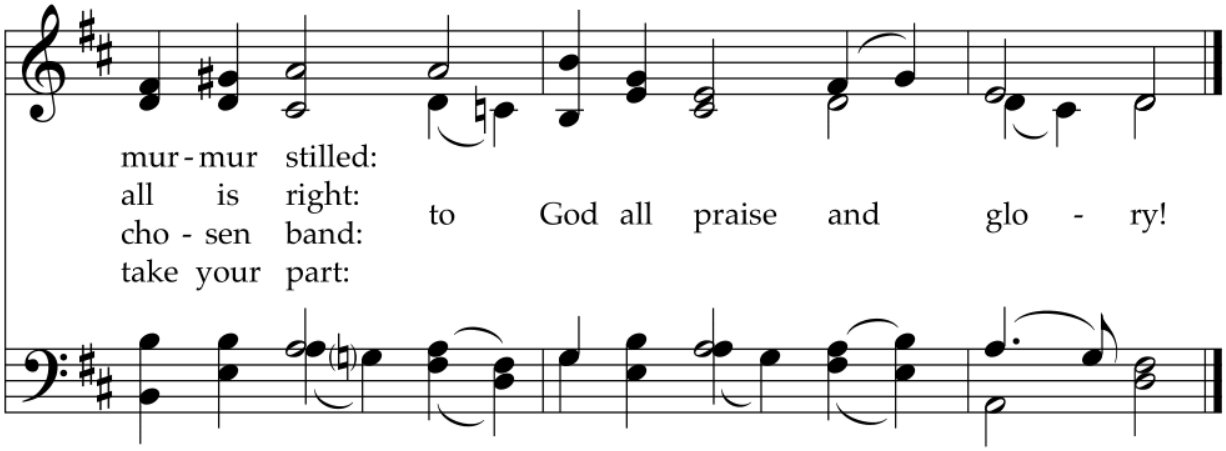
****Call to Worship*** Richard Bott (*adapted*)

Leader: Shouts of joy, songs of praise, sounds of hope and love!
People: These are moments of thanksgiving and gratitude to our God.
Leader: We are God's people, led by God's love.
People: We praise you, O God, for the ways in which

our lives have been blessed.
Leader: On this day of harvest, we bring our gifts to you, O God.
People: Loving God, accept our praise and gratitude as we worship you.

***Hymn #645** *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* Mit Freuden Zart


1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
2 What God's al - might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
4 Thus all my toil - some way a - long I sing a - loud
cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song
the God of our sal - va - tion. With
God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be
heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,



Invitation to Confess

Prayer of Confession ChristianAid.org (*adapted*)

Christ the King,
You came boldly proclaiming,
courageously demonstrating,
generously offering love that leads to life.
You call us to do the same.
But so much within our broken world frightens us;
we turn away from the openness your love requires
in order to shield ourselves as best as we can.

Generous One,
When we shut our eyes
because we're afraid to see another's pain...
When we cling tightly to what we have
because we're afraid to share what another needs...
When we ignore the bigotries around us
because we're afraid to confront them...
When we close ourselves off from those we don't know
because we're afraid of those different from us...
forgive us.
Give us the courage to live the faith you place within us,
and the way of love that leads to life.

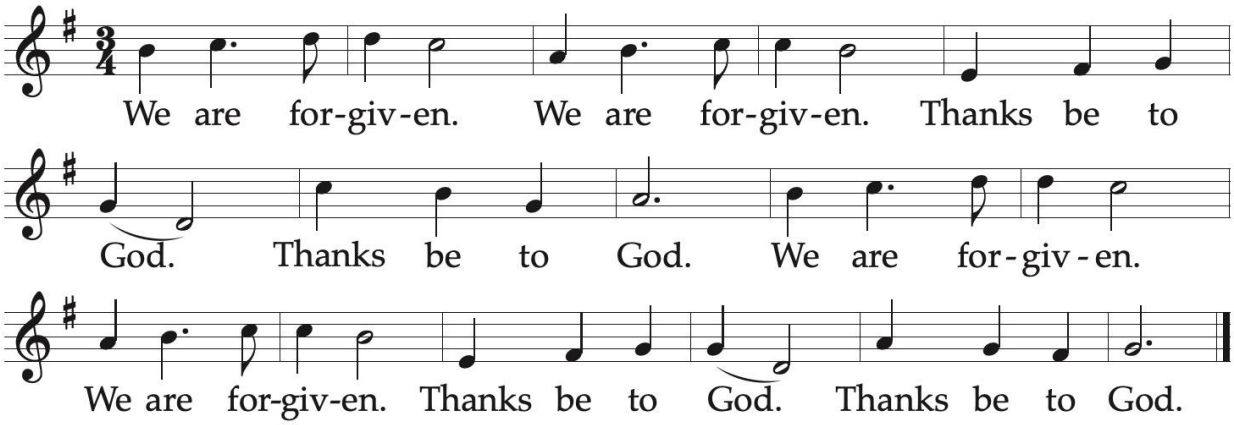
~ silent prayers of confession ~

Assurance of Grace

Leader: *Friends, God comes to us not in anger or judgment,*
but with mercy and compassion.

By the grace of Jesus Christ,
you are forgiven and redeemed.
People: May we proclaim God's praise,
as we boldly share God's transformational love!

***Response to Grace** We Are Forgiven



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***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ reminds us of who and whose we are.
People: No longer claimed by the pressures of this world,
Jesus' peace frees us to be our truest selves.
Leader: Let us share it. May the peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

Livestream Check-In

~ Children are invited to come forward~

Children's Message

Proclaim God's Word

Prayer for Illumination
Scripture Lesson Matthew 25: 31-46 Pew Bible p. 29 NT

For the word of God Scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Sheep & Goats, Us vs. Them,

and Waking Up to the Reality of Divine Love

Respond in Thanks & Faith

Anthem *Welcome to God's Love* Mark Miller

Offering Our Gifts to God

Ways to offer financial gifts

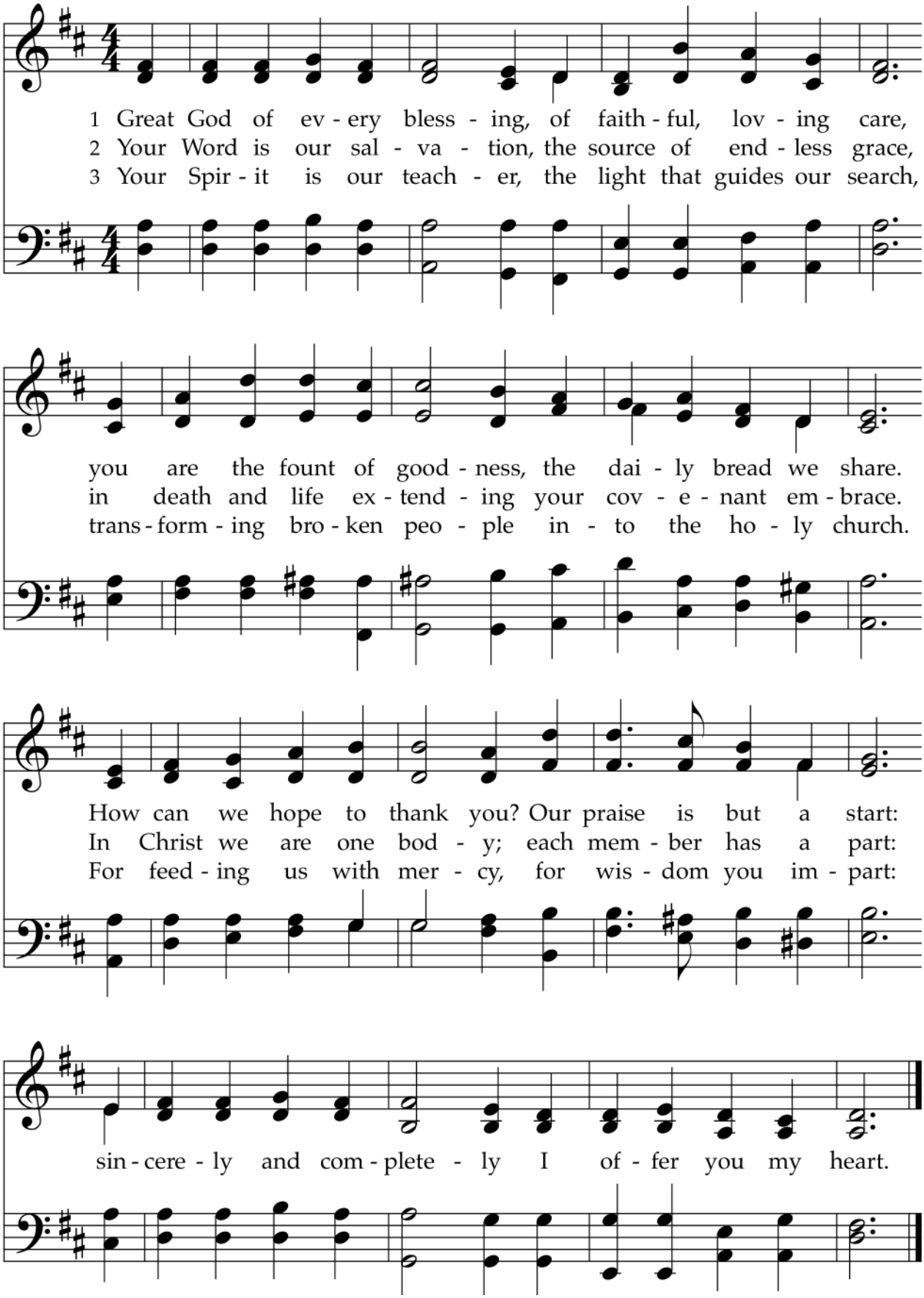
- Towsonpres.org – click the orange "Give" button at top of the page
- Text a dollar amount to 833-218-4418
- Drop off or mail check to the church
- Scan this QR code

Offertory *Thanksgiving Medley* arr. Julie Turner

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.

Hymn #694 *Great God of Every Blessing* Aurelia


1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,
2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,
3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,
you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.
in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.
trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:
For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:
sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

***Benediction**

Postlude *Prelude on "Now Thank We All Our God"* Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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Ministers	All members of the church
Pastor, Senior	Rev. Rob Carter
Pastor, Associate	Rev. Joel Strom
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Our Mission:

Towson Presbyterian Church is called to cultivate curious disciples of Christ who grow in faith, strive for justice, care for creation, and embody God's inclusive love.

Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) || Certified Earth Care Congregation || Affiliated with the Covenant Network of Presbyterians (seeking full equity for LGBTQ+ people in the life and ministry of the Church)

New Here? Welcome—*just as you are.*

We're so glad you're here! Whether you're exploring faith for the first time, new to the area, asking questions, or returning after time away, you are genuinely welcome at TPC.



To connect with us or learn more, scan this QR code to complete a virtual Connect Card (or fill out a printed card from the pew rack), or stop by the Welcome Kiosk outside the sanctuary to receive a welcome gift! You can also use it to join our email mailing list and stay up to date on church news and events.

Join us for worship every Sunday at 10:00 a.m., in person and online. Children are always welcome, with a professionally staffed nursery and Church School available during the service. Stay after worship for Coffee Hour at 11:00 a.m.!

We celebrate your presence today and hope this time of worship helps you experience the depth of God's love for you.

Prayer List

Patricia Bickel, Jim Flick, Roxanne Maffitt-Harvey, Jim Hughey, Barbara Kays, Gary Kezirian, Ann Lehwald, The Mercer Family, Julie Mertus, Brad Ohm, Janet Novak, George Openhym, Claire Reisler. *Names are listed for three weeks unless otherwise requested.*

TPC News, Mission, and Ministry Updates

Assisting in Worship: Beth Bugg, Jason Fitzsimmons, Matt Hemm, Karen Moriis*, Ro Nicolosi, Liz Piel, Judith Rietz, Paul Schwab.



Christmas Poinsettia Honorariums || Sunday, Nov. 8– Wed., Nov. 25 || Memorialize or honor your loved one by donating a chancel poinsettia this Advent. Forms are available online through Church Center or as paper copies in the Narthex. Completed paper forms may be returned to the church office. Names will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletins.

Awaiting Advent: Embracing Hope in Poetry, Music & Art || Today, 11:15am, Chapel || In-person & Zoom || As we prepare for Advent, join David and Patricia Jackson for Embracing Hope, a reflection through poetry, music, and art. Explore how hope has inspired generations, shapes our lives today, and guides us into the future with faith. Available in person & Zoom. Register online!

Women's Group Potluck || Friday, Dec. 4, 6–9pm || Thompson Hall || Join a great group of TPC women (and friends!) for one of our occasional Potluck Dinners. Come enjoy good food, conversation, and fellowship together. Sometimes there's a game or activity, and you never know when there might even be some

entertainment! Come as you are, bring something to share, and enjoy a fun evening together.

Children's Advent Festival | Sunday, December 6, after worship || Join us in Thompson Hall during Church School for fun crafts and activities exploring the Advent themes of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love! Parents and the congregation are invited to join the fun during Coffee Hour.



Alternative Gift Market || Sundays, Dec. 6 & 13, after worship || Shop the AGM and make a difference in our community and around the world! Choose from meaningful gifts supporting 10 organizations and a variety of causes, with options for every budget. Each purchase includes a gift note to share with your recipient, making it a thoughtful way to celebrate the joy of giving while extending God's love to others. Cash or checks are preferred.

McKim Center Angel Tree || Now–Monday, Dec. 7 || Pick up a gift tag in Thompson Hall or from the tree by the Chapel and help bless a child from the McKim Center this Christmas! A great family service opportunity. Gifts will be picked up on Dec. 8th



Christmas Wreath Fundraiser || Now–Sunday, Dec. 15th || Support our youth by purchasing a holiday wreath through Lynch Creek Farm! Proceeds help fund summer conferences at Massanetta and Montreat. Scan the QR code to purchase!

Cultivating Our Sacred Selves: A Women's Retreat || Sat., Feb. 13 || 8am-7pm || Bon Secours Retreat Center || Join fellow women for a day of reflection, conversation, and creative activities as we explore the sacred in our lives. Open to all female-identifying individuals comfortable in women's spaces. Cost is $50, including lunch and dinner. Limited to 40 participants. Additional information and registration are available through Church Center.



Church Center App || To stay connected in all things here at TPC, scan the QR code to download the TPC Church Center App! You can access event registrations, join groups, view our calendar, and more.

TPC This Week

Sun. 11/22:	9:00am	The Explorers (Thompson Hall)
	10:00am	Noah's Nursery, 0–4 (Lower Level)
	10:00am	Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestream)
	11:00am	Coffee Hour (Thompson Hall)
	11:15am	Awaiting Advent Poetry Event (Chapel)
	11:20am	Parents of Teens? Take a Break! (Conf. Rm)
	12:00pm	Sunday Community Lunch (Thompson Hall)
Mon. 11/23:	10:00am	Monday Morning Bible Study (Zoom)
	7:00pm	Book Study w/ Harold Cahill (Zoom)
Tue. 11/24:	7:30pm	Handbells Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thur. 11/26:	All Day	Thanksgiving Holiday – Church Office is Closed
Fri. 11/27:	All Day	Thanksgiving Holiday – Church Office is Closed
Sat. 11/28:	9:00am	TPC Hiking Group (Varies)