

***Invitation to Confess**

Jenness Hall

***Prayer of Confession**

Most Patient God,
 we recognize how much we need you for life itself.
 But how often have we acted like
 we don't care about you
 or the priorities you share?
 How often have we been the ones
 failing to pursue justice
 for those unable to pursue it for themselves?
 How often have we sought to dominate others
 even as you stand with them?
 How often have we participated in the wounding of your creation
 by our disregard of the earth, the air, and your creatures?

Forgive us, God, for the times we have lost our way
 and our sense of self.

We want to be among those
 who live and share the life of your kingdom.
 Find us, forgive us,
 and lead us home to faithfulness.

- silent prayers of confession -

***Assurance of Grace**

Leader: Friends, do you know that good news of Jesus Christ?!
 God forgives, and heals, and redeems!
 Leader: Mingled with faith and love, grace is poured into lives,
 blessing us with gifts and the call to share them!

***Response to Grace**

Hymn to Joy

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.
 Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.
 Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
 Joyful music leads us sun-ward in the triumph song of life.

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ reminds us 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. 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

Carol Appleby

Scripture Reading

1 Timothy 1: 12-17 (Pew Bible p. 208, N.T.)
 Leader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word;
 People: Thanks be to God!

Scripture Lesson

Luke 15: 1-10 (Pew Bible p. 78, 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

Letters from a Mentor—Part 1 of 4:
"Be Yourself"

Respond in Thanks & Faith

***Hymn #173**

"A Woman and a Coin" Life Restored
 Stanzas 1-2, choir || Stanzas 3-4, congregation

Sacrament of Baptism Audrianna Coralie Peer

Daughter of Alison & Tom Peer; Sister of Eli Ginder & Emilyynn Peer
 Scripture
 Presentation of the Baptized
 Profession of Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven
 and earth,
 And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was
 conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and
 buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again
 from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the
 right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall
 come to judge the quick and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the
 communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection
 of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Baptism

Welcome

Leader: Audrianna has been received into the one holy catholic and
 apostolic church through baptism. God has made her a member
 of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of
 Christ. Let us welcome her!

People: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you,
 Audrianna, into Christ's church to share with us
 in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

Response

Be - hold, be - hold, I make all things new, be -
 ginning with you, and start-ing from to - day. Be - hold, be - hold, I
 make all things new, my pro-mise is true, for I am Christ the way.

Call to Commitment

Offertory

I Am His Child Moses Hogan (1957-2003)

***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: God, we praise you. When we could not find our way,
 you came searching for us.
 People: May our gifts be used to bring hope to those cast aside
 by the world, peace to those whose lives are troubled,
 and grace to all who are alone. Amen.

***Hymn #475**

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Nettleton

***Benediction**

Postlude

Prelude on "Nettleton" Robert Hobby (b. 1962)

*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.

The Towson Presbyterian Church

Inclusive - Curious - Compassionate - Courageous

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Ministers	All the members of the church
Pastor, Senior	The Rev. Rob Carter
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Pastor Emeritus	The Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

Our Mission:

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

TPC is a PC(USA) *Earth Care Congregation*,
 and 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), Mary Grace Byrne, Cindy Cole (JoAnn Brooks' sister), Barbara
 Davis, Elsie DeGarmo Smith, Kathleen Flynn (Tara's sister), Melanie
 Heckstall, Pat Hoopes, Mike Just, Kelsen LaBerge, Julie Mertus, Jane
 Messimer, Carol Morton and Bettie Tabelaing *Names remain on prayer list for four
 weeks, unless otherwise requested.*

The votive on the communion table marks the first anniversary of the death of Jayne Nuttle (9/17).

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Karen and Eb Nuttle in loving memory of Jayne Nuttle.

New Here? Welcome—*just as you are.*

We're grateful you're here! Please take just a moment to note your name and email address in the sign-in pads on the inside of each pew.

We'd also cherish the chance to connect with you. An Outreach Minister (wearing a blue nametag) will be standing by the Communion Table after the service to meet with anyone who'd like to learn more about TPC. Outreach Ministers also staff TPC's two "Welcome Centers," located outside the rear of the sanctuary and in the Church Hall. Additionally, a visit to towsonpres.org reveals the breadth and depth of TPC's missions and ministries. You're warmly invited to participate in any church events or programs of interest.

For your worshipping comfort, large-print bulletins and hearing assistance devices are available at the rear of the sanctuary. Deacons (wearing red nametags) are happy to assist you.

While children are whole-heartedly welcome within all of worship, our professionally-staffed nursery is available (see a deacon for directions).

Finally, we invite you to join us for light refreshments during our "Coffee Hour," located in the Church Hall (on the bottom level next to the parking lot) after the 10 a.m. service.

Thank you, again, for the blessing of your presence this morning.

Today at TPC

Assisting in Worship today: Mary Blann, Rob Culp, Alex Foley, Pat Keller, Kim Labrique, Ro Nicolosi and Susan Shockley.

Sunday, September 15

8:30 a.m.	Worship Service – Chapel
9:45 a.m.	Noah's Nursery (infants to 3 yr olds)
10:00 a.m.	Worship Service – Sanctuary
10:15 a.m.	Church School – Education wing
11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour – Thompson Hall
11:30 a.m.	Cherubs/ Children's Choir – Room 212/ Choir Room
12:00 p.m.	SCL – Thompson Hall
3:00 p.m.	Biking Small group – NCR Ashland Entrance

Electronic Giving: text "CheerfulGiver" (all one word/no spaces) to 73256 or scan the QR Code to the right. →



All God's People

TPC Welcomes the Peabody Children's Chorus || Throughout the 2019-2020 year, this prestigious chorus will use Thompson Hall, Heartlights, and the Chapel on Tuesdays from 4 – 10 p.m. These building spaces will not be available for church use. To facilitate foot traffic, please use the front or alley doors to access the building. More information is on towsonpres.org.

Meeting for Parents of Children (Infants – High School) || Sept. 22 after worship || Library.

Small Group Registration || Sign-up online at towsonpres.org/Grow/Adults.

MS & HS Youth Group starts Sept 22 || 5:30 p.m. || Thompson Hall

Assistance Center of Towson Churches (ACTC) || Current need: dry spaghetti and spaghetti sauce || ACTC donation boxes are outside the Sanctuary and Thompson Hall.

Outdoor Movie – "Mary Poppins Returns" || September 20 || 7:30 p.m. || All are invited to bring a chair or blanket, snacks, and friends.

Group Workday in the InterGenerational Garden || Sat. 9/21, 9:30-11:30am. || Come for part or all || Some tools and gloves at the garden, but feel to bring your own. www.signupgenius.com/go/10COD4CACAE2DA6FB6-2019 to sign up, or just show up.

New Church-Wide Book Study: We Make the Road By Walking || Purchase a book at a discounted price in the Church Hall.

"Reinventing Power" documentary || Sunday, 9/29 at 11:15 a.m. || Library || Join us for this screening and discussion || Details at towsonpres.org (Serve → Environment → Earth Corps). Childcare will be provided.

Small Group – *Together We Serve* || Sunday, 9/29, 3-5 p.m. || First experience is with ShareBaby at Hampden Warehouse || Donations of wipes or diapers (even if they're open) can be placed in collection box outside the Church Hall || Contact Julie Krief to sign up: jkriefl@jhmi.edu

TPC This Week

Monday, September 16

5:00 p.m. Communications – Nook
7:00 p.m. Book Study (Bickel/Gray) – Bickel Home

Tuesday, September 17

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting – Nook
1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl – Nook
4:00 p.m. Peabody Chorus – Thompson Hall, Chapel, Heartlights
7:00 p.m. Mission Outreach – Library
CFM – Nook
7:30 p.m. Handbells – Choir Room

Wednesday, September 18

7:00 p.m. Finance – Library
MD Trout Unlimited – Thompson Hall
Personnel – Nook

Thursday, September 19

9:00 a.m. TPC Men's Breakfast – Towson Diner
2:00 p.m. Encore Chorale – Chapel
7:00 p.m. Property – Library
Third Thursday Choir – Choir Room
Troop 1729 – Youth Room / Room 212
Chancel Choir – Choir Room

Friday, September 20

7:30 p.m. Outdoor Movie – Mary Poppins Returns – East parking lot

Saturday, September 21

9:30 a.m. Intergenerational Garden Work Day

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Towson Presbyterian Church



Sept. 15, 2019 || 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Assemble in God's Name

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

Prayerful Reflection

God beyond my knowing,
yet present in my daily living,
I don't often understand the wisdom of your ways,
or see the purpose to your plans,
but I know your love never fails.

Come, Holy Spirit.
Enter into this time of worship, and each of us.
Work within and among us to renew our minds,
build our community,
and form our faith..

You are our help and our hope.

Prelude "Allegro vivace" from Symphony No. 1 Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Welcome Rev. Carter

Moment for Mission Stephen Harouff, Lorene LaBerge

Call to Worship Rev. Strom

Leader: Blessed is God, who created us and loves us beyond measure.
People: Blessed is God, who calls us to stop measuring out our love.

Leader: Blessed is God, who speaks and tells us stories about ourselves.
People: Blessed is God, who reveals to us who we truly are.

Leader: Blessed is God, whose compassion is poured out on each and all.
People: Blessed is God, who gives us a kingdom to share, until all know they're loved and claimed as God's precious child.

Leader: Let us worship our amazing God!

**Hymn #12* "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" St. Denio

