

***Invitation to Confess**

***Prayer of Confession**

Loving God, in every generation
you call forth prophets to proclaim your word.
Your Spirit inspires
the young to see visions of a new creation
and elders to dream of a time not yet known.
You call us to look for the possibilities you intend.
Yet we fail to hear your voice
when it comes from an unexpected place,
or from unexpected people.
Convinced our perspective are right,
we miss the Good News of your reconciling love.

Forgive us, Lord:
for ignoring the vision;
for refusing to look at the vision
alive within those difference from us;
for choosing familiarity and comfort
rather than risking the new to which your vision calls.

- silent prayers of confession -

***Assurance of Grace**

Leader: Friends, let us proclaim the Good News of God's grace!
People: God is with us, offering new life to be lived amid
the divine possibilities of love, hope, and peace.
We will live it and proclaim it!

***Response to Grace**



***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace Jesus revealed is not won or earned,
but experienced amid a deep trust in God.
May the peace of our Lord 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

Nancy Elson

Scripture Reading

Joel 2: 23-32 (Pew Bible p. 848, O.T.)
Leader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word;
People: Thanks be to God!

Scripture Lesson

Luke 18: 9-14 (Pew Bible p. 81, 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

The Possibility Business—Part 2:
“What Are You Looking For?”

Respond in Thanks & Faith

***Hymn #773** (10:00) “Heaven Shall Not Wait” Heaven Shall Not Wait

***Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed
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.

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer (10:00)
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 Rivers of Delight David von Kampen (b. 1986)

***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 have been so good to us, Gracious God, giving us every good gift.
We offer our thanks and join our efforts to share your blessings.
People: Almighty One, open our eyes to the possibilities
of a world where justice and peace reign.
Help us extend the witness of your care into our
neighborhoods and, in ever-widening circles,
to the ends of the earth.

***Hymn #286** “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” Trentham

***Benediction**

Postlude

Toccata Brevis

Daniel Gawthrop (b. 1949)

*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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Director of Children and Family Ministry	Jeness Hall
Administrative & Communications Coordinator	Tara Flynn Runge
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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).

Let's connect:

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New Here? Welcome—just as you are.

We're grateful you're here! Please take 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. A TPC Outreach
Minister will be standing next to the Communion Table *after* the 10 a.m. service
concludes to welcome any who'd like to learn a bit 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).

Please consider joining us after the 10 a.m. service 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.

Please pray for: Bob Adams, Davis Barkley (Roxanne Maffitt Harvey's grandson), Mary Grace Byrne, Cindy Cole (JoAnn Brooks' sister), Jim Dawson, Barbara Davis, Elsie DeGarmo Smith, Barbara & John Dillon, Kathleen Flynn (Tara's sister), Melanie Heckstall, Pat Hoopes, Mike Just, Chuck LaBerge, Kelsen LaBerge, Julie Mertus, Jane Messimer, Carol Morton, The Rector Family (Mary Blann), and Bettie Tabeling *Names remain on prayer list for four weeks, unless otherwise requested.*

Today at TPC

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Mary Blann in loving memory of her mother, Mary Blann.

Assisting in Worship today: Shirley Albert, Sandi Burt, Rob Culp, Alex Foley, Pat Keller, Jim Kuhlman, Ann Miller, Ro Nicolosi, and Barb Plunkett.

Sunday, October 27

8:30 a.m.	Worship Service – Chapel
9:00 a.m.	Church Tour – Narthex (outside rear of sanctuary)
9:45 a.m.	Noah's Nursery (infants to 3-year olds)
10:00 a.m.	Worship Service – Sanctuary
10:15 a.m.	Church School – Education wing
11:00 a.m.	Skype with Brian McLaren – Sanctuary
11:15 a.m.	Book Study / Kuhlman – Library
	Coffee Hour – Thompson Hall
11:30 a.m.	Cherubs / Children's Choir – Room 212/ Choir Room
12:00 p.m.	Sunday Community Lunch – Thompson Hall
3:00 p.m.	Biking Small group – NCR Ashland Entrance
5:30 p.m.	Youth Group Meal – Thompson Hall

Church Building Tour || Oct. 27 at 9:00 a.m. || Starts in Narthex (outside rear of sanctuary) || Come learn the ins and outs of our building || For long-time members and those new to TPC.

Wi-Fi || To ensure consistent internet connection with Brian McLaren this morning we have temporarily disabled our free Wi-Fi. We apologize for the inconvenience and it will be again be available later today.

Meet Brian McLaren || Today after 10 a.m. service || Join us in the sanctuary for a Skype conversation with the author of We Make the Road by Walking. Childcare for children in church school and nursery is provided during this time.

Electronic Giving || Text "CheerfulGiver" (one word; no spaces; case sensitive) to 73256 or scan the QR Code to the right. →



All God's People

Review Period & Forum || Session has discerned a need to restructure TPC's restricted and designated funds and policy. To review the current Endowment Fund Agreement and proposed amendments, please contact the church office (tpc@towsonpres.org). Session will host a forum on Nov. 10 at 11:30 a.m. in the Chapel to explore the proposed changes and rationale behind them.

Small Group: 21 Day Racial Equity Habit Building Challenge || Create effective social justice habits using "Waking Up White" author Debby Irving's online resources. || Sign-up at towsonpres.org > Grow > Adults.

Daylight Savings Time ends next Sunday (11/3). Fall Back One Hour.

Church-wide Book Study: We Make the Road by Walking || Contact the church office to purchase a book at a discounted price || An audio version can be purchased on Audible || This week we read Ch. 8 – "Rivalry or Reconciliation?"

New Podcasts || Pastor Rob and Joel's podcast of Ch. 8 of We Make the Road by Walking is available at towsonpres.org > Explore > Podcasts.

Honduras Mission Trip || March 6 – 15, 2020 || Register by Nov. 22 || Contact Lynn Krugman (thekrugmans@comcast.net) for more information || Financial assistance is available.

Holiday Brass Concert || 7:30 p.m., Dec. 3 || Cathedral of Mary Our Queen || Tickets now available || Cost - \$22 || Please contact Mary Jane Obaker (410-377-2629) to purchase tickets.

Assistance Center of Towson Churches (ACTC) || Current needs: boxes of dry cereal || Donation boxes are outside the Sanctuary and Thompson Hall.

Catonsville HS Steel Drum Band Concert || Fri., Nov. 8, 7:30-9:00 p.m. || Thompson Hall || Everyone is encouraged to wear island attire. || Suggested donation: a canned good for ACTC per person

"Genesis of Exodus" Documentary Film on Immigration || Sun., Nov. 10, 11:15-12:15 || Library || Produced by the Office of the General Assembly of the PC(USA), "Genesis of Exodus" takes you to El Salvador, Guatemala and southern Mexico, giving voice to the migrants, their families, and the people who work with them.

Epiphany Stars || As we near the end of 2019, now is the time to begin reflecting on its impact. How has your star spoken to you this past year?

MS & HS Youth Group meets tonight from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

TPC This Week

Monday, October 28	12:00 p.m.	Book Study (Cashin) – Thompson Hall
Tuesday, October 29	10:00 a.m.	Book Study (Pugh) – Thompson Hall
	10:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting – Nook
	4:00 p.m.	Peabody Chorus – Thompson Hall, Chapel, Heartlights
	7:30 p.m.	Handbells – Choir Room
Thursday, October 31	10:00 a.m.	Snyder Committee Meeting – Library
	12:30 p.m.	Gentle Yoga – Thompson Hall
	2:00 p.m.	Encore Chorale – Chapel
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir – Choir Room
Friday, November 1	6:00 p.m.	Meet to Eat – TBD
Saturday, November 2	9:00 a.m.	Hiking Small Group –
	10:00 a.m.	Choir Retreat – Chapel
Sunday, November 3		Communion Sunday Daylight Savings Time Ends
	8:30 a.m.	Worship Service – Chapel
	9:45 a.m.	Noah's Nursery (infants to 3-year olds)
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service – Sanctuary
		Grades 3 & 4 Children's Church – Chapel
	10:15 a.m.	Church School – Education wing
	11:15 a.m.	MS & HS 2020 Mission Trip Meeting – Youth Room
		Coffee Hour – Thompson Hall
	11:30 a.m.	Cherubs/ Children's Choir – Room 212/ Choir Room
	12:00 p.m.	SCL – Thompson Hall

Towson Presbyterian Church



Oct. 27, 2019 || 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

30th 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

Frederick Buechner

The grace of God means something like:

Here is your life. You might never have been, but you are because the party wouldn't have been complete without you.

Here is the world. Beautiful and terrible things will happen. Don't be afraid. I am with you. Nothing can ever separate us. It's for you I created the universe. I love you.

There's only one catch. Like any other gift, the gift of grace can be yours only if you'll reach out and take it. Maybe being able to reach out and take it is a gift too.

Prelude

Tocatta and Fugue in D Minor, BWV 565

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome

Rev. Carter

Moment for Mission

Patty O'Brien

*Call to Worship

Jenness Hall

Leader: Come!

Come and worship,

you who woke early and you who prefer to sleep late;

you who come often, and you who don't.

People: **Whether we are first or last or somewhere in between, there is room for all of us in God's kingdom, and more than enough grace to go around.**

Leader: *The possibilities of God are never ending!*

People: **Let us worship God together!**

*Hymn #32

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Ellacombe