

***Prayer of Confession**

Rev. Joel Strom

God of our baptismal waters,
You sent John the Baptist to point to your Son,
the Light of the world!
But we have gone astray,
pursuing dimmer lights along darker paths.
We've sought the dim lights
of worldly success and wealth.
We've followed the dim lights
that liken religion to rule-following
rather than love-giving.
We clamored for the fading light of personal salvation
rather than the light of Christ
that brightens all of Creation.

Forgive us for not reflecting your true light for all the world.
Forgive us for not following the way of Jesus,
who commanded us to love one another.
Remind us once more who we are—
your light-bearers of compassion and justice,
through whom your love is revealed.

- silent reflection and confession -

***Assurance of Grace**

Leader: Friends, the promise of baptism is true!
People: Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Leader: New life is ours for the living.
People: May our lives reveal our baptismal identities
as God's "Beloved"—blessed to be a blessing.

***Response to Grace**

The peo-ple who walked in dark-ness a - wak-en to
see a great light. The peo-ple who dwelt in the
land of the shad-ow rise to a star shin-ing bright.
His name is Won-der-ful, Coun-sel-or, Al-might-y God,
Fa-ther for-ev-er, Prince of Peace. Peace.

GTG:86

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: In baptism, we are marked with the sign and seal of God's unconditional love for us. This peace is ours to live and share! 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 (10:00)

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

Proclaim God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

John 1: 29-42

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!

Lenore Chapman
Pew Bible p. 92, N. T.

Sermon

Christian Storytelling – Part 2:
“Evangelism – Sharing the Story”

Respond in Thanks & Faith

***Hymn #737** (10:00) “Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song” Let Petites Soeurs

A Moment from Community Outreach & Engagement (CORE) (10:00)

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

We Will Rise Up And Follow

Bringle/Haas

***Doxology**

Pleading Savior

For the life that you have giv-en, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and la-bor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we of-fer, Lord, our prais-es; heart and mind and strength we bring;
give us grace to love and serve you, liv-ing what we pray and sing.

GTG:717

***Prayer of Dedication**

Leader: Great Giver, we give to express our thanks and reflect your light.
People: May our lives proclaim both our thanks and your kingdom until all know the peace of life lived amid the assurance of your love. Amen.

***Hymn #295**

“Go to the World!”

Sine Nomine

***Benediction**

Postlude

Now Go in Joy

Junkanoo

Now go in joy to spread the Word till all peo-ple have heard:
God em-brac-es all! Fol-low, then, the dis-ci-ples' call:
tend your neigh-bors with lov-ing care in dai-ly work and prayer.
God's own grace em-pow-er your spir-it. A-men!

GTG:745

*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.

Towson Presbyterian Church

Inclusive - Curious - Compassionate - Courageous

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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*,
and a member of the *Covenant Network* (striving for a fully inclusive church).

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Please pray for: Bob Adams, Mary Grace Byrne, Cindy Cole (JoAnn Brooks' sister), Barbara Davis, Pat Hoopes, Angelyna Jones (Laura Howard's niece), Mike Just, Carol McCord, Julie Mertus, Jane Messimer, Gloria Roberts, Steve Tucker (Carter family), Stuart Tyrie (Mitzie's son) and Joye Wilhide. *Names remain on prayer list for four weeks, unless otherwise requested.*

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 pad on the inside of each pew.

We'd cherish the chance to connect with you. Outreach Ministers (wearing blue nametags) will be standing near the pastors at the rear and front sanctuary exits after the 10 a.m. service to meet with any who'd like to learn a bit more about our church community. Please also explore the pamphlets in the pew racks or visit one of the two "Welcome Centers" located outside the rear of the sanctuary and in the Fellowship Hall. You're warmly invited to any church event or program that may be 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 wholeheartedly welcome within all of worship, our professionally-staffed nursery is also available (see a deacon for directions). Church school (Pre-K - Grade 5) begins after the Children's Message.

Please join us after the 10 a.m. service for refreshments at our "Coffee Hour," located in the Fellowship Hall (bottom level next to the parking lot).

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

Annual Meeting || Feb. 9 after 10 a.m. service || Called to present the annual reports of Session committees, the 2019 financial report, the 2020 budget, pastoral terms of call, and electing members to the Congregational Nominating Committee. The Annual Report will be available approx. Jan. Jan. 27 online.

Winter Small Groups || Diner's Club; Hiking; Meet to Eat; Tea Tasting; Intro to the Enneagram; Gun Violence; and "We Make the Road By Walking" in Lent || Register online at towsonpres.org OR downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

MS & HS - Snow Tubing @ Roundtop || Friday, Jan. 26 5:00-10:00 p.m. || \$28.00 and Roundtop Release Form due by Sunday, Jan. 19.

The Honduras Mission Team is now collecting donations for their March trip. Please pick up a flyer in the narthex or at the donation box outside Fellowship Hall for information on what is needed and our Target wish list. Donations are due by February 21st and should be placed in the box outside Fellowship Hall.

Assistance Center of Towson Churches (ACTC) || Current needs: jars of Peanut butter and jelly and cans of tuna fish || Donation boxes are outside the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall.

CPR/AED Course || Monday, Jan. 27, 2020 @ 6:30 p.m. || Fellowship Hall || Become CPR/AED certified || Led by Scott Kuhlman, Heart to Beat, LLC || Registration limited to 50 people || Register online at towsonpres.org/events/. Contact Pat Keller (pat10keller@gmail.com) with questions.

The Service of the Lord's Day



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jan. 19, 2020 || 8:30 & 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.

Prayer of Preparation

God of Grace, we gather amazed at your love.
While all is not right and we are not righteous,
your love is still at work,
spraying light and hope to a broken world
filled with broken people.

As we prepare to worship you,
open us evermore not just to the blessings of your love,
but to its calling.

Help us find in love's embrace
the call to shine and show your light to each and all.

Prelude *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* arr. Frances McLaren

Welcome Rev. Rob Carter

Moment for Mission Janet Lord and Carol Openhym

**Call to Worship* Jenness Hall

Leader: Come and see!
People: The light of God has come into our world
to proclaim God's justice and love.
It shines in the darkness, revealing new life.

Leader: Come and follow!
People: Christ our Light has redeemed our world,
drawing us into a loving family
from every tribe and family and culture.

Leader: Go and tell!
People: The Spirit has equipped us for service
to love our neighbors as we do ourselves,
spreading salvation to the ends of the earth.

Leader: Let us worship our God of life!

**Hymn #339* "Lift Every Voice and Sing" Lift Every Voice

Today at TPC

Assisting in Worship today are: Sandi Burt, Rob Culp, Alex Foley, Pat Keller, Kim Labrique, Ro Nicolosi, and Patty O'Brien.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given in loving memory of John Dillon by Barbara, Elizabeth and Ginny.

Sunday, January 19

8:30 a.m.	Worship Service - Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Childcare - Noah's Nursery
10:00 a.m.	Worship Service - Sanctuary
10:15 a.m.	Church School - Education Wing
11:00 a.m.	Service Project - Fellowship Hall
11:30 a.m.	Cherubs/Children's Choir - Room 212/Choir Room
12:00 p.m.	Sunday Community Lunch - Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m.	Youth Group Meal - Fellowship Hall

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



Amnesty International's "Write For Rights" Letter Writing Campaign || Today at 11:00 a.m. || Fellowship Hall || Write letters on behalf of people who face relentless discrimination or were unjustly imprisoned.

All God's People

Church-wide Book Study: We Make the Road by Walking || This week we read Ch. 21 - "Significant and Wonderful"

Joel & Rob's Podcast || Joel & Rob's offer a weekly podcast on a chapter of We Make the Road by Walking || New this week: Ch. 21 || Towsonpres.org > Explore > Podcasts

TPC This Week

Monday, January 20

Church Offices Closed
Communications - Conference Room

Tuesday, January 21

5:00 p.m.
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Nook
1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl - Nook
3:30 p.m. Peabody Chorus
6:30 p.m. Mission Outreach - Library
7:00 p.m. CFM - Nook
Handbells Choir - Choir Room

Wednesday, January 22

7:00 p.m. Session - Library
Troops Uniformed Leader's Meeting - Youth Room

Thursday, January 23

1:00 p.m. Tea Tasting Small Group - Nook
2:00 p.m. Encore Choral - Chapel
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir - Choir Room
Troop 729(B) and Troop 1729(G) - Room 212/Youth Room

Friday, January 24

5:00 p.m. Youth Snowtubing - Roundtop

Sunday, January 26

8:30 a.m. Worship Service - Chapel
9:30 a.m. Childcare - Noah's Nursery
10:00 a.m. Worship Service - Sanctuary
10:15 a.m. Church School - Education Wing
11:00 a.m. TPC Church Tour - Narthex
11:30 a.m. Cherubs/Children's Choir - Room 212/Choir Room
11:30 a.m. Confirmation Class - Youth Room
12:00 p.m. Sunday Community Lunch - Fellowship Hall