

***Prayer of Approach**

Jenness Hall

Loving God,
whose touch can heal the broken places of life,
come close to us today...
God of peace,
whose spirit of peace can quiet our spirits
of confusion and despair,
reassure us today...
Forgiving God,
whose call to repentance promises grace upon grace,
place your mercy in our souls today...

You who heal the sick and liberate the imprisoned,
who bring justice in the midst of oppression
and strength in the midst of weakness,
pour out your spirit of power
upon us today.

Open our hearts to new faithfulness,
redirect our waywardness,
and hold us gently in your goodness.
We confess our need to you,
and we turn to you with hearts filled with hope,
remembering the promises you have made to us.

- silent reflection and confession -

***Assurance of Grace**

Leader: Jesus has come to heal our spirits and our souls.
New life is offered to us in Jesus Christ!
People: Rejoice and be glad, for God's love
is poured out to us this day! Amen.

***Response to Grace**

Gloria Patri

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: God makes peace within us. Let us claim it.
People: God makes peace between us. Let us share it.
Leader: Let us greet another as a sign of God's peace.
The peace of God is here... to stay.
People: Thanks be to God.

- 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

Mark 1: 21-28

Phyllis Gray
Pew Bible p. 35, 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!

What one thought from today's Scripture reading especially intrigued, provoked, disturbed,
challenged, encouraged, warmed, warned, helped or surprised you?

Sermon

"We Make the Road By Walking – Ch. 21":
A Third Option

Respond in Thanks & Faith

***Hymn #694** (10:00)

"Great God of Every Blessing"

Aurelia

Service of Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

Words of Scripture

Presentation

Profession of Faith

Leader: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?
People: I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of
heaven and earth.
Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?
People: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the
Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the
dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into
heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Prayer of Blessing

Welcome

Leader: Chipper, Peggy, Sarah, Tom and Paul have reaffirmed the covenant
into which they were baptized. What joy to have them among us as
members of our community of faith.

People: With joy we welcome you to share with us in the
ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

Call to Commitment

Offertory

Evening Hymn

H. Balfour Gardiner (1877-1950)

To Thee before the close of day, Creator of the world, we pray that, with Thy wonted
favor, Thou wouldst be our guard and keeper now. From all ill dreams defend our
sight, from fears and terrors of the night; withhold from us our ghostly foe, that spot
of sin we may not know. O Father, that we ask be done, through Jesus Christ, Thine
only Son, who, with the Holy Spirit and Thee, doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

***Doxology**

Pleading Savior

GTG. 717

***Prayer of Dedication**

Leader: Receive our gifts, O God, along with our hearts and our hands.
People: Lead and guide us into the days ahead, so we may become
the goodness and mercy for which others have been
looking all their lives. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Hymn #19**

"God of Great and God of Small"

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***Benediction**

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in D

David Johnson (1922-1987)

*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).

Let's connect:

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Please pray for: Bob Adams, Bivin Family (Barbara Dillon), 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" in the Fellowship Hall (bottom level next to the parking lot).

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

Today at TPC

Assisting in Worship today are: Mary Blann, Beth Bugg, Joseph Clark, Cass Mairs, Ro Nicolosi, Liza Salemi, Bill Sherman, and Liz White.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Corky Shaw in appreciation of family and friends.

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
11:15 a.m.	TPC Church Tour – Narthex
	Property – Library
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

Tour of the Church || Today || Begins at 11:15 a.m. in Narthex (outside the rear entrance to sanctuary) || Learn the ins and outs and fun facts of our church home || For long time members, new members and guests.

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



All God's People

Church-wide Book Study: We Make the Road by Walking || This week we read Ch. 22 – "Jesus the Teacher"

Joel & Rob's Podcast || Joel & Rob offer a weekly podcast on a chapter of We Make the Road by Walking || New this week: Ch. 22 || Catch it on towsonpres.org > Explore > Podcasts or on iTunes and Google Play.

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. 27 online.

Winter Small Groups || February groups begin next week, including: Hiking; Meet to Eat; Tea Tasting; Intro to the Enneagram; Gun Violence || "We Make the Road By Walking" Lenten groups begin in March || Register online at towsonpres.org OR downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

The Souper Bowl of Caring || Sunday, Feb. 2 || Following worship the day of the Super Bowl, youth will be stationed at the chapel and sanctuary doors to collect donations to their chosen charities: Baltimore Hunger Project and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's work in Flint, Michigan. See souperbowl.org for more info.

Parents' Night Out || Feb. 8 || 5:45 p.m. – 8 p.m. (babysitting provided at TPC from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.) || Join us at Stumpy's Hatchet House for AX THROWING and fellowship || If you haven't yet received the Evite for this event or would like to be added to the guest list, please email Kimberly at light.kimberly@yahoo.com.

Honduras Mission Team Donations || The team is collecting donations—due by Feb. 21—for their March trip || Flyers describing their needs and Target wish list are in the Narthex || Donation box is 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.

Battery Recycling Program Update || Rechargeable batteries only || Since Baltimore County only accepts "dry cell/rechargeable batteries" in their recycling program, we can only accepting that type of battery in our TPC battery recycling bins. See bins for more information.

TPC This Week

Monday, January 27	5:30 p.m.	CPR/AED Training Class – Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, January 28	10:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting – Nook
	1:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl – Nook
	3:30 p.m.	Peabody Chorus – Fellowship Hall, Chapel, Heartlights
	7:00 p.m.	Handbells Choir – Choir Room
Thursday, January 30	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
Sunday, February 2	8:30 a.m.	Worship Service – Chapel
	9:00 a.m.	SCL Team Captains' Meeting – Fellowship Hall
	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.	Intro to Enneagram – Chapel
		Immigration Study – Youth Room
	11:30 a.m.	Cherubs/Children's Choir – Room 212/Choir Room
	12:00 p.m.	Sunday Community Lunch – Fellowship Hall

The Service of the Lord's Day



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jan. 26, 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

Speak with authority in our lives, Christ.
Speak to us,
and to what is in us,
so that we might be whole.

Speak to us,
with love, with hope, and with strength,
so that we might hear you,
and know, deep inside,
that we are your people,
and that you are our God. Amen.

Prelude

Song of Peace

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

Welcome

Rev. Joel Strom

*Call to Worship

Rev. Rob Carter

Leader: As people,
as a group,
as a community of faith –

People: we gather in this place.

Leader: To listen.

People: To speak.

Leader: To worship.

People: To pray.

Leader: To be with God.

Because we know –

People: it is out of God's authority,
it is out of God's love,
that we live.
Alleluia!

*Hymn #305

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

Darwall's 148th

