

**Invitation to Confess*

Rev. Joel Strom

**Prayer of Confession*

Awesome God,
When we catch sight of your total claim on our lives,
our believing wavers.
When we hear the absurdity of your unbreakable love for us,
we deem it impossible.
When we face the foolishness of the cross
and the ridiculous ways of humility and compassion,
we suggest an alternative, more self-serving path.

It's far easier to live by society's rules that say
more is better,
and that divisions by race, gender, class, ideology,
orientation, and other labels actually matter.

Meet us in our confusion, Loving God.
Move us gently into deeper waters of faith,
that we might grow less comfortable
with the ways of the world,
and more comfortable
with the ways of Jesus Christ.

May our lives seek more of his glory,
and less of our own.

- silent reflection and confession -

**Assurance of Grace*

Leader: "God's foolishness is wise than human wisdom,
People: and God's weakness is stronger than human strength."
Leader: Through the grace and compassion of Jesus Christ,
you are forgiven and freed.
People: May our lives proclaim our thanks and praise.

**Response to Grace*

Glo - ry to the Cre - a - tor, and to the Christ, and to the Ho - ly
Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er
shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

GTG: 581

**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: 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 2 are invited to the Education Wing -
Children in Grades 3-4 dismiss to the Chapel; Grade 5 remains in worship-

Proclaim God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Chris Coker

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians I: 10-18
Leader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
People: Thanks be to God!

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians I: 18-31
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

"Paul's Stump Speech"

Respond in Thanks & Faith

**Hymn #293* (10:00)

"Loving Spirit"

Omni Die (Corner)

Call to Commitment

Offertory

With All Your Heart

K. Lee Scott (b. 1950)

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: May the God of Resurrection Life be with you.
People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the God we love.

People: We freely give God thanks and praise.

(The prayer continues...)

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.

The Communion of the People

Jesus welcomes everyone to his table. All who desire may approach the communion servers through the center aisle to take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup (containing unfermented grape juice) before consuming it. Gluten-free wafers are available in a bowl on the communion table. Anyone wishing to remain seated and be served from a tray may so indicate to a server.

Music "Elevation- Tierce en Taille" from Mass for the Convents Couperin

Prayer of Response

Almighty-yet-Humble Lord, we give thanks for
your welcome, your meal, your gifts, your grace.
Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another,
and send us into the world,
that we may proclaim your kingdom
with our words and our actions,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Hymn #372*

"O for a World"

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**Benediction*

Postlude

Fugue in G Minor, BWV 578

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

*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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Ministers	All the members of church
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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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The votive on the communion table marks the first anniversary of the death of Lois Leuba (1/29).

Please pray for: Bob Adams, Mary Grace Byrne, Cindy Cole (JoAnn Brooks' sister), Barbara Davis, Tom Bivin (Barbara Dillon's brother), 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.

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 the Craig and Ann Miller family in memory of Craig's brother, Todd, on what would have been his 50th birthday; and in loving memory of Tyler Marion Hurd and Mary & Jack Binning by Ed and Emily Hurd.

Sunday, February 2

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.	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 Souper Bowl of Caring || Following worship today, 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. Visit souperbowl.org for more info.

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. 23 – "Jesus and the Multitudes"

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. 23 || Towsonpres.org > Explore > Podcasts

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 is available online. Appendices are available upon request.

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 accept that type of battery in our TPC battery recycling bins. See bins for more information.

TPC This Week

Monday, February 3

4:30 p.m. Mary Martha & Me – Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Men's Group – Library

Tuesday, February 4

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting – Nook
3:30 p.m. Peabody Chorus – Fellowship Hall, Chapel, Heartlights
7:30 p.m. Handbells Choir – Choir Room

Wednesday, February 5

7:00 p.m. ASF – Library
Troops 729 (B) & 1729 (G) Committee – Youth Room
CORE – Conference Room

Thursday, February 6

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

Saturday, February 8

5:30 p.m. Childcare for PNO – TPC
5:45 p.m. Parents' Night Out – Stumpy's

Sunday, February 9

Scout Sunday
8:30 a.m. Worship Service – Chapel
9:00 a.m. Confirmation Mentor Meeting – Conference Room
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. Annual Meeting – Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. Sunday Community Lunch – Fellowship Hall

The Service of the Lord's Day



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feb. 2, 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

from *Literature & Liturgy* (adapted)

Gracious God,
You have so richly blessed us with life,
with love and joy,
with hope in the midst of despair.
Help us to see and so shine your light,
to feel and so live out your love,
to catch and so share glimpses of your kingdom
in our daily walks.
Give us eyes to see the ways you are changing the world.
Give us ears to hear your call to join with you
in the great transformation.

Prelude

"Offertoire sur les Grands Jeux" from *Mass for the Convents*
François Couperin (1668-1733)

Welcome

Rev. Rob Carter

Moment for Mission

Thomas & Peter Sheggrud (8:30)
Will Coker (10:00)

*Call to Worship

Jenness Hall

Leader: Jesus calls us to praise and prayer,
to song and silence;

People: Jesus calls us to worship.

Leader: Jesus calls us to hearing and healing,
to service and solidarity;

People: Jesus calls us to love.

Leader: Jesus calls us to advocacy and action,
to protest and provision;

People: Jesus calls us to justice.

Leader: Let us heed the call of Christ.

People: Let us worship God together with joy.

*Hymn #321

"The Church's One Foundation"

Aurelia

