

***Hymn #404** "What Is This Place" Komt Nu Met Zang

***Invitation to Confess** Rev. Carter

***Prayer of Confession**

God, we may long to be in your house,
but our deeds show how tough it is for us to live there.
Called to follow,
we search for paths to take us back to our old ways;
given the words of eternal life,
we struggle to proclaim the gospel to others;
offered the path of salvation to walk upon,
we stumble down the rocky roads of our world.

Forgive us, Lord.
Strengthen us with your Spirit,
so we may serve your people
with all that brings them life.
Let your Word, Jesus Christ,
the One we have come to believe and know
is our Lord and Savior,
be confirmed in us in every word,
deed, thought and moment
in the days to come.

- silent reflection and confession -

***Assurance of Grace**

Leader: Friends, celebrate the Good News!
People: God's love embraces us even when we fall short
of what God desires for us and from us.
Leader: Know that God forgives you and passionately loves you.
People: And in so knowing, may our lives be transformed.

***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.

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Jesus Christ stems from knowing to whom you belong—
People: the One who loves us and will never let us go.
Leader: Because God's love is not something we keep to ourselves,
let us share it one another. 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

Matthew 25: 31-40
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. 24:
"Jesus and Hell"

Respond in Thanks & Faith

***Hymn #366** (10:00) "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" Hyfrydol

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

Little Innocent Lamb Spiritual
arr. Marshall Bartholomew (1885-1978)

***Doxology**

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.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Leader: Lord God, may we not keep our blessings, but give them away,
People: so your love, peace, justice and hope may flow to all in
Your world. Amen.

***Hymn #733** "We All Are One in Mission" Es Flog Ein Kleins
Waldvoegelein

***Benediction**

Postlude

Toccata on "Hyfrydol" Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

*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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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 more about our church community. You might 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.

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

Today at TPC

Assisting in Worship today are: Shirley Albert, Ross Bregel, Jim Kuhlman, John Mealey, Viraj Mehta, Joyce Nuttall, Patty O'Brien, and Susan Shockley.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Meredith Truss in memory of her father, John B. Ruxton.

Sunday, February 16

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.	Gun Violence /Faith Community Response – Library
	Introduction to Enneagram – Chapel
	Immigration Study – Youth Room
12:00 p.m.	Sunday Community Lunch – Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m.	Youth Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

2-Week Small Groups || “Gun Violence and What the Faith Community Can Do About It” and an Immigration study exploring the root causes of Central American migration meet today and next Sunday. Space is still available for each group.

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



All God's People

Schedules to note:

- The Church Offices are Closed February 17 || Presidents' Day
- Tara Runge will be away 2/18 – 2/21.
- Ash Wednesday || Feb 26 – Distribution of Ashes “On The Go”|| Rev. Strom will be available in the Chapel 7-8 a.m. and 12-1 p.m.
- Ash Wednesday Worship || 7:00 p.m. || Chapel
- Youth Sunday || Feb. 23 || TPC's youth groups create and lead worship next Sunday.

Church-wide Book Study: We Make the Road by Walking || This week we read Ch. 25 – “Jesus, Violence and Power”

Honduras Mission Donations || TPC's Honduras Mission Team is collecting donations for their March trip || Please see the flyer in the Narthex (outside the center entrance to sanctuary) or in Fellowship Hall for more information. || Donations due by Feb. 21 and can be placed in box outside Fellowship Hall.

Lenten Small Groups || Explore Brian McLaren's Lenten reflections in “We Make the Road By Walking” || Sunday morning and weeknight gatherings, at both TPC and leaders' homes || Register at towsonpres.org

Lenten Festival || March 1 || Come One, Come All! Intergenerational Lenten Festival will be held from 10:30 – 11:30 am in Thompson Hall. Volunteers Needed!

Talent Show & Chili Cook-Off || March 14 || Have a talent you can share with your church? Acts from all ages warmly welcome! || Have a great chili recipe to show off? Put it to a fun test! Contact Bob Bickel (bob.bickel@yahoo.com) or Jenness (jhall@towsonpres.org) if interested || To sign up to come to the event: towsonpres.org/media/events/

Camp BeeTree 2020 || July 13 – 17 || Mark your calendars for this summer's camp || Theme: Act, Love, Walk

Youth Ministry || MS & HS Youth Group meets tonight from 5:30-7:30 p.m. || Youth Sunday – Feb. 23.

Assistance Center of Towson Churches (ACTC) || Current Needs: Plastic bags to be recycled to carry food or lunches || Donation bins can be found outside the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

TPC This Week

Monday, February 17

Church Offices Closed

Tuesday, February 18

10:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting – Nook
1:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl – Nook
3:30 p.m.	Peabody Chorus – Fellowship Hall, Chapel, Heartlights
6:30 p.m.	Mission Outreach – Library
7:00 p.m.	CFM – Nook
7:30 p.m.	Handbells Choir – Choir Room

Thursday, February 20

9:00 a.m.	TPC Men's Breakfast – Towson Diner
1:00 p.m.	Tea Tasting Small Group – Nook
2:00 p.m.	Encore Choral – Chapel
7:00 p.m.	Troop 729(B) & Troop 1729(G) – Room 212/Youth Room
7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir – Choir Room

Friday, February 21

5:30 p.m. TPP Pizza Party – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, February 23

8:30 a.m.	Worship Service – Chapel
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The Service of the Lord's Day



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feb. 16, 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

Loving God,
Help us this hour to look and to listen
for your handwriting and your voice in this place,
among these people.
Breathe life into our singing, our praying,
our speaking and our listening,
that all these activities might become
more than they are.
In our worship we reach out to you,
knowing that you have already enfolded us in your arms.

Prelude

Prelude in B minor, BWV 544

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome

Rev. Joel Strom

Minute for Mission

Jen Bolster

*Call to Worship

Jenness Hall

Leader: *If it had not been God who was on our side,*
People: **the troubles of our world would have swallowed us whole.**
Leader: *If it had not been God who was on our side,*
People: **the sorrows of our times would have swept us away.**
Leader: *Are any among us suffering?*
People: **Come and pray.**
Leader: *Are any among us cheerful?*
People: **Come sing songs of praise.**
Leader: *Are any among us sick?*
People: **Come and ask for healing.**
Leader: *Our help is in our God,*
People: **the One who made heaven and earth. God is on our side!**