

**\*Litany of Confession** (based on Isaiah 58: 1-9) Jeness Hall

Leader: *The people of Israel asked God, "What do you want of us?"  
God responded, "To break the bonds of injustice, to free the oppressed,  
to share your bread with the hungry, to bring the poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them, and to never hide from your  
brothers and sisters in need." Let us pray.*

People: God of Mercy, we confess the dissonance between the  
faith we proclaim and the lives we live.  
Instead of setting the oppressed free,  
we seek what is cheap without caring about  
the wages or conditions for those who made it.  
Instead of giving of ourselves for the sake of the poor,  
we judge them and build fences to keep them out.  
Instead of living simply so others may simply live,  
we keep consuming even as the earth cries out.

Forgive us, O God, when we humble ourselves  
as an alternative to changing the way we live.  
Forgive us when we mistake faith as an inward pursuit,  
rather than an investment in the common good.

Refocus us on who and what matters,  
that our lives might proclaim your love for all.

- 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 the God of blessing forgives you and fiercely loves you.*  
People: **And in so knowing, may our lives be transformed.**

**\*Response to Grace**

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 5 are invited to the Education Wing -

## Proclaim God's Word

**Prayer for Illumination  
Scripture Reading**

Natalie Labrique  
Pew Bible p. 866, O. T.

Micah 6: 1-8  
Leader: *Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.*  
People: **Thanks be to God!**

**Scripture Reading**

Pew Bible p. 688, O. T.

Isaiah 58: 1-9a  
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 Prophets' Stump Speech"

## Respond in Thanks & Faith

**\*Hymn #761** (10:00) "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" Beecher

**Prayer for Confirmands** (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** *Let Us Not Become Weary* Benjamin Kornelis (b. 1963)

**\*Doxology** Pleading Savior

GTG. 717

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Leader: *Lord God, may our worship be filled not merely with words in a  
sanctuary, but the daily actions of our lives.*  
People: **Help us use our gifts to pursue your justice  
for the hurting, the scared, and the disregarded. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #296** "Go in Grace and Make Disciples" Wondrous Light

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** *Paeon* 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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Ministers	All the members of the church
Pastor, Senior	The Rev. Rob Carter
Pastor, Associate	The Rev. Joel Strom
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Director of Children and Family Ministry	Jeness Hall
Administrative & Communications Coordinator	Tara Flynn Runge
Business Administrator	Kathryn Bojanowski
Director, Towson Presbyterian Preschool	Leslie Foretich
Sexton	Walter Austin
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:**  
Facebook @TowsonPres || Instagram @TowsonPres

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.*

The **votive on the communion table** marks the first anniversary of the death of Creta Smouse (2/12).

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.

### Today at TPC

**Scout Sunday** || This morning, TPC is blessed to welcome TPC's Scout Troops 729(B) and 1729(G), their troop leaders, and their families || Scouts are assisting in worship this morning, and will also assist in the service of Coffee Hour and Sunday Community Lunch following worship.

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

**The flowers in the sanctuary** are given in loving memory of family and friends by Ann Fisch.

<b>Sunday, January 19</b>	<b>Scout Sunday</b>
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
5:30 p.m.	Youth Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

**Annual Meeting** || At conclusion of today's 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.

**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. 24 – "Jesus and Hell"

**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

**Talent Show & Chili Cook-Off || March 14** || Have a hidden or not so hidden talent? Share it with your church community. Acts from all ages warmly welcome! || Have an award-winning (or really good) chili recipe? 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:** Log into your TPC acct and click "available registrations": Chili Cook Off/Talent Show. If you don't yet have an account, contact tpc@towsonpres.org.

**Camp BeeTree 2020 || July 13 – 17** || Mark your calendars for this summer's camp || Theme: *Hands, Heart and Feet for God!*

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

**ACTC Needs:** Please bring your clean plastic bags to be recycled to carry food or lunches. We appreciate all the ways you support the ministry of the Assistance Center of Towson Churches...thank you!

### TPC This Week

<b>Monday, February 10</b>	7:00 p.m.	Circle 13 – Brenda Evans' Home
<b>Tuesday, February 11</b>	10:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting – Cancelled Ruxton Memorial Service – Chapel
	2:00 p.m.	WMA – Library
	3:30 p.m.	Peabody Chorus – Fellowship Hall, Chapel, Heartlights
	7:30 p.m.	Handbells Choir – Choir Room
<b>Wednesday, February 12</b>	7:00 p.m.	Deacons – Library Personnel – Nook
<b>Thursday, February 13</b>	9:00 a.m.	Presbytery Gathering – Catonsville Presbyterian Church
	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) & Troop 1729(G) – Room 212/Youth Room
<b>Sunday, February 16</b>	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

# The Service of the Lord's Day



## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feb. 9, 2020 || Scout Sunday || 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 *United Church of Christ*

God of our lives,  
 You are always turning the world upside down,  
 calling us to follow you into  
 new ventures,  
 new challenges,  
 new ways to care,  
 new ways to touch the hearts of all.

You prove nothing is impossible,  
 even as you invite us to be your change-agents; those who  
 do justice,  
 love kindness  
 and walk humbly with you always.

### *Prelude*

*Chaconne in F minor*

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

### *Welcome*

Rev. Rob Carter

### *Moment for Mission*

Ed Lehwald

### *\*Call to Worship*

Rev. Joel Strom

*Leader: What does the Lord require of us?*

**People: To do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.**

*Leader: What does God command of us?*

**People: To love God with all that we are, and love our neighbor as ourselves.**

*Leader: God doesn't call us to ease or to comfort.*

**People: but to inclusion, and compassion, and love.**

*Leader: Let us worship the God who believes in us and abides with us.*

**People: Let us worship the God who blesses us, that we might be God's blessings.**

**\*Hymn #314**

*"Christ, Be Our Light"*

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