

***Invitation to Confess**

Jeness Hall

***Litany of Confession**

Holy One, we have been caught up in the ways of the world.
Instead of looking to your commandments and Jesus' teachings
as a way to guide our lives,
we've turned them into rules
we use to condemn and punish others.
Forgive us for our judgments and misconceptions.
Forgive us for not working on ourselves,
on our own lives.

Call us back to the way of life Jesus taught and modeled,
a way of love, commitment,
respect, and forgiveness.
Call us back to a way of life
that honors You and your abundant creation.
Call us back to a way of life
that guides us to better love your people—
our neighbors and enemies alike—
as we seek to love you.

- silent reflection and confession -

***Assurance of Grace**

Leader: Friends, the grace of God fills you.
The grace of God redeems you.
The grace of God calls you to new life with love overflowing.
People: By grace we are named and claimed as God's very own.
May our lives reveal the promises of God!

***Response to Grace**

Gift of Love

GTG: 693

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Jesus Christ is found amid the trust that nothing—
absolutely nothing—can separate you from God's love.
Such 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

Ministry of Music

Thanks Be to Thee G.F. Handel/arr. Linker, McFadden
Chancel Handbells

Prayer for Illumination

Amy Hemingway

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5: 17-48

Pew Bible Page 4 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!

Sermon

"A Third Way"
We Make the Road By Walking, Ch. 28

Respond in Thanks & Faith

***Hymn #692** (10:00)

"Spirit, Open My Heart"

Wild Mountain Thyme

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

Greater Love Hath No Man

John Ireland (1879-1962)

Many waters cannot quench. Love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater Love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Who His own Self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus; ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

***Doxology**

Schumann

GTG: 708

***Prayer of Dedication**

Leader: Faithful God, we give in gratitude for all the ways you love us,
fill us, and bless us.
People: Take and use not just these gifts of thanks, dear Lord,
but our lives as well.

***Hymn #757**

"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

Kingsfold

***Benediction**

Postlude

Rhythmic Praise
Chancel Handbells

Jason Krug (b. 1978)

*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.

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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 just 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 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 at the 10 a.m. service.

Please join us after the 10 a.m. service for refreshments at "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, Angelyna Jones (Laura Howard's niece), Mike Just, Carol McCord, Julie Mertus, Jane Messimer, Gloria Roberts, Joan Strout, Steve Tucker (Carter family), Stuart Tyrie (Mitzie's son), Eleanor Weaver, Joye Wilhide, and Bill Tomlinson. *Names remain on prayer list for four weeks, unless otherwise requested.*

Today at TPC

Assisting in Worship today are: Mike Just, Beth Bugg, Joseph Clark, Cass Mairs, Viraj Mehta, Pat Keller, Ross Bregel, Bill Sherman, Liz White.

The flowers are given by Lois Robinson in memory of her mother, Lydia Botelor and in honor of the birthday of her granddaughter, Morgan Kemp.

Sunday, March 15

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
11:05 a.m.	WMTRBW – Sun/Kuhlman – Library
11:15 a.m.	Nominating Committee – Conference Room
11:15 a.m.	Personnel Committee – Nook
11:30 a.m.	Cherubs/Children's Choir – Room 212/Choir Room
11:15 a.m.	Confirmation Class – Youth Room
	WMTRBW – Parents – Chapel
12:00 p.m.	Sunday Community Lunch – Fellowship Hall

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Lenten Spiritual Formation Opportunities

"We Make the Road By Walking" Small Groups || Sunday morning and weeknight gatherings at TPC or leaders' homes || Register at towsonpres.org

Creation Care Calendar || Actions and reflections to deepen your faith || Pick up outside the sanctuary or at towsonpres.org

Children & Family Calendar || Daily prayers, practices and services throughout Lent || Pick up at Lenten Festival and at towsonpres.org

Brian McLaren, author of We Make the Road By Walking || Worship, March 29 || Brian will be with us during worship via videoconference.

All God's People

Honduras Mission Team || Please keep TPC's Honduras Mission Team in your prayers, along with those whom they serve. The team returns March 13 || Follow their ministry on Facebook @towsonpres.

Nominating Form || The 2020 Nominating Committee is taking nominations for deacon and elder through March 15 || Nomination Forms are outside the sanctuary (Narthex) and at towsonpres.org.

Church-wide Book Study: We Make the Road by Walking || This week we read Ch. 28 – "A New Path to Aliveness"

Assistance Center of Towson Churches || Current needs: canned tomatoes, canned fruit and Apple sauce || Donation boxes are outside the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall.

ACTC Benefit Concert || March 22 || 3 p.m. || TPC's Chancel Choir and Dir. of Music Stephen Harouff offer a beautiful benefit concert for the Assistance Center of Towson Churches. || A freewill offering will be collected.

Youth Ministry || MS & HS Lenten Small Groups meet offsite March 8, 15, 22

Talent Show & Chili Cook-Off || March 14 || Have a talent? Acts from all ages welcome! || Have a great chili recipe to show off? Contact Bob Bickel (bob.bickel@yahoo.com) or Jenness (jhall@towsonpres.org) if interested

Easter Flower Order Form || Due by March 31 || To order Easter flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, please use form outside the sanctuary (Narthex) or at towsonpres.org

Camp BeeTree 2020 || July 13 – 17 || Mark your calendars for this summer's camp || Theme: *Act, Love, Walk*. || Forms are now available at towsonpres.org

TPC This Week

Monday, March 9	
3:30 p.m.	Earth Corps – Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	Circle 13
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.	WMTRBW – Bickel
7:00 p.m.	Stewardship – Conference Room
Tuesday, March 10	
12:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting – Nook
2:00 p.m.	WMA - Library
3:30-10:00 p.m.	Peabody Chorus – Fellowship Hall, Chapel, Heartlights
7:30 p.m.	Handbells Choir – Choir Room
Wednesday, March 11	
7:00-8:30 p.m.	Personnel – Nook Troops Uniformed Leader's Meeting -Youth Room Deacons – Library
Thursday, March 12	
2:00 p.m.	Encore Choral – Chapel
7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir – Choir Room
7:00-8:00 p.m.	WMTRBW-Thurs/Nicolosi - Library
7:00-9:00 p.m.	Troop 729(B) and Troop 1729(G) – Room 212/Youth Room
7:00-9:30 p.m.	Trout Unlimited Board Meeting - Heartlights
Friday, March 13	
Saturday, March 14	
9:00 a.m.	Winter Hiking
9:00-11:30 a.m.	TPP Pancake Breakfast – Fellowship Hall
5:30-8:00 p.m.	Chili Cook Off/Talent Show
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The Service of the Lord's Day



Second Sunday in Lent

March 8, 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

Holy God, you call us from our security and sameness,
down that unknown path that leads to your heart.
Help us to trust,
to place our hands in yours,
and follow.
You beckon us out of the shadows of our fears,
calling us to bring our doubts and questions along.
Help us find humility,
to listen to those answers we do not expect,
or even understand.
As your Word creates out of nothingness,
let your grace transform us into faithful disciples.

Prelude

Intermezzo, Op. 118, No. 2 Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Welcome

Rev. Rob Carter

*Call to Worship

Leader: *Strength is commanding the wind and sea to obey.*
People: **Strength is wielding a slingshot in the face of a raging giant.**
Leader: *Strength is accepting vulnerability from inside the boat.*
People: **Strength is standing in solidarity with the powerless.**
Leader: *Strength is turning a cheek.*
People: **Strength is loving an enemy.**
Leader: *We come to worship our God*
People: **who redefines our vision of strength.**

*Hymn #645

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

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