



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 2nd, 2025 || Virtual Campus

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Assemble in God's Name

We joyfully welcome you to worship this morning!
All are invited to use the Reflection and Prelude as a time of preparation.

Prayerful Reflection
(adapted)

Christine Jerrett

God of the World,
We come to your table
in awe of your splendor,
humbled by your invitation.
In these moments,
speak to us your truth,
reveal to us your love,
not just for us but for all.
Then, send us forth to share
your truth,
your love
for every heart.

Prelude
Michael Burkhardt

To God Be the Glory

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Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: *Come as you are, each of us unique and yet united in Christ.*

People: We come from different places
with varied backgrounds and many stories.
Yet in Christ, we are made one.

Leader: *Come, seeking to build relationships of care;
to love as Christ loved—without boundaries or division.*

People: We come with open hearts, ready to listen and to share;
ready to create new community where all are
welcomed, loved, and called.

Leader: *Let us worship the One who calls us into fellowship with all,
blessing us with Good News and the call to share it.*

People: Let us worship God!

Hymn #634

To God Be the Glory

To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
 2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
 and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
 but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
 our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

and give him the glory: great things he has done!

**Invitation to Confess*

**Prayer of Confession*

God of Boundless Love,
How it must hurt you to witness the barriers we keep
 between ourselves and those you call us to love.
While you call us into abundant, grace-filled relationships,
 we keep our circles small,
 turning from those who are different than us.

Forgive us, Bridge-Builder,
 for ignoring the hurting and forsaken,
 rather than reaching out to them in love.
Forgive us, God-of-All,
 for walking past those who long for connection,
 for understanding, for belonging,
 rather than seeking communion with them.

Teach us, once more, to love as you love;
 to open our hearts to the stranger and the unknown.
Grant us the courage to step toward those we don't understand,
 that we might listen and learn from them.
Help us see and live into each opportunity to extend your love,
 that we might spread your Kingdom
 in which all are embraced.

- silent reflection and confession -

****Assurance of Grace***

Leader: Friends, celebrate the Good News.

*Though we all fall short, God's love is steadfast,
and God's grace is abundant!*

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed for fullness!

**People: Thanks be to God, whose grace makes us whole!
May our lives reflect such love and light to each and to all.**

****Response to Grace***

We Are Forgiven



We are for-giv-en. We are for-giv-en. Thanks be to
 God. Thanks be to God. We are for-giv-en. We are for-
 giv-en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

GTG: #447

**Passing of the Peace*

Leader: *The peace of Christ is not just for us to receive, but for us to share.*

People: *It is a peace that can heal broken hearts,
 mend fractured relationships,
 and transform the world, one heart at a
 time.*

Leader: *May the peace of Christ be with you.*

People: *And also with you.*

Livestream Check-In

~ Children are invited to come forward.~

Children's Message

Proclaim God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Acts 17: 16-34

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.*

Luke 10: 25-37

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

Everybody Tell Somebody—Part 2:
Meeting People Where They Are

Respond in Thanks & Faith

**Hymn #722*

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

Canonbury

1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my
 5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you

ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so
 and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that
 truths which you im - part. And wing my words that
 ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
 will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed

let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 I may feed your hun - gering ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - ya heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Offering Our Gifts to God

Ways to offer financial gifts

- Towsonpres.org – click the orange “Give” button at top of page

- Text a dollar amount to 84321
- Drop off or mail check to the church



- Scan this QR code →

Offertory
Murphy

Good!

Gale Jones

Sacrament of Communion

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: May the God of new 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 Institution

The Communion of the People

Jesus welcomes all to share in his feast. At this time, you may come to the table where communion is celebrated via “intinction.” All are invited to take a piece of bread, ripped from a common loaf, and dip it into the cup before consuming. Those preferring may take an allergy-free wafer and cup from a bowl on the table. Those preferring to remain seated are invited to raise a hand and a server will bring the table to you.

Prayer of Response

Gracious God, how can we thank you for such a gift?

**You have met us, fed us, drawn us to you,
and bound us to one another.**

**Now send us out to share your love
and proclaim the hope we have in you. Amen.**

Hymn #295

Go to the World!

Sine Nomine

1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
 Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
 for I am with you till the age shall end,
 bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"
 Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**Benediction*

Postlude
 Gawthrop

Toccata Brevis

Daniel

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).

New Here? Welcome—*just as you are.*

We're so glad you're here! We hope you find meaning in our worship and connection within our community of faith. TPC offers two worship opportunities on Sundays: 10:00am in-person and 10:00am live-stream via Facebook, YouTube, and towsonpres.org.

While children are whole-heartedly welcome at all TPC's worship services, our professionally staffed nursery is available for children 0–4 (see a deacon with a red nametag for directions).

We'd cherish the chance to connect with you. If you feel led, please fill out a visitor form at towsonpres.org/contact, so we can get to know you! We appreciate your presence here today, and we hope you are blessed by your time worshiping with us.

We deeply appreciate you joining us today, and hope you are blessed by your time worshiping with us.

Prayer List:

Bob Adams, Laura Adams Wentling, Dotsie Bregel, Shaun Butler, Walter Cesewski, Jim Flick, Jennifer Gettier, Aldean Howard, Bill Hunter, Bill Klady, Ed Lotz, Julie Mertus, Phillip Pugh, Patty Rath, Janice Searles, Russell Smouse, Rick Shaw, Patsy Stein, Sue Thompson, George and Donna Toole, The Family of Jeff Simet, Mitzi Tyrie, Lee Weber. *Names are listed for three weeks unless otherwise requested.*

TPC News, Mission, and Ministry Updates

Assisting in Worship || Rob Culp, Norma Haynes, Julie Kreif*, Tony Kreif, Kimberly Light, Susan Shockley, Steve Swift, Carol Whiteford.

2025 Per Capita || As a PC(USA) congregation, we celebrate the communion of all believers, and value sharing our gifts and resources to support the mission of the larger church. Each year, churches and members are invited to offer per capita – an

essential offering that directly funds ministries and programs at all levels, including local congregations. Visit towsonpres.org/give to offer your 2025 per capita of \$42.

Changes to Giving || Giving on Church Center is now live! If you haven't yet set up a recurring giving pattern for 2025, visit towsonpres.org/give. With questions about online giving, read the FAQ page on Church Center, or contact Kathryn Bojanowski.

Backs Against the Wall: The Howard Thurman Story || **Sunday, Feb. 2, 11:20am–1:00pm** || In celebration of Black History Month, join Rev. Joel Strom and Ginny Barnhart for a viewing and discussion of the “Backs Against the Wall: The Howard Thurman Story” documentary in-person in the Library.

Parents Night Out – 4th Soil Dinners || **Saturday, Feb. 22, 6:00–9:00pm**, || The 4th Soil Parenting Committee with the Children, Youth, and Family Committee is excited to host two PNO's at Bluestone Restaurant. We'll fellowship around a meal together and share in intentional conversation around parenting and faith. RSVP now at towsonpres.org/events.

Annual Meeting || **Sunday, Feb. 9, 11:00am** || The Annual Meeting of Towson Presbyterian Church is called for Sunday, Feb. 9, in the sanctuary at the conclusion of the 10 a.m. worship service. The meeting is called to elect members of the 2025 Congregational Nominating Committee and to review the 2024 budget and financial statements; the 2024 Annual Report (distributed electronically on Friday, 1/31, and available at towsonpres.org/media); the 2025 budget; and the 2025 Pastoral Terms of Call. Noah's Nursery and Church School will be extended through the duration of the meeting. To attend virtually, a Zoom link will be in Friday's eNews and at towsonpres.org/calendar.

Souper Bowl of Caring & Youth Serve at SCL || **Sunday, Feb. 9, 10am** || Every winter on Super Bowl Sunday, our Youth hold a donation drive for a charity of their choosing. This year's pick will be voted at LOGOS, so stay tuned! Youth will be stationed with soup pots at the back of the Sanctuary on the 9th. Shortly after, they'll head down to serve Sunday Community Lunch in Thompson Hall.



Church Center || What are you waiting for? TPC's new mobile app and church management software is a wonderful new way to stay connected to all things TPC! To download it, please scan this QR code. Or, go to towsonpres.org/churchcenter to learn more (and explore the FAQ page with questions).

2025 Summer Youth Trips || Register for our summer camp and youth trips:

Massanetta Springs || June 24–27 || Grades 5th–8th

Montreat Youth Conference || July 6–12 || Grades 8th–12th

Camp BeeTree || July 14–18 || Grades K–12th

Presbyterian Youth Triennium || July 28–31 || Grades 8th–12th

TPC This Week

Sun 2/2:	10:00am	Noah's Nursery (Lower Level)
	10:00am	Worship (Sanctuary/Livestream)
	10:15am	Church School (PreK/K-5 th)
	11:20am	Backs Against the Wall: The Howard Thurman Story (Library)
	11:30am	Children's Music (Choir Room)
	12:00pm	SCL (Thompson Hall)
Mon 2/3:	10:00am	Bible Study: General Epistles (Zoom)
	4:00pm	Mary, Martha, and Me (Thompson Hall)
Tue 2/4:	10:30am	Staff Meeting (Library)
	7:00pm	Book Study: The Politics of Jesus (Zoom)
	7:30pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Wed 2/5:	5:30pm	LOGOS (Thompson Hall)
Thu 2/6:	7:30pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Fri 2/7:	6:00pm	First Fridays 4 th –5 th Grades (Yth Rm/Gym)