



Service of Worship

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

February 9th, 2025 || 10:00AM || Virtual Campus

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

Prayerful Reflection

Thom M. Shuman (*adapted*)

You, Great God,
are our heart's truest desire,
who chooses grace over grudges,
who provides rather than withholds,
who creates community with us
rather than standing isolated from us.

In these moments of worship,
lead us closer to you, O God,
and the kingdom you invite us to share.
Amen.

Prelude

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

arr. Lloyd Larson

Welcome

Call to Worship

John Leach, Jubilate (*adapted*)

Leader: We are God's Church, the body of Christ, members of God's family.

People: We come together to worship, grow, and share our lives.

Leader: God has given us the Word of Life.

People: We go out to proclaim God's love.

Leader: God has freed us from our past

and opened us to the ways of grace.

People: We come together ready to move
into the fullness of new life.

Leader: God has filled us with the Spirit.

People: We go out to serve, connect, and share God's goodness.

Leader: We are God's Church.

People: Let us worship the Lord of all!

Hymn #32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Ellacombe

1 I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes thy glo - ries known.

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y
 God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
 And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy

skies. I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day.
 good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
 throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,

The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
 and ev - ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

**Invitation to Confess*

**Prayer of Confession*

God of Boundless Love,
You invite us into a life of transformation—
a life shaped by the love, grace, and peace of Jesus.
You call us to share in community,
to welcome others into the family of faith,
and to share the hope we have found in you
to a world in need.

Yet, we hesitate.

We hold back when called to open our hearts,
and extend your invitation to those around us.
We shrink away from sharing your love
because it feels risky,
and we fear rejection.

Forgive our reluctance, O God,
to step beyond our comfort zones
and invite others into the abundant life you offer.

Renew in us a bold and open heart,
eager to share the power of your love.

Help us live in ways that draw others near,
that we might be your Church
that welcomes, serves, and embraces all.

- silent reflection and confession -

**Assurance of Grace*

Leader: Friends, rejoice.

In Christ, we are forgiven and made new.

People: God invites us into a life of abundant love,
not because we are perfect,
but because we are cherished.

Leader: Live into the fullness of God's grace!

People: We will live into the love and hope of Jesus for all!

**Response to Grace*

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart; give thanks to the Ho-ly One;
 give thanks be-cause we're giv-en Je-sus Christ, the Son. Give
 Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the
 poor say, "We are rich be-cause of what the Lord has done for
 us!" And us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.

Glory to God: #647

**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 2: 42-47

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.**

John 20: 19-22
 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 3:
 Invitation into a Movement

Respond in Thanks & Faith

*Hymn #186

Come Now, You Blessed, Eat at My Table

*Come Now, You
 Blessed*



1 "Come now, you bless - ed, eat at my ta - ble," said Je - sus
 2 When did we see you hun - gry or thirst - y? When were you
 3 "When you gave bread to earth's hun - gry chil - dren, when you gave
 4 Christ, when we see you out on life's road - ways, look - ing to



Christ to the righ-teous a-bove. "When I was hun - gry, thirst - y, and
 home-less, a strang-er a-lone? When did we see you sick or in
 shel - ter to war's ref - u-gees, when you re-mem-bered those most for-
 us in the fac - es of need, then may we know you, wel-come, and



home - less, sick and in pris - on, you showed me your love."
 pris - on? What have we done that you call us your own?
 got - ten, you cared for me in the small - est of these."
 show you love that is faith - ful in word and in deed.

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

Greater Love Hath No Man

John Ireland

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.

Hymn #321

The Church's One Foundation

Aurelia

1 The chur-ch's one foun-da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord.
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op-pressed,
 4 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has un - ion with God, the Three in One,

She is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis-tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more:
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won:

From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride.
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,

With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low - ly, may live e - ter - nal - ly.

**Benediction*

Postlude

Exultation

Matthew Compton

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 Kladky, 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.

Annual Meeting || Today, Sanctuary & Zoom || TPC's Annual Meeting will take place after the 10 a.m. worship service. The meeting is called to elect members of the 2025 Congregational Nominating Committee and to review the 2024 Annual Report; the 2024 budget and financial statements; the 2025 budget; and the 2025 Pastoral Terms of Call. Noah's Nursery and Church School are extended through the duration of the meeting. To attend virtually, please see the Zoom link in Friday's eNews and at towsonpres.org/calendar.



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Financial Report

Souper Bowl of Caring & Youth Serve at SCL || Today || Every Super Bowl Sunday, our youth hold a donation drive for a charity of their choosing. This year's charities are the Assistance Center of Towson Churches (ACTC) and our Honduras Mission! Youth will be stationed with soup pots at the back of the Sanctuary after worship today, before they head down to serve Sunday Community Lunch in Thompson Hall.

2025 Per Capita || As a PC(USA) church, we celebrate the communion of all believers, and value sharing our gifts 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.



What is the Bible? – Part 1 || Sundays, Feb. 16, 23, and March 2, 11:20–12:30pm || Curious about where the Bible came from and how it all fits together? Join us for a 3-week series led by Rev. Joel Strom and Rev. Dave Britt! We'll explore your thoughts on scripture, share surprising details about how the Bible came to be, and trace its timeline—from its origins to its journey through history. Both adults and youth are invited to participate

Prayer Shawl Knitting || Tuesday, Feb. 18, 1:00–2:00pm || Gather with others to knit baptismal towels, and prayer shawls for members and friends who are experiencing significant events or in need of comfort.

Men's Breakfast || Thursday, Feb. 20, 8:00–9:00am || Men are invited to the Towson Diner on the third Thursday of every month for coffee and conversation.

Parents Night Out – 4th Soil Dinners || Saturdays, 6:00–9:00pm, Feb. 22 || The 4th Soil Parenting Committee with the Children, Youth, and Family Committee are excited to host a second PNO at Bluestone Restaurant. We'll fellowship around a meal and enjoy intentional conversation about parenting and faith. RSVP now at towsonpres.org/events.

Youth Sunday || Sunday, Feb. 23, 10:00am || Each year, our 6th–12th Graders lead the congregation in worship; everything from the sermon to the children's message is prepared and led by the students!



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). Please be sure to enable your profile to be shared to the directory to connect with your church family.

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.

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 2/9:	10:00am	Noah's Nursery (Lower Level)
	10:00am	Worship (Sanctuary/Livestream)
	10:15am	Church School (PreK/K-5 th)
	11:00am	Annual Meeting (Sanctuary & Zoom)
	11:30am	Children's Music (Choir Room)
	12:00pm	SCL (Thompson Hall)
Mon 2/10:	10:00am	Bible Study: General Epistles (Zoom)
	7:00pm	BeeTree Committee Meeting (Library)
	7:00pm	Circle 13 (Thompson Hall)
Tue 2/11:	10:30am	Staff Meeting (Library)
	2:00pm	Parish Visitor Meeting (Library)
	7:00pm	Book Study: The Politics of Jesus (Zoom)
	7:30pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Wed 2/12:	5:30pm	LOGOS (Thompson Hall)
	7:00pm	Communications Committee Mtg (Zoom)
	7:00pm	Deacons Meeting (Library)
	7:00pm	Adult Spiritual Formation
	7:00pm	TPP Board Meeting (Heartlights Room)
8:00pm	CORE Committee Meeting (Zoom)	
Thu 2/13:	1:00pm	WMA Committee Meeting (Zoom)
	7:30pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)