



Service of Worship

Gifts of Women

May 10th, 2026 || 10:00 a.m.

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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

Norwich (c. 1342-1416), *adapted*

*Just as God is our Father, so God is also our Mother.
And He showed me this truth in all things,
but especially in those sweet words when He says: "It is I".*

Juliana of

*As if to say,
I am the power and the Goodness of the Father,
I am the Wisdom of the Mother,
I am the Light and the Grace which is blessed love,
I am the Trinity, I am the Unity,
I am the supreme Goodness of all kind of things,
I am the One who makes you love,
the One who makes you long,
the One who is the fulfillment of all true desire.*

Prelude

Sanctuary

Gwyneth Walker

Welcome

**Call to Worship*

Leader: Come, friends, and gather in the presence of God,
whose Spirit is already moving among us,
stirring life, hope, and possibility.

People: We come with open hearts,
grateful for the God who still creates and still speaks.

Leader: God draws us together as a community,
blessing us with a love that takes root,
and a grace that stretches outward.

People: We are here to be shaped and renewed,
to remember the grace God is growing within us,
and calls us to share.

Leader: Let us worship God.

**Hymn #320*

The Church of Christ in Every Age

Wareham

1 The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
 4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
 be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with -

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 out re - serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.

**Invitation to Confess*

**Prayer of Confession*

Merciful God,
You made us in your image,
 loving and lifegiving.
You called us “good,”
 and sent us into the world with gifts and purpose.
But we have fallen short of your calling.
When you called us to bear fruit,
 we played it safe and bore little.
When you called us proclaim your Good News in word and deed,
 we stayed put, loved little,
 and dismissed the call to care for
 the hurting, the hungry,
 the lost, and the lonely,

O God, forgive us for the life we have left unlived,
 and the gifts we have left ungiven.
Restore in us the courage to go where you send us,
 and the faithfulness to love as you love us,
 that we might spread your Kingdom
 for all to celebrate.

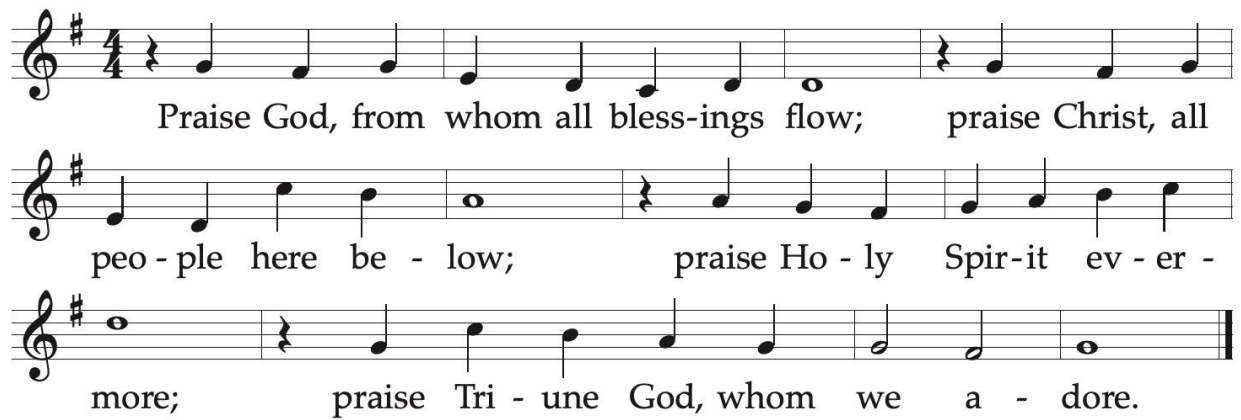
~ silent reflection & confession ~

**Assurance of Grace*

Leader: *Friends, have you heard the Good News of the Gospel?*
 God does not condemn—God redeems!
 By grace, the old is forgotten and new life is yours.
People: Praise God! Through Jesus Christ,
 God forgives our sins, renews our spirits,
 and calls us to walk in newness of life.

**Response to Grace*

Praise God (Hopson)



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all
 peo - ple here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er -
 more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

GTG: #608

**Passing of the Peace*

- Leader: *On the evening of Jesus' resurrection, the disciples were gathered in fear and sadness, wondering how everything had gone so wrong.*
 People: **But the risen Christ appeared in their midst, saying, "Peace be with you."**
 Leader: *Friends, may the peace of the risen Christ be with you.*
 People: **And also with you!**

~ All in the sanctuary are invited to share peace with others ~

Livestream Check-In

~ Children are invited to come forward ~

Children's Message

Proclaim God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 1: 26-31

Pew Bible p. 1 OT

Leader: *Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 28: 16-20

Pew Bible p. 34 NT

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.**

Respond in Thanks & Faith

Hymn #759

O God, We Bear the Imprint

Todos Los Colores



1 O God, we bear the im-print of your face: the col - ors
2 Where we are torn and pulled a - part by hate be - cause our
3 O God, we share the im - age of the One whose flesh and



of our skin are your de - sign, and what we have of
race, our skin is not the same, while we are judged un -
blood are ours, what - ev - er skin; in Christ's hu - man - i -



beau - ty in our race as man or wom - an, you a -
e - qual by the state and vic - tims made be - cause we
ty we find our own, and in his fam - i - ly our



lone de - fine, who stretched a liv - ing fab - ric on our
own our name, hu - man - i - ty re - duced to lit - tle
prop - er kin: Christ is the broth - er we still cru - ci -



frame and gave to each a lan - guage and a name.
worth, dis - hon - ored is your liv - ing face on earth.
fy, his love the lan - guage we must learn, or die.

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 833-218-4418
- Drop off or mail check to the church



- Scan this QR code

Offertory

I Dream a World

Joan Szymko

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 #757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

Kingsfold

1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing

Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till

plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may

thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the
 proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord
 store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that
 we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who

poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.
 spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.
 was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.
 calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

**Benediction*

Postlude

Fanfare

Brenda Portman

Towson Presbyterian Church

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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! Whether you're exploring faith for the first time, new to the area, healing from a past church experience, or simply visiting, we'd love to connect. If you have questions or are looking for a next step, our Connection Team is just outside the rear of the sanctuary to help you explore and get involved. No rush, of course; we'll be here whenever you're ready.



Please either scan the QR code or fill out the Connect Card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate when it passes or bring it to the Welcome Kiosk just outside the rear of the sanctuary.

TPC worships every Sunday at 10:00 a.m., both in the sanctuary and via livestream on Facebook, YouTube, and towsonpres.org. While children are *whole-heartedly* welcome in all services, our professionally staffed nursery is available for children ages 0–3 (see a deacon wearing a red nametag for directions). Children in worship are invited forward for a Children's Message mid-service before heading to Church School (pre-k – K, 1-2nd, 3-5th grade classes) in the education wing.

We celebrate your presence today and hope this time of worship deepens your sense of God's love for you.

Prayer List

Davis Barkley, Patricia Bickel, Jim Flick, Jennifer Gettier, Mandy Gordon, Barbara Kays, Michael Lathan, Ann Lehwald, Julie Mertus, Janet Novak, Alan Randolph, Janice Searles, Joan Strout, Mitzi Tyrie, Paige Tyrie, Wendy Wallace, Lee Weber. *Names are listed for three weeks unless otherwise requested.*

TPC News, Mission, & Ministries Updates

Assisting in Worship || Pat Keller*, Ross Bregel, Jim Kuhlman, Judith Rietz, Jeff Roumm, Linda Shanks, Jeffrey Tobian.

Gifts of Women Sunday || We Give Thanks for Those Who Are Leading Us in Worship Today:

Welcome – Cornelia McKenna

Call to Worship – Alison & Annie Peer

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Grace – Gemma Valeo

Passing of the Peace – Jessica & Alice Krueger

Children’s Message – Debby Hughey

Prayer for Illumination and Scripture Reading – Lorene LaBerge

Sermon & Benediction – Whitney Grimm

Offering Our Gifts to God – Ginny Forni

Prayers of the People – Patty Rath

Gifts of Women || **May 10th** || Today, we celebrate the gifts of women in worship. The service will be female-led as we acknowledge and give thanks for the women in our lives who show us God’s love, especially those within the TPC community who so faithfully contribute their time, talents, and energy.



Veterans Remembrance Services || There will be special services held at the BeeTree Cemetery (Sat., May 23rd, 11am) and at the TPC Columbarium (Sun., May 24th, 11:30am). These services honor TPC’s deceased military veterans. More details will be shared on May 17, and an updated Veterans Memorial Recognition Form is now available via QR Code or on our website. Submitted names will be included in the May 24 bulletin.



Be a Neighbor @ ACTC || Sunday, May. 17, 1–3pm || All generations are welcome to make sandwiches at ACTC! This organization provides hundreds of sandwiches every week to share at the Prologue Homeless Outreach Program in Towson. Scan the QR code to sign up and learn more about the event!

New Member Class || Sunday, May 31, 11:15am & Monday, June 1, 7:00pm || New to TPC? Interested in meeting other newcomers? Have faith questions you'd like to explore? Or perhaps you'd like to learn a bit more about TPC and how this community strives to live out its faith in all kinds of ways. You are warmly invited to a New Member Class, at which we'll get a chance to meet one another, explore questions about TPC, and uncover potential pathways of taking a next step in our faith journeys.

Congregational Meeting || Sunday, May 17 || A congregational meeting is called after worship on May 17 for the purpose of receiving the report of the 2026 Congregational Nominating Committee and electing elders and deacons to the Class of 2029.

Overview of the Bible || May 24 || After Worship || Chapel & Zoom || Join Dave Britt for a multi-session series exploring where the Bible came from, what's in it, and why it matters. Sessions focus on the Old and New Testaments. Registration is now available!

Women's Group Potluck || Friday, May 29, 6–9pm || Thompson Hall || Join us for our final gathering before the fall! Enjoy great camaraderie, laughter, conversation, and plenty of delicious food and drink. After registering via church center, you'll receive an email with a SignUpGenius to share what you'd like to bring.



Helping Hands || Ongoing || Everyone could use a helping hand now and then, right? We're excited to introduce Helping Hands, a new deacon-led initiative at TPC. At this time, we're looking for volunteers willing to provide temporary transportation support for church members. Scan here to join this new ministry!



Church Center App || To stay connected in all things here at TPC, scan the QR code to download the TPC Church Center App! You can access event registrations, join groups, view our calendar, and more.

TPC This Week

Sun. 5/10:	9:00am 10:00am 10:00am 10:15am 11:00am 12:00pm	Contemplative Spirituality Group (Chapel) Noah's Nursery, 0-4 (Lower Level) Gifts of Women Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestream) Church School (Children's Classrooms) Coffee Hour (Thompson Hall) Sunday Community Lunch (Thompson Hall)
Mon. 5/11:	10:00am 4:00pm	Bible Study: <i>Gospel of Luke</i> (Zoom) Circle 13 (Thompson Hall)
Tue. 5/12:	10:30am 1:00pm 2:00pm 7:30pm	Staff Mtg. (Library) WMA Comm. Mtg. (Zoom) Parish Visitor Mtg. (Library) Chancel Handbells (Sanctuary)
Wed. 5/13:	10:30am 7:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm 8:00pm	TPP Organ Play Session (Sanctuary) Deacons Meeting (Thompson Hall) ASF Committee Mtg. (Zoom) Communications Comm. Mtg. (Zoom) CORE Comm. Mtg. (Zoom)
Thur. 5/14:	7:30pm	Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
Fri. 5/15:	7:00pm	Encore Spring Concert (Thompson Hall & Sanctuary)
Sat. 5/16:	9:30am	IGG Workday (Garden)