

***Invitation to Confess**
***Prayer of Confession**

Jeness Hall

Proclaim God's Word

Enslaved to sin,
we cannot see the lives we lead, God of Glory.
Each day, and every day,
there are times when we ignore you
and your dreams for us.
Each week, and every week,
we find the time to ridicule others,
when we could have affirmed them.
Each moment, and every moment,
though we don't want to admit it,
we seek our own way rather than
skipping down your path of joy and obedience.

We come asking forgiveness for our foolishness, Eternal Blessing.
Deliver us,
and break the chains of sin and death
which hold us captive.

Open us to
that grace you offer,
and give us the gift of the Spirit
so we may live as people of the Risen Lord.

- silent reflection and confession -

***Assurance of Grace**

Leader: Sisters and brothers, family of God, rejoice!
People: God's grace is at work in us!
Leader: We are forgiven and blessed.
People: Our lives will sing God's praise!

***Response to Grace**

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Now the Lord is risen in-deed.

GTG: #589

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: On the evening of Jesus' resurrection, the disciples gathered in fear
and sadness, wondering how everything had gone so wrong.
People: Christ appeared before them, saying, "Peace be with you."
Leader: May the peace of Christ 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 -

Prayer for Illumination

Nancy Elson (10:00)

Scripture Reading

Acts 16: 16-34 (Pew Bible p. 136, N. T.)
Leader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
People: Thanks be to God!

Scripture Reading

John 17: 20-26 (Pew Bible pp. 111-12, 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

Lessons from the Early Church—Part 4:
"Modeling Matters"

Respond in Thanks & Faith

***Hymn #308**

"O God in Whom All Life Begins"

Noel

Call to Commitment

Offertory (10:00)

"We are One"

Brian Tate

***Doxology**

Praise God, from who all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and
low. Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, in Je - sus ful - ly
known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

GTG: 609

***Prayer of Dedication**

Leader: With joy, we dedicate our gifts to the service of Christ's Church.
People: May the oppressed find courage and relief;
may the overwhelmed find support and hope;
may the lost find wholeness and direction;
may all come to experience the love and grace of Jesus.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: May the God of Resurrection 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 Communion of the People

Jesus welcomes each and all to his table. All who desire may approach the Communion servers through the center aisle to take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup (containing unfermented grape juice) before consuming it. Gluten-free wafers are available in a bowl on the communion table. Anyone wishing to remain seated and be served from a tray may so indicate to a server.

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.

Litany for Departing Members

Leader: In baptism our Lord Jesus Christ put his name on you and received you into the church. We have rejoiced in the blessings of your gifts and ministries within our fellowship in the gospel. In this community of faith, you have been nurtured as you have heard the good news of God's saving love. You have been nourished at Christ's table and sent out to be Christ's witnesses in the world. God has blessed you and made you a blessing in our life together.

People: We are richly blessed because of our time together.
You have deepened our joy and lightened our sorrow.
We will miss your love and support,
yet we rejoice that you will now bless others
as you have blessed us.

Leader: Faithful God, we ask that you keep, preserve, and protect
Lee, Alison, Chrissie, and Aaron all their days.

People: By the power of your Holy Spirit, may they be salt of
the earth and light for the world. Lead them to new
ministries and fill them with new blessings, secure in the
faith that binds us forever in the body of Christ. Amen.

***Hymn #699**

"Fill My Cup"

Fill My Cup

***Benediction**

Postlude

Fugue in G Minor (The Little)

J.S. Bach

*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 note your name and email address in the sign-in pads on the inside of each pew. Please also visit us at www.towsonpres.org to learn more about our faith community. You're invited to participate in any church events or programs.

For your worshipping comfort, large-print bulletins and hearing assistance devices are available at the rear of the sanctuary. Deacons (wearing red nametags) are also located throughout the building to offer any assistance you might desire.

While children are whole-heartedly welcome within worship, our professionally-staffed nursery is available. Please see a deacon for assistance.

Able to stay for refreshments? Please join us at "Coffee Hour," located in our Hall on the bottom level (next to the parking lot).

Please pray for: Bob Adams, Davis Barkley (Roxanne Maffitt Harvey's grandson), Mary Grace Byrne, Cindy Cole (JoAnn Brooks' sister), Everette Cook (Lois Robinson's friend), Barbara Davis, Elsie DeGarmo Smith, Jack LaBerge (Chuck's father), Kelsen LaBerge, Lynn and Dean MacEwen (Jane Barton's parents), Julie Mertus, Jane Messimer, The Miller Family, and Carol Morton. *Names remain on prayer list for four weeks, unless otherwise requested.*

The sympathy of the congregation and our resurrection faith are extended to the family of Barbara Scott who died on May 27 and to Jeff Simet for his father, Glenn Chester Simet who died on May 29 in Buffalo, NY.

Today at TPC

Assisting in Worship today: Shirley Albert, Ross Bregel, Jim Kuhlman, John Mealey, Ann Miller, Joyce Nuttall, Barbara Plunkett, and Susan Shockley.

A warm welcome to Kathie Metz, who is filling in for Stephen this weekend. Kathie enjoyed a long career at Towson Methodist and Brown Memorial Woodbrook Churches before retiring a few years ago. Now she's in high demand as a substitute organist and director in the Baltimore/DC area.

Sunday, June 2

8:30 a.m.	Worship Service – Chapel
9:45 a.m.	Nursery Care for Infants – age 3 – Noah's Nursery
10:00 a.m.	Worship Service – Sanctuary Heartlights Class – Heartlights Room
11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour – Thompson Hall
12:00 p.m.	SCL – Thompson Hall
3:15 p.m.	Triennium Gathering - Meet in parking lot

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All God's People

Schedules to note: Stephen Harouff is on vacation though 6/7.

Pentecost Potluck Party || June 9 after 10 a.m. service || Thompson Hall || Let's have a Pentecost Party || *Fire- and red-themed dishes* encouraged || Please sign up at: www.towsonpres.org/events.

Sunday, June 23 || TPC will offer two worship services:

- **Traditional 8:30 a.m. service in Chapel**
- **Outdoor worship at BeeTree Preserve (Parkton, MD) at 11 a.m.**
The BeeTree service will be followed by a cookout, games, and good fellowship!

Adult Spiritual Formation || Small Groups || Do you have an idea for a Fellowship, Study or Mission small group that you'd like to bring to TPC? Reach out to Pastor Joel at jstrom@towsonpres.org.

Adult Spiritual Formation || **Playlist** || A new online Playlist is available at towsonpres.org/grow/faith-at-home/. Explore the word "Help" from Brian McLaren's book "Naked Spirituality." Playlists can be accessed through your computer or smartphone.

Gun Violence Victim Prayer Cards || All are invited to join in holding a family of a 2019 Maryland gun violence victim in prayers || Prayer Cards can be found in the Narthex just outside the front of the sanctuary.

Sunday Community Lunch || Every Sunday at noon we serve a hot meal to the food-insecure of our surrounding community. To learn more about SCL or join a team, please contact Pastor Joel at jstrom@towsonpres.org.

Youth Ministry

Triennium Gathering || Sunday, June 2 || First Presbyterian Church of Howard County || Meet in the TPC parking lot at 3:15 p.m. to carpool. Back to TPC at 6:15 p.m.

TPC This Week

Monday, June 3 3:00 p.m.	Earth Corps – Conference Room
Tuesday, June 4 10:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting – Library
Wednesday, June 5 7:00 p.m.	CORE – Conference Room Adult Spiritual Formation – Library
Thursday, June 6 7:00 p.m.	Troop 729 – Youth Room Troop 1729 – Room 212 Chancel Choir – Choir Room
Saturday, June 8 11:00 p.m.	Memorial Service for Sarah Larrabee Reception in Thompson Hall
Sunday, June 9 8:30 a.m.	Pentecost Sunday Worship Service – Chapel
9:45 a.m.	Nursery Care for Infants – age 3 – Noah's Nursery
10:00 a.m.	Worship Service – Sanctuary Heartlights Class – Heartlights Room
11:00 a.m.	All Church Pot Luck – Thompson Hall

The Service of the Lord's Day



Seventh Sunday of Easter

June 2, 2019 || 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.

Prayerful Reflection

from *One in Love and Mission*, Susan A. Blain (adapted)

Mysterious God,
You reveal yourself in Jesus, your Beloved Child,
who gives us a glimpse of your glory
and invites us to share in the unity of all that is Holy:
the holiness that is You, your creation, your people,
united in the Spirit that breaks through all boundaries
of fear and injustice.

Meet us here today, O Unity, and teach us to be one:
one in love for each other;
one in peace with each other.

We ask all this in the name of Jesus, who fervently prayed:
"May they all be one."

Prelude

Aria

Paul Manz

Welcome

Rev. Rob Carter

Minute for Mission

Elder Bob Bickel

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We come to this place of prayer;

People: for here we can bring our hopes and dreams,
our hidden fears and the doubts we dare
wear on our sleeves.

Leader: We come to this place of grace;

People: for here we learn compassion and joy,
and discover how deeply we are loved.

Leader: We come with these people called the church;

People: to be blessed by the variety of gifts,
to live as one for our God.

***Hymn #301**

"All Are Welcome"

Two Oaks

