

***Call to Worship** This Call incorporates Mark 12 (the story of the widow's offering) & Acts 4 (the way the early Church lived)

Leader: Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury;
Leader: Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common.

People: Gather us in, Holy One; show us the way of righteousness.

Leader: And Jesus saw a poor widow put in two copper coins.

Leader: There wasn't a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold.

People: Gather us in, Compassionate Christ, help us to see community and hear welcome.

Leader: Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all the living that she had."

Leader: They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

People: Gather us in, Sustaining Spirit, enable us to open our arms and extend the circle.

***Hymn #396** "Brethren We Have Met To Worship" Holy Manna

***Invitation to Confess** Jenness Hall

***Prayer of Confession**

Bountiful Love:
Our self-focus causes us to imagine how poor we are.
We are convinced we don't have enough:
enough honor:
enough respect:
enough recognition:
enough to live on.

Amid our false poverty, we cannot trust you;
we cannot see the emptiness of others;
we cannot help but cling to more than we need.

Forgive us, Bestower of Blessings.
Show us righteousness once more:
tell us we can be more loving;
whisper to us how we can be more compassionate;
sing to us how we can serve others in the name of Jesus,
who revealed the fullness of your righteousness.

- silent reflection and confession. -

***Assurance of Grace**

Leader: The good news is that we are made whole not by our efforts, not by any work we have done, not by any word of ours, but by grace!

People: God pours grace into our lives, giving us all we need in Jesus Christ so we might live in hope and joy.
Thanks be to God.

***Response to Grace** Nettleton

O to grace how great a debt-or dai-ly I'm con-strained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fet-ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.
Prone to wan-der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

GTG: 475

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: In baptism, we are marked with the sign and seal of God's unconditional love. This 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

Prayer for Illumination Deacon Eleanor Macqueen(10:00)

Scripture Reading
Ruth 3: 1-5, 4: 13-17 (Pew Bible pp. 243-5, OT.)

Leader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

People: Thanks be to God!

Anthem Gaelic Blessing John Rutter (b.1945)

Scripture Reading
Mark 12: 38-44 (Pew Bible p. 49-50, 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 "Appearances Can Be Deceiving – Part 2
What Righteousness Looks Like"

Respond in Thanks & Faith

***Hymn #697** (10:00) "Take My Life" Hendon

***Affirmation of Faith** from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and

culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Recognition of 50+-Year Members

Call to Commitment

Offertory (10:00) Ain'-a That Good News! Spiritual/arr. Dawson (1899-1990)

***Doxology** Pleading Savior

For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in
Christ made known, with these fruits of time and la-bor, with these
gifts that are your own: here we of - fer, Lord, our prais - es;
heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to
love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

Glory to God: 717

***Prayer of Dedication**

Leader: O Lord, your blessings surround us.
All we have is a gift from your hand.

People: Help us loosen our grips, that we might give freely to the work of your church, uncovering the joy of generosity amid the kingdom's unfolding.

***Hymn #757** "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples" Kingsfold

***Benediction**

Postlude Jubilation Fred Gramann (b.1950)
Chancel Handbells

*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*;
TPC is a member of the *Covenant Network* (striving for a fully inclusive church).

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Please pray for: Bob Adams, Shirley Albert, Davis Barkley (Roxanne Maffitt Harvey's grandson), Ray Brooks, Cindy Cole (JoAnn Brooks' sister), Everette Cook (Lois Robinson's friend), Barbara Davis, Elsie DeGarmo Smith, Betsy Griffin, Jackson Herbert, Elisa Hodge, Alex Hurt, Kelsen LaBerge, Julie Mertus, Carol Morton, Sarah O'Brien (Patty's niece), Lois Robinson, and Leslie Strawhand. *Names remain on prayer list for four weeks, unless otherwise requested.*

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given are by the Hyde Family in loving memory of Carol and Jim Hyde.

The rose on the communion table announces the birth of Paxton Kai Fields to parents Jesse and Paris, grandson of Dotsie and Ross Bregel.

Today at TPC

Assisting in Worship today are: Jeff Bowerman, Kristie Burkett, Alex Foley, Cass Mairs, Bill Sherman, Liza Salemi, Dianne Thompson, and Liz White.

Sunday, November 11—50+ year Membership Recognition

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
10:15 a.m.	Church School
11:15 a.m.	Fellowship – Thompson Hall
11:30 a.m.	Cherubs Choir – Room 212
	Children's Choir – Choir Room
12:00 p.m.	Sunday Community Lunch – Thompson Hall
5:30 p.m.	Youth Group Meal – Thompson Hall

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All God's People

Today, November 11 || 10:00 a.m. worship service we give thanks to those TPC members who have we have been members for 50+ years.

Schedules to note:

- The Church offices are closed on Monday, Nov. 12.
- Rev. Carter will be on Continuing Education leave until 11/16.
- Thanksgiving baskets are due to the TH stage by 11/12.

Reduce, Re-Use, Recycle, Restore! The recycling focus starting this Sunday is- "PLASTICS" - what you can and can't recycle in Baltimore County's curbside pick-up. Check out the "Reduce, Re-Use, Recycle, Restore" bulletin board in Thompson Hall.

ACTC Thanksgiving Baskets|| See the link on www.towsonpres.org for more information. Please drop off your bags on the stage in Thompson Hall by Monday, Nov 12. Checks may be placed in the offering basket or donate online.

"Inhabiting Eden" Book Study || Adult Spiritual Formation invites you to explore humanity's connection and calling to care for God's creation. Books (\$5) are on sale in Thompson Hall; Small Groups begin in January.

ACTC Gratitude & Prayer Service at The Church of the Immaculate Conception || Wed., Nov 14 at 7:00 p.m. || ACTC Member Churches are invited to come together to worship and thank God for our many blessings.

Christmas Wreath Fundraiser || Help support High School's trip to the Presbyterian Youth Triennium next summer by buying a Christmas wreath! You can order a wreath beginning next Sunday in Thompson Hall or select and purchase one online. Go to www.towsonpres.org for more information.

The annual Alternative Gift Market || 11/25, 12/2 and 12/9 || Thompson Hall || Before & After 10:00 a.m. service.

Holiday Brass Concert || Tuesday, November 27 || Tickets - \$22.00; checks payable to IWBC || Contact Mary Jane Obaker, 410-377-2629.

Honduras Mission Trip Dates || **March 8-15, 2019** || Donations of supplies are being accepted now || Please visit the towsonpres.org for more information.

Youth Ministry

MS & HS Youth Group || Tonight from 5:30-7:30 || ACTC Thanksgiving Basket Scavenger Hunt. We do not meet for Youth Group on Nov. 18 and 25.

TPC This Week

Monday, November 12

7:00 p.m.

Church Offices Closed
Small Group – Monday Night Football
Circle 13 – Bickel Home

Tuesday, November 13

10:30 a.m.

Staff Meeting – Library

7:00 p.m.

Property – Library

7:30 p.m.

Handbells – Choir Room

Wednesday, November 14

7:00 p.m.

Deacons – Library
Personnel – Conference Room

Thursday, November 15

7:00 p.m.

Boy Scouts Troop 729 – Youth Room

7:30 p.m.

Chancel Choir – Choir Room

Friday, November 16

6:00 p.m.

HS Youth Lock In

Saturday, November 17

8:00 a.m.

Running Small Group

9:00 a.m.

Hiking Small Group

11:00 a.m.

Jayne Nuttle Memorial Service – Sanctuary

Jack Mier Memorial Service – Mercy Ridge

Reception – Thompson Hall

Sunday, November 18

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

10:15 a.m.

Church School

11:15 a.m.

Fellowship – Thompson Hall

11:30 a.m.

Cherubs Choir – Room 212

Children's Choir – Choir Room

12:00 p.m.

Sunday Community Lunch – Thompson Hall

2:00 p.m.

Andrew Drake Memorial Service – Sanctuary

3:00 p.m.

Reception – Thompson Hall

The Service of the Lord's Day



32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 11, 2018

8:30 a.m. & 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.

Preparatory Reflection "Two Copper Coins" Katherine Hawker

two copper coins
echo beyond time
abundance yielded drought,
poverty bloomed to generosity

two copper coins
echo beyond time
the need to protect
confronts the call to relinquish

two copper coins
echo beyond time
redefining worth
as a place in the heart

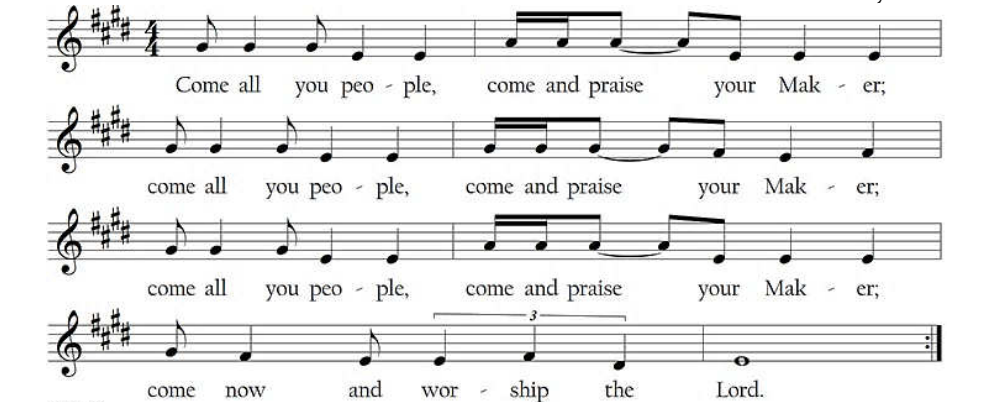
two copper coins
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Prelude *Fantasy on Kingsfold* Dean Wagner (b. 1961)
Chancel Handbells

Welcome Rev. Rob Carter

Moment for Mission "Inhabiting Eden" Deacon Tracy Morgan

Introit Uyai Mose



Come all you peo - ple, come and praise your Mak - er;
come all you peo - ple, come and praise your Mak - er;
come all you peo - ple, come and praise your Mak - er;
come now and wor - ship the Lord.