



8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 14, 2024 || 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

Bruce Prewer (*adapted*)

*God of mysterious purposes and extravagant blessings,
we come to praise you.*

We come because we want to.

We sing our songs because we are glad to.

We pray for your grace because we need to.

*and we ask for the love of Christ in our hearts
because without it we are a dead loss.*

*Please lift every shutter within our mind,
and open every door within our soul,
that you, the Lord of glory, the God of countless hosts,
may come in.*

Prelude

Voluntary on Old Hundredth

Henry Purcell

**Call to Worship*

Rev. Thom Shuman (*adapted*)

*Leader: On this day, we come—in person and remotely—
to worship God.*

*People: We come, trusting God will speak to us;
hoping God will surprise us.*

*Leader: On this day, like every other day,
we seek to follow Jesus:*

People: We follow, trusting Jesus will be with us;
believing Jesus will work through us.

Leader: *On this day, we lift our souls to God's Spirit:*

People: We open our hearts, that the Spirit may fill us;
we open our hands, that we might be a gift to others.

**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.

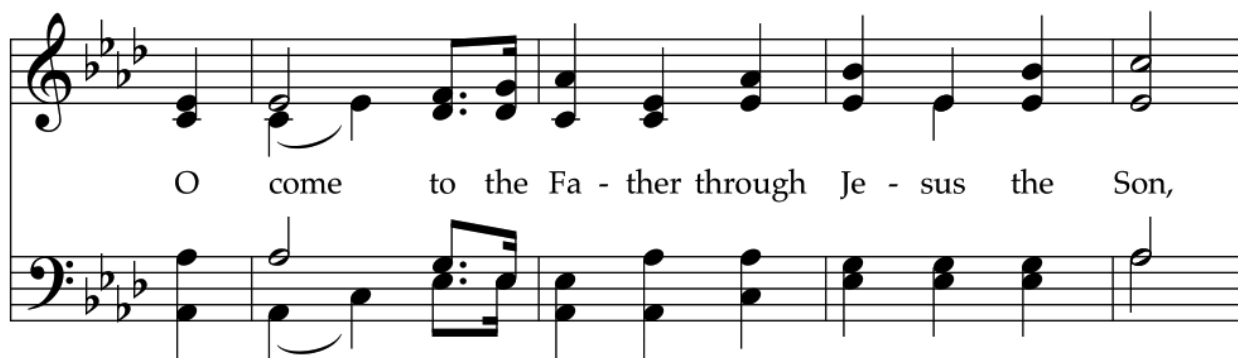
Refrain



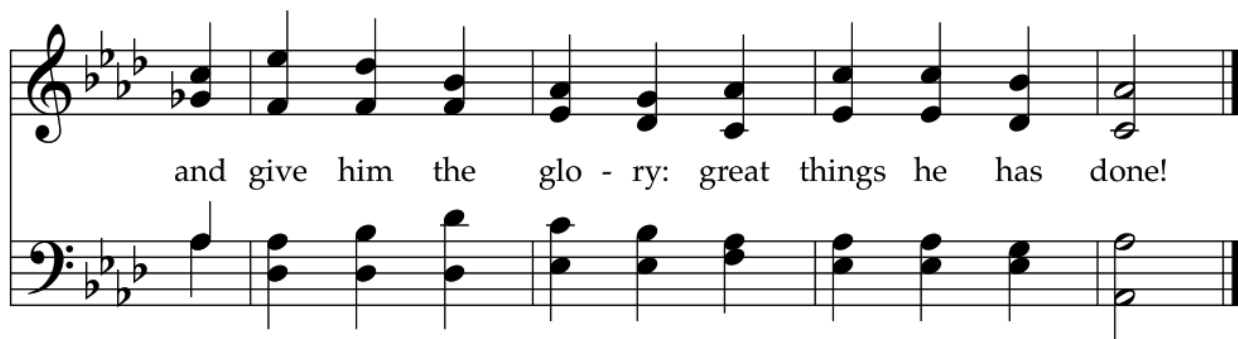
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!



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*

With infinite mercy, O God,
You looked at a broken and hurting world,
and sent yourself in Christ

to show us the ways of truth, love, and grace.
He demonstrated the power to be found in
integrating these ways throughout the whole of one's life!

But we don't integrate our faith,
or prioritize your ways.
We cling the illusions this world still sells:
that we're worth what we make,
that it's better to fit in than be our true selves,
that power is found in force rather than love.

O God, teach us again your ways,
and give us the courage to integrate them
into every sphere of our lives.
Then send us out in pursuit of your unbreakable kingdom,
as we seek to live and share your ways with the world.

- silent reflection and confession -

**Assurance of Grace*

Leader: *Friends, let us celebrate the good news of Jesus Christ!
Your sins are forgiven! God has claimed and redeemed you!*
People: *We belong to God!
May all our living proclaim the goodness of the Lord!*

**Response to Grace*

Gloria Patri (Greatorex)

Glo - ry to the Cre - a - tor, and to the Christ, and to the
Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er
shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

**Passing of the Peace*

Leader: *Jesus offered peace not just to some in specific places,
but to all he encountered everywhere he went.*

People: The peace of Christ must be shared if it is to be realized.
Leader: May the peace of Jesus be with you all.
People: And also with you.

- All worshipping virtually are invited to greet and share peace with others in the "Comments" section. -

Children's Message

Service of Commissioning Camp BeeTree Leaders

Call to Discipleship

Leader: We are called by God to be the church of Jesus Christ,
a sign in the world today of what God intends for all humankind

People: **The call of Christ is to willing, dedicated discipleship.**

Leader: Our discipleship is a sign of the new life we enter through baptism.

People: **Discipleship is both a gift and a commitment,
an offering and a responsibility.**

Description of Ministries

Commissioning Questions

Prayer

Proclaim God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Ephesians 1: 3-14

Leader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

People: Thanks be to God.

Mark 6: 14-29

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

"What's the Point?"

Rev. Rob Carter

Respond in Thanks & Faith

Hymn #731

Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm

Repton

Capo 1: (D) (A) (Bm) (G)
 Eb Bb Cm Ab

1 Give thanks for those whose faith is firm when all a -
 2 Give thanks for those whose hope is clear, be - yond mere
 3 Give thanks for those whose love is pure, a spar - kling
 4 Give thanks for saints of a - ges past and saints a -

(D) (A) (D) (G) (Em) (A) (F#m)
 Eb Bb Eb Ab Fm Bb Gm

round seems bleak: on God's good prom - ise they re - ly, so
 mor - tal sight: who seek the cit - y God has planned, the
 pre - cious stone: they show by what they say and do an
 live to - day: though of - ten by this world de - spised, their

(Bm) (G) (Em) (A7) (D)
 Cm Ab Fm Bb7 Eb

while they live and when they die how force - ful -
 true, e - ter - nal prom - ised land, and steer on
 in - ward beau - ty, warm and true, for God's con -
 hearts by God are rich - ly prized. Give thanks that

(A7) (B) (Em) (G) (A7) (D)
 Bb7 C Fm Ab Bb7 Eb

ly they speak: the strong, who once were weak!
 toward that light, a bea - con ev - er bright.
 cerns they own: God's love through them is known.
 we may say we share their pil - grim way.

Offering Our Gifts to God

- Towsonpres.org – click orange “Give” button at top of page
- Text “CheerfulGiver” (one word; no spaces; case sensitive) to 73256
- Drop off or mail check to the church
- Scan this QR code →



Offertory

My Heart Abounds in Peace

Johannes Brahms

Service of Baptism and Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

Scripture

Presentation

Profession of Faith

Leader: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

People: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth,

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the
Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
died, and was buried; he descended to the
dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into
heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Prayer of Baptism

The Baptism

Prayer of Blessing

Welcome

Leader: Through baptism, Jeff has been received into the one holy, catholic,
and apostolic church. And Bev, Lee, Lindsay, Eric, Jeannette,
Norma, Theresa, Thierry, Patty, Gretchen, Karen, and Wendy
have reaffirmed the covenant into which they were baptized. What
joy to have them among us as members of our community of faith.

People: With joy we welcome you to share with us in the
ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

Hymn #546

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Sicilian Mariners

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's
 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us, from our strug - gling

joy and peace; let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion
 pil - grim way, let no fear of death ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,
 in our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
 glad your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
 may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

**Benediction*

Postlude

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

arr. Dale Wood

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! 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.

Prayer List:

Bob Adams, Laura Adams Wentling, The Family of Ellen Barnhart, Margie Busko, Walter Cesewski, The Family of Virginia Cooley, Jim Flick, Jennifer Gettier, Aldean Howard, Bill Kladky, John Lewis, The Family of Ann McKim, Julie Mertus, Julie Morris, Phillip Pugh, Patty Rath, Janice Searles, Calvin Symons, Wendy and Barbara Taylor, Sue Thompson, Mitzie Tyrie.

TPC News, Mission, and Ministry Updates

Assisting in Worship || Pat Keller, Ross Bregel, Jim Kuhlman,, Karen Morris, Joyce Nuttall, Judith Reitz, Anna Hand, Jeffrey Tobian.

TPC Welcomes John Walker || Guest Organist || John Walker, former President of the American Guild of Organists and Minister of Music Emeritus at Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, is renowned for his prolific career in organ performance and choral direction. John's international concert engagements span America, Europe, and Asia, highlighted by notable appearances such as recitals at Notre Dame Cathedral and teaching at the Shanghai Conservatory of Music. As a distinguished educator, he has taught at various institutions including Stanford University, Manhattan School of Music, and Peabody Institute, where he taught TPC's Stephen Harouff.

Welcome New Members || Our church family is growing! We are richly blessed to receive 13 new members into our congregation today. If you haven't already, please welcome them and introduce yourself when you see them.

*Jeanette Festa, Gretchen Forbes-Soirez, Norma Haynes, Eric Koskinen,
Lindsay Koskinen, Teresa Labarre, Thierry Labarre, Patti Rector,*

Jeff Roumm, Karen Streat, Wendy Wallace, Beverly Weber, and Lee Weber

Camp BeeTree || Monday, Jul. 15–Friday, Jul. 19 || We are excited to welcome 39 children, 17 teens, and many adults to our church building and BeeTree Preserve this week for Camp BeeTree! We ask that you pray for safety, fun, and God's presence among staff, volunteers, CITs, and campers.

Men's Cookout || Tuesday, Jul. 23, 6:00–8:00pm || All men are invited to the home of Ross Bregel this month for a cookout and fellowship. Please RSVP at towsonpres.org/adults and consider bringing a friend! If your last name starts with an A-M please bring a beverage (beer, wine, seltzer, soda) or dessert to share; N-Z bring a side dish to share. A \$3 donation is also suggested to offset the cost of host-supplied food (burgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments, etc.).

TPC Goes to Camden Yards || Saturday, Sep. 7, 4:05pm Game || Back by popular demand, we're heading to another Orioles game this year! We have tickets reserved at \$24 each in Section 368, Rows 2. Save your spot at towsonpres.org (front page), with a check made out to Towson Presbyterian Church, and contact Jenness Hall (jhall@towsonpres.org) with any questions.

TPC This Week

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| Sun 7/14: | 10:00am 11:00am 11:20am 12:00pm 1:00pm | Worship (Sanctuary and Livestream) Coffee Hour (Thompson Hall) CIT Training (Library) Sunday Community Lunch (Thompson Hall) Setup for Camp BeeTree (Thompson Hall) |
| Mon 7/15: | All-Day | Camp BeeTree (Various Locations) |
| Tue 7/16: | All-Day 10:30am 7:00pm | Camp BeeTree (Various Locations) Staff Mtg. (Library) Mission Outreach Mtg. (Zoom) |
| Wed 7/17: | All-Day 7:00pm 7:00pm | Camp BeeTree (Various Locations) Personnel Mtg. (Zoom) Finance Mtg. (Zoom) |
| Thu 7/18: | All-Day 8:00am | Camp BeeTree (Various Locations) Men's Breakfast (Towson Diner) |
| Fri 7/19: | All-Day | Camp BeeTree (Various Locations) |