

**Invitation to Confess*

Rev. Rob Carter

**Prayer of Confession*

We are hesitant to confess, Holy God,
how hard it is to love as you wish.

It is easy to love you with all that we are,
except when you ask us to love our
neighbor with all that we have.

We find it hard to love our neighbor,
when it is linked to the way we love ourselves.

And it is difficult to love anyone—even You—
more than we love ourselves.

Forgive us, Loving God.

As you took a risk in creating us,
help us to take risks to love others compassionately,
to love ourselves genuinely,

and to love you as completely as you love us
in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

- silent prayers of confession -

**Assurance of Grace*

Leader: In God's Kingdom, all are loved for who they are, not what they do;
In God's Kingdom, all are forgiven for what they do, and don't;
in God's Kingdom, all are welcomed and fed by God's grace and hope.

People: Forgiven, loved, sent forth—we are not far from God's
Kingdom! Thanks be to God. Amen.

**Response to Grace*

The Lord liv-eth, and bless-ed be the Rock, and let the God of my sal-
va-tion be ex - alt - ed. The Lord liv-eth, and bless-ed be the Rock,
and let the God of my sal - va-tion be ex - alt ed.

GTG: 621

**Passing of the Peace*

Leader: The peace Jesus offers isn't won or earned,
but experienced amid a deep trust in God.
May the peace of our Lord 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

- Children through Grade 5 are invited to the Education Wing -

Proclaim God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Owen Bott

Scripture Lesson

Exodus 1: 1-14

Pew Bible pp.48-9, O.T.

Anthem

Love Has Broken Down the Wall

Mark Miller

Scripture Lesson

Exodus 3: 1-15

Colt Simpson
Pew Bible p.50 O.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

"We Make the Road By Walking – Ch. 9":
Moses & the Burning Bush

Respond in Thanks & Faith

**Hymn #53* (10:00)

"O God, Who Gives Us Life"

Noel

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.

Call to Commitment

Offertory

I Will Make a Way

Tom Trenney (b. 1977)

Behold! I will do a new thing! Everything old has passed away. See, everything old has become new. I will make a way in the wilderness. I will make rivers in the desert. Do not remember the former things or consider the ways of old. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and ostriches. For I give water in the wilderness, the desert shall be a pool.

**Doxology*

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Prayer of Dedication*

Leader: You, Lord, are our God, and we are your people. As you have placed
your generosity in our hearts, we pray now for the blessing of pouring it
out for others.

People: May the gifts we bring be of use in your kingdom,
bringing hope to the despairing, light in the valley of
shadows, peace in the midst of chaos. Amen.

**Hymn #366*

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Hyfrydol

**Benediction*

Postlude

Tocatta on "Hyfrydol"

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

*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.

The 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).

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New Here? Welcome—just as you are.

We're grateful you're here! Please take a moment to note your name and email address in the sign-in pads on the inside of each pew.

We'd also cherish the chance to connect with you. A TPC Outreach Minister (wearing a blue nametag) will be standing next to the Communion Table at the conclusion of the 10 a.m. service to welcome any who'd like to learn a bit more about TPC. Outreach Ministers also staff TPC's two "Welcome Centers," located outside the rear of the sanctuary and in the Church Hall. A visit to towsonpres.org reveals the breadth and depth of TPC's missions and ministries. You're warmly invited to participate in any church events or programs of interest.

For your worshipping comfort, large-print bulletins and hearing assistance devices are available at the rear of the sanctuary. Deacons (wearing red nametags) are happy to assist you.

While children are whole-heartedly welcome within all of worship, our professionally-staffed nursery is available (see a deacon for directions).

Please consider joining us after the 10 a.m. service for light refreshments at our "Coffee Hour" in the Church Hall (on the ground level next to the parking lot) after the 10 a.m. service. Thank you, again, for the blessing of your presence.

Please pray for: Bob Adams, Shirley Albert, Davis Barkley (Roxanne Maffitt Harvey's grandson), Mary Grace Byrne, Cindy Cole (JoAnn Brooks' sister), Jim Dawson, Barbara Davis, Barbara & John Dillon, Kathleen Flynn (Tara's sister), Phyllis Gray, Melanie Heckstall, Pat Hoopes, Mike Just, Julie Mertus, Jane Messimer, Carol Morton, Gloria Roberts, and Joye Wilhide. *Names remain on prayer list for four weeks, unless otherwise requested.*

Today at TPC

Assisting in Worship today: Mary Blann, Beth Bugg, Joseph Clark, Cass Mairs, Ann Miller, Liza Salemi, Bill Sherman, and Liz White.

Sunday, November 10

8:30 a.m.	Worship Service – Chapel
9:45 a.m.	Noah's Nursery (Infants to 3-year olds)
10:00 a.m.	Worship Service – Sanctuary
10:15 a.m.	Church School – Education wing
11:15 a.m.	Documentary Film “Genesis to Exodus” – Library
	Coffee Hour – Thompson Hall
11:30 a.m.	Congregational Forum – Chapel
	Cherubs/ Children's Choir – Room 212/ Choir Room
12:00 p.m.	SCL – Thompson Hall
5:30 p.m.	Youth Group – Meal – Thompson Hall

“Genesis of Exodus” Documentary Film on Immigration || Sun., Nov. 10, 11:15-12:15 || Library || Produced by the Office of the General Assembly of the PC(USA), “Genesis of Exodus” takes you to El Salvador, Guatemala and southern Mexico, giving voice to the migrants, their families, and the people who work with them.

Review Period & Forum || Session will host a forum today at 11:30 a.m. in the Chapel to explore the proposed changes and rationale behind them.

Electronic Giving || Text “CheerfulGiver” (one word; no spaces; case sensitive) to 73256 or scan the QR Code to the right. →



All God's People

Schedules to Note: Rev. Strom is on Study Leave 11/11 – 11/17. The Church Offices are closed on Monday, Nov. 11. Kathryn Bojanowski is out of the office on November 13 & 15.

New Member Class || Sun. Nov. 17 at 11:15 (light lunch served) in Library OR Mon., Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. (drinks and snacks served) || Come learn more about TPC's faith community and explore membership.

Thanksgiving Donation “Bags” due by Sun. Nov. 17 || Please leave them in Thompson Hall— under the clock || Info available including where to pick up pre-packed bags at towsonpres.org || Financial donations also accepted (checks payable to TPC with “ACTC” in the memo line).

Creation Care at TPC || Sunday, Nov. 24 at 11:15 || Library || Do you care for God's amazing creation and want to put your faith into action? Join us for an open discussion on the future of creation care efforts at TPC. Your ideas, concerns, and energy are needed as we explore the future of creation care efforts at TPC.

Church-wide Book Study: We Make the Road by Walking || Contact the church office to purchase a book at a discounted price || An audio version can be purchased on Audible || This week we read Ch. 10 – “Getting Slavery Out of the People.”

New Podcasts || Pastor Rob and Joel's podcast of Ch. 10 of We Make the Road by Walking is available at towsonpres.org > Explore > Podcasts.

Small Group: 21 Day Racial Equity Habit Building Challenge || Create effective social justice habits using “Waking Up White” author Debby Irving's online resources. || Sign-up at towsonpres.org > Grow > Adults.

Adult Spiritual Formation || Winter/Spring 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.

Advent Festival – Sunday, December 8th

4:00 pm Christmas Eve Service – Who wants to participate?! Jenness wants to know. We make it easy for everyone with only one rehearsal on Sunday December 22nd at 11:15 am. Children arrive at 3:30 12/24 to get dressed in their costumes.

Honduras Mission Trip || March 6 – 15, 2020 || Register by Nov. 22 || Contact Lynn Krugman (thekrugmans@comcast.net) || Financial assistance is available.

Holiday Brass Concert || Dec. 3, 7:30 p.m. || Cathedral of Mary Our Queen || To purchase tickets (\$22), contact Mary Jane Obaker (410-377-2629).

Epiphany Stars || As we near the end of 2019, now is the time to begin reflecting on its impact. How has your star spoken to you this past year?

MS & HS Youth Group || 5:30-7:30 p.m. || Meets tonight, Nov. 17 and Nov. 24

TPC This Week

Monday, November 11

7:00 p.m. Church Offices Closed
21 Day Challenge Small Group – Library
Circle 13 – Lehwald Home

Tuesday, November 12

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting – Nook
2:00 p.m. Worship, Music & Arts – Library
4:00 p.m. Peabody Chorus – Thompson Hall, Chapel, Heartlights
7:30 p.m. Handbells – Choir Room

Wednesday, November 13

7:00 p.m. Deacons – Library
Personnel – Nook
Troop 729(B) & Troop 1729(G) Committee – Youth & Room 212

Thursday, November 14

2:00 p.m. Encore Chorale – Chapel
7:00 p.m. Troop 729(B) & Troop 1729(G) – Youth and Room 212
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir – Choir Room

Saturday, November 16

9:00 a.m. Hiking Small Group –

Sunday, November 17

8:30 a.m. Worship Service – Chapel
9:45 a.m. Noah's Nursery (Infants to 3-year olds)
10:00 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary
10:15 a.m. Church School – Education wing
11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour – Thompson Hall
11:30 a.m. Cherubs/ Children's Choir – Room 212/ Choir Room
12:00 p.m. SCL – Thompson Hall
5:30 p.m. Youth Group – Meal – Thompson Hall

Towson Presbyterian Church



Nov. 10 2019 || 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Assemble in God's Name

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

Prayerful Reflection

Rabbi Zusya, when he was an old man, said,
“In the world to come, they will not ask me
‘Why were you not more like Moses?’
Rather, they will ask me:
‘Why were you not more like Zusya?’”

Prelude “Andante sostenuto” from *Symphonic Gothique* C.M. Widor (1844-1937)

Welcome Rev. Joel Strom

**Call to Worship* Austin Morris

Leader: This place for us is Holy Ground.
The place where we sing songs of praise to the Lord,
People: and retell the stories of faith
that inspire us to respond to Christ's love.
Leader: God called us here,
in whispering winds and in burning flames,
People: and with God's presence
disarms us of the barriers we have placed around us.
Leader: Instead, God meets us in our vulnerability
and in our humanity.
People: Let us worship the Lord!

**Hymn #405* “Praise God for This Holy Ground” Heymonystraat