

***Invitation to Confess**

Rev. Joel Strom

***Prayer of Confession**

You were accused, Good Teacher.
You ate with sinners.
You touched the unclean.
You offended common decency.

We had thought you came to bless us,
but you keep going to those we don't understand,
those we don't trust, those we fear.

We want you to confirm our prejudices, but you shatter them.
Samaritans, children, lepers, women, tax collectors, beggars,
a sick friend, a dead daughter—all of these you blessed and healed.
Those we distance ourselves from, you actually touch.

We grumble at you, not sure we can follow you along this way,
not strong enough to overcome what we've always been taught,
not open enough to see the depth and breadth of your generous grace.

Forgive us, Jesus.
Turn our grumbling into acts of courage.
Turn our self-centeredness into acts of generosity.
Turn our condemnation of others into a deep desire
to love others with your compassion.

Forgive us, Jesus, and make us new,
until we become one with the lost ones,
until we become lost in your love.

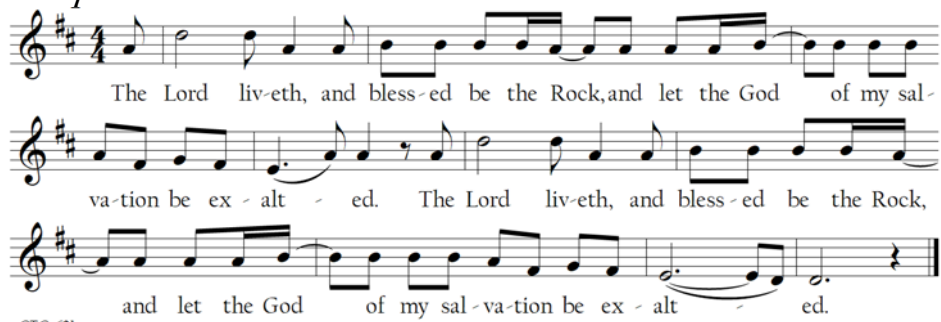
- silent prayers of confession -

***Assurance of Grace**

Leader: Good news, friends! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Broken, we are mended;
separated from others, we are made one;
longing to serve, we are sent forth.
Thanks be to God.

***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.

***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 2 are invited to the Education Wing

Children in grades 3 & 4 are invited to the Chapel || Children in grades 5+ remain in worship

Proclaim God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Luke 19: 1-10

Leader: Holy Wisdom; Holy Word.

People: Thanks be to God!

Jim Kuhlman

Pew Bible p. 82, N.T.

Sermon

The Possibility Business—Part 3:
“What Generosity Can Do”

Respond in Thanks & Faith

***Hymn #692** (10:00)

“Spirit, Open My Heart”

Wild Mountain Thyme

Call to Commitment

Offertory

Love Bade Me Welcome Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

William Jones, solo

Love bade me welcome; yet my soul drew back, guilty of dust and sin. But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack from my first entrance in, drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning, if I lack'd any thing. “A guest,” I answer'd, “worthy to be here.” Love said, “You shall be he.” “I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear, I cannot look on thee.” Love took my hand, and smiling did reply, “Who made the eyes but I?” “Truth, Lord, but I have marr'd them: let my shame go where it doth deserve.” “And know you not,” says Love, “who bore the blame?” “My dear, then I will serve.” “You must sit down” says Love, “and taste my meat.” so I did sit and eat.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: May the God of hope-filled possibilities 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 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.

Music

In Remembrance of Me

Courtney, Red

Prayer of Response

We marvel, O God, that you love us before we love you.

By your Spirit, help us live out your grace:

feeding others as you have first fed us;

blessing others as you have first blessed us;

giving to others as you have first given to us. Amen.

***Hymn #726**

“The Summons”

Kellengrove

***Benediction**

Postlude

Prelude on “Sine Nomine”

Vaughan Williams

*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, Davis Barkley (Roxanne Maffitt Harvey's grandson), Mary Grace Byrne, Cindy Cole (JoAnn Brooks' sister), Jim Dawson, Barbara Davis, Elsie DeGarmo Smith, Barbara & John Dillon, Kathleen Flynn (Tara's sister), Phyllis Gray, Melanie Heckstall, Pat Hoopes, Mike Just, Chuck LaBerge, Kelsen LaBerge, Julie Mertus, Jane Messimer, Carol Morton, The Rector Family (Mary Blann), and Bettie Tabeling *Names remain on prayer list for four weeks, unless otherwise requested.*

Today at TPC

All Saints Sunday – This morning, we give thanks to God for the life and blessings of those from our faith community who have entered the Church Triumphant this past year. We also pray for their loved one's peace and comfort amid their grief.

Creta Smouse – 2/12/2019 Owen Miller – 7-17-2019
Betsy Anne Griffin – 3/5/2019 Joanne Linder – 8/09/2019
Sarah Larrabee – 4/14/2019 David McCombe – 8/26/2019
Robert (Bob) Williams – 5/3/2019 William (Bill) Hyde – 8/31/2019
Barbara Scott – 5/27/2019 Thomas (Tom) Searles – 10/11/2019
George Good – 7/9/2019

Assisting in Worship today: Mary Blann, Beth Bugg, Joseph Clark, Rob Culp, Viraj Mehta, Liza Salemi, Bill Sherman, and Liz White.

Sunday, November 3 Communion Sunday
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. Grades 3 & 4 Children's Church – Chapel
Church School – Education wing
11:15 a.m. MS & HS 2020 Mission Trip Meeting – Youth Room
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 – Thompson Hall

MS & HS 2020 Summer Trips Informational Meeting || 11:15 a.m. || Youth Room

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



All God's People

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.

Review Period & Forum || Session has discerned a need to restructure TPC's restricted and designated funds and policy. To review the current Endowment Fund Agreement and proposed amendments, please contact the church office (tpc@towsonpres.org). Session will host a forum on Nov. 10 at 11:30 a.m. in the Chapel to explore the proposed changes and rationale behind them.

Catonsville HS Steel Drum Band Concert || Fri., Nov. 8, 7:30-9:00 p.m. || Thompson Hall || Everyone is encouraged to wear island attire. || Suggested donation: a canned good for ACTC per person

"Together We Serve" Small Group || Next volunteer experience: Lake Roland Park, Sat. Nov. 9, 9:00-10:00 a.m. || We will be "trash warriors" in the park—a change from our previous activity which allows us to accommodate younger children. Please contact Julie Kreif with questions: (jkreifl@jhmi.edu).

"Put the Garden to Bed" || Sat. Nov. 9, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. || Come join us in the garden for our last group work day of this season, and/or come join us for: **Celebratory "End of Season" Potluck** || Saturday 11/9 at 6:00 p.m. || At the Appleby/Vanko Home. (carolappleby@comcast.net).

Thanksgiving Donation "Bags" due by Sun. Nov. 17 || Please leave them in Thompson Hall— **under the clock** || Info available on towsonpres.org || Financial donations also accepted (checks payable to TPC with "ACTC" in the memo line).

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. 9 – "Freedom"

New Podcasts || Pastor Rob and Joel's podcast of Ch. 9 of We Make the Road by Walking is available at towsonpres.org > Explore > Podcasts.

"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.

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.

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?

TPC This Week

Monday, November 4
3:30 p.m. Earth Corps – Conference Room
4:30 p.m. Mary, Martha & Me – Thompson Hall
7:00 p.m. Men's Group – Library
Stewardship – Conference Room

Tuesday, November 5
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting – Nook
4:00 p.m. Peabody Chorus – Thompson Hall, Chapel, Heartlights
7:30 p.m. Handbells – Choir Room

Wednesday, November 6
7:00 p.m. Adult Spiritual Formation – Library
Troop 729(B) & Troop 1729(G) Committee–Youth & Room 212

Thursday, November 7
12:30 p.m. Gentle Yoga – Thompson Hall
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

Friday, November 8
7:30 p.m. Catonsville Steel Drum Band Concert – Thompson Hall

Saturday, November 9
8:00 a.m. Running Small Group –
9:00 a.m. Together We Serve – Lake Roland
9:30 a.m. "Put the Garden to Bed" – IGG
2:00 p.m. Scouts Court of Honor – Thompson Hall
6:00 p.m. IGG Pot Luck Supper – Appleby/Vanko Home

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 of 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

Towson Presbyterian Church



Nov. 3, 2019 || 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

31st 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

Ted Loder (*adapted*)

Transforming God,
like Zacchaeus,
we find ourselves up a tree,
seeking to observe you from a distance.
Yet you compel us to come close enough
to welcome you into our homes,
our work,
our play.
Come into our hearts amid these moments of worship, O God.
Reorder our priorities and save us from ourselves
so we may be a blessing to those
who need the love you will offer through us. Amen.

Prelude

Elegy

George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)

Welcome

Rev. Rob Carter

**Call to Worship*

Jenness Hall

Leader: God reveals kingdom life to us, saying:

People: "Follow me. Come and see."

Leader: Having loved us from the very beginning,
God loves us still, saying:

People: "Follow me. Come and see."

Leader: God uses our gifts amid our everyday lives to do extraordinary things, saying:

People: "Follow me. Come and see."

Leader: Even now, God calls us to go deeper into the mystery of faith
and the upside-down values of salvation in the present, saying:

People: "Follow me. Come and see."

**Hymn #326*

"For All the Saints"

Sine Nomine