

***Invitation to Confess**

Jeness Hall

***Prayer of Confession**

Leader: I was downtown shopping for new clothes
when an old man in Pakistan whispered,

People: I have no bed.

Leader: I stood in a store comparing new appliances
when an African widow wept,

People: I have no drink.

Leader: I lost sleep over the latest stock tumble
when a child in Yemen sobbed,

People: I have no food.

Leader: I dreamed of a vacation to a distant place,
but from another distant place a refugee cried,

People: I have no country.

Leader: I bought a beautiful gift for a loved one's pleasure
when a war orphan murmured,

People: I have no loved ones.

Leader: I consumed without thought energy and goods,
when tomorrow's generation worried,

People: What world will I inherit?

O Merciful One, forgive our self-centered perspective.
Attune our hearts to yours until we cannot help
but face the cries of a hurting world.
Remind us that our blessings are ample
and able to make a difference,
as we use the gifts of your Spirit
in pursuit of your kingdom for all.

- silent prayers of confession -

***Assurance of Grace**

Leader: Friends, let us celebrate the Good News of God's love in Jesus Christ.

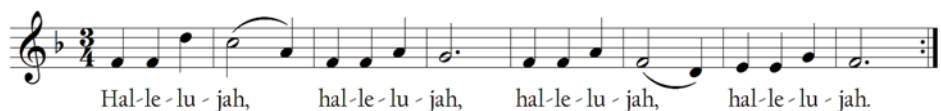
People: God has covered us with grace.

Life is made new!

Love is ours to live and spread.

***Response to Grace**

Hallelujah (Maraire)



GTG: 590

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ reminds us who and whose we are.

People: No longer claimed by the pressures of this world,
Jesus' peace frees us to be our truest selves.

Leader: Let us share it. 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 2nd grade are invited to the Education Wing;
3rd - 4th graders are invited to the Chapel for Children's Church;
5th graders remain in worship with their family -

Proclaim God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Julie Kreif (10:00)

Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 1: 1-14 (Pew Bible p. 211, N.T.)

Leader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word;

People: Thanks be to God!

Scripture Lesson

Luke 17: 5-10 (Pew Bible p. 80, 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

Letters from a Mentor—Part 4 of 4:
“Persistence”

Respond in Thanks & Faith

***Hymn #817** (10:00) “We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight” Dunlap's Creek

Call to Commitment

Offertory

Total Praise

Richard Smallwood (b. 1948)

***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: May the offerings we present increase the reign of your love, O God.

People: And may this special Peacemaking Offering increase the
reign of Christ's peace, strengthening the Church's
witness against the violence of poverty, discrimination,
pollution and consumption, until all your children live
fully into the light of your love.

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 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.

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.

Music

Prayer of Response

Holy God, we thank you for this feast of grace and life.
As we have been served, help us to serve our neighbors.
As we have been fed, help us to feed the hungry.
As we have been loved, help us to love the world—
because in Christ Jesus you have loved us. Amen.

***Hymn #536** “Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen” Surge Ecclesia

***Benediction**

Postlude *In Thee Is Gladness (Afro-Cuban)* Johannes Matthias Michel (b. 1962)

*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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Please pray for: Erric (Katie Hamrick's friend), Bob Adams, Davis Barkley
(Roxanne Maffitt Harvey's grandson), Mary Grace Byrne, Cindy Cole (JoAnn
Brooks' sister), Barbara Davis, Elsie DeGarmo Smith, Barbara & John Dillon,
Kathleen Flynn (Tara's sister), Melanie Heckstall, Pat Hoopes, Mike Just,
Chuck LaBerge, Kelsen LaBerge, Julie Mertus, Jane Messimer, Carol Morton
and Bettie Tabeling *Names remain on prayer list for four weeks, unless otherwise
requested.*

The sympathy of the congregation and our resurrection faith are extended to
Tad Bashore and his family for his mother, CeCe Bashore, who died on August
26 and will be interred in Ohio at a later date.

Towson Presbyterian Church



Oct. 6, 2019 || 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

World Communion Sunday

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

Boundless God,
As we prepare to gather around your table
with disciples around the world
help us to see the world differently—
not with our own limited vision
but with the gaze of love and justice.

Give us the foolish faithfulness to believe
we can change what the world says is impossible;
we can help the last become first
and show the least how great they are.
and when we doubt the power of love to change the world,
grant us persistence. Amen.

Prelude Suite de Danzas Criollas Alberto Ginastera (1916-1983)

Welcome Rev. Carter

Moment for Mission Peacemaking Jim Lyon

Call to Worship Lara Kays (10:00)

Leader: In the midst of our busy lives,
People: God calls us to community.
Leader: In the rush of work, family, and friends,
People: God calls us to community.
Leader: With those who are lovely and those who are difficult,
People: God calls us to community.
Leader: With those who are known and with those who are strangers,
People: God calls us to community.
Leader: With people here, and all around the world,
People: God calls us to community.
Let us worship our wondrous God!

**Hymn #853* "Siyahamba" Siyahamba

All God's People

Schedules to note:

- Rev. Carter is on Study Leave 10/7 – 10/13.

Small Groups || Hiking; Wine Tasting; MNF; Gentle Yoga; Bike Riding; Meet to Eat; Together We Serve; a follow up to Waking Up White; and more || Sign-up online at towsonpres.org/Grow/Adults.

New Church-Wide Book Study: We Make the Road By Walking || Purchase a book at a discounted price in the Church Hall and register for a 4-week Small Group || An audio version can be purchased on Audible || This week we read Ch. 5: "In Over Our Heads."

Blessing of the Animals || **Sunday, Oct. 13** || **5-5:30 p.m.** || In-between TPC's Labyrinth and Intergenerational Garden on Highland Ave.

Assistance Center of Towson Churches || ACTC thanks you for your spaghetti and sauce contributions in September. Your generosity helped feed more than 200 people a home cooked dinner || Current Needs: Boxes of dry cereal || ACTC donation boxes are outside the Sanctuary and Thompson Hall.

TPC This Week

Monday, October 7	12:00 p.m. Book Study (Cashin) – Thompson Hall 4:00 p.m. Mary, Martha & Me – Thompson Hall 7:00 p.m. Book Study (Bickel/Gray) – Bickel Home Men's Group – Library Stewardship – Conference Room
Tuesday, October 8	10:00 a.m. Book Study (Pugh)– Thompson Hall 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 7:00 p.m. Property – Library 7:30 p.m. Handbells – Choir Room
Wednesday, October 9	7:00 p.m. Adult Spiritual Formation – Library Book Study (O'Brien) – O'Brien Home Personnel – Nook
Thursday, October 10	12:30 p.m. Gentle Yoga – Thompson Hall 2:00 p.m. Encore Chorale – Chapel 7:00 p.m. Troop 1729 – Youth Room / Room 212 Book Study (Nicolosi) – Library Chancel Choir – Choir Room 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 12	8:00 a.m. Running Small group – Loch Raven & Morgan Mill
Sunday, October 13	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 11:00 a.m. Book Study (Kuhlman) – Library Coffee Hour – Thompson Hall 11:30 a.m. Church School (Pre-K – 2 nd Graders) – Education wing Children's Church (3 rd – 4 th Graders) – Chapel 12:00 p.m. SCL – Thompson Hall 3:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals – Labyrinth Biking Small group – NCR Paper Mill Entrance Youth Group Meal – Thompson Hall 5:30 p.m.

New Here? Welcome—*just as you are.*

We're grateful you're here! Please take just 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. An Outreach Minister (wearing a blue nametag) will be standing by the Communion Table after the service to meet with anyone who'd like to learn more about TPC. Outreach Ministers also staff TPC's two "Welcome Centers," located outside the rear of the sanctuary and in the Church Hall. Additionally, 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).

Finally, we invite you to join us for light refreshments during our "Coffee Hour," located in the Church Hall (on the bottom level next to the parking lot) after the 10 a.m. service.

Thank you, again, for the blessing of your presence this morning.

Today at TPC

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

Sunday, October 6	World Communion & Peacemaking 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.	Church School (Pre-K – 2 nd Graders) – Education wing Children's Church (3 rd – 4 th Graders) – Chapel
11:00 a.m.	Book Study / Kuhlman – Library Informational Mission Trip Mtg – Chapel Special Session Mtg – Nook Coffee Hour – Thompson Hall
11:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir – Room 212 Children's Choir – Choir Room
12:00 p.m.	SCL – Thompson Hall
3:00 p.m.	Biking Small group – NCR Paper Mill Entrance
5:30 p.m.	Youth Group Meal – Thompson Hall

Church School Schedule on Oct. 6 (Communion Sunday) || 3rd – 4th graders in Chapel for "Children's Church" || 5th graders invited to remain in worship for its entirety.

Mission Trip Informational Meeting || **Today** || **11:15 a.m.** || **Chapel** || Learn about our annual Honduras Mission Trip, as well as the Presbytery of Baltimore's Mission Trips to Cuba and Guatemala.

MS & HS Youth Group || Tonight, Oct. 6 || 5:30-7:30 p.m. || Enter through Church Hall entrance for dinner at 5:30 p.m.

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