

TAKOMA PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Live streamed at 11:00 a.m.



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A Church for all People

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

() Indicates those who are able, please stand.*

+Facemasks are currently optional. If you have a vulnerable health condition or just prefer to wear a mask, please feel free to do so.

Health and Safety Committee.

Preparation for the Word

"We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen."

Iona Abbey Worship Book

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Let the Prelude's music open you to God's presence as we begin worship.

Prelude

Prelude in B flat

Johann Ludwig Krebs
(1713 - 1780)

Welcome

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Almighty God, you sent Jesus to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with your Spirit, that we too may bring good news to the poor and possessed, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Call to Worship *Responsively* from Psalm 111

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.

Great are your works, O Lord, pondered by all who delight in them.

Majesty and splendor mark your deeds, and your righteousness endures forever.

You cause your wonders to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion.

Let us worship God together!

***Hymn 263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!**

Prayer of Confession

Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, of following in his way. But we resist his invitation, sensing somehow that his call is disruptive and unsettling. May God instill again in us the trust we need to be disciples.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:

Merciful God, we want to believe that what threatens us most comes from the outside, from the 'other.' We don't like examining ourselves or the institutions we have been taught to esteem as the root of our problems and anxiousness. Teach us to love ourselves and the places we live enough to be self-critical; and then give us the courage to take the steps we need for healing and freedom.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Relentlessly God seeks us out with abundant grace and boundless mercy. Receive the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free to love as God first loved us.

Alleluia! Amen.

***Praise 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me**

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,

And to the Son whose grace has pardoned me,

And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

***Passing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
(Worshippers on Zoom may unmute themselves and share the peace.)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination 458

Thy word is a Lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (2x)

First Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-18

Anthem String Quartet in C major "The Bird", No. 3 Opus 33

Franz Joseph Haydn
(1732 - 1809)

I. Allegro moderato

Time with the Children

Pastor Mark Harper

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 1:21-28

Reflection on the Word

Sermon

When Jesus Comes to Church

Rev. Mark Harper

***Hymn 273**

He Is King of Kings

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Ordination and Installation of Church Officers

There are different gifts,

But it is the same spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God,

But it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through different people in different ways,

But it is the same God who achieves God's purpose through them all.

Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

To use it for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ,
And individually members of Christ.

Though we have different gifts, together we are a ministry of reconciliation led by the risen Christ. We work and pray to make Christ's church useful in the world, and we call men and women of faith, so that, in the end, every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of our Sovereign God.

Within our common ministry, some members are chosen for particular work as ministers of word and sacrament, ruling elders, or deacons. In ordination we recognize these special ministries, remembering that our Lord Jesus said: Whoever among you wants to be great must become the servant of all and if they want to be first among you, they must be the servant of all people!

**Just as the Incarnate Word came not to be served, but to serve,
and to give His life to set others free.**

Presentation of Candidates:

Elders to be installed:

Roger Griffis	(2026 - 3-year term)
Kathy Belyeu	(2026 - 3-year term)
Kurt Lawson	(2026 - 3-year term)

Elder to be ordained and installed:

George Martin	(2026 - 3-year term)
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Deacons to be installed:

Cynthia Barron	(2026 - 3-year term)
Neel Hunter	(2026 - 3-year term)
Madeline Lindvall	(2026 - 3-year term)
Madline Morsha-Taylor	(2024 - 1-year term)

Deacon to be ordained and installed:

Brian Forbin	(2024 - 1-year term)
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Constitutional Questions for Ordination and Installation

Do we, the members of Takoma Park Presbyterian Church, accept these brothers and sisters in faith, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

Laying on of Hands and Prayer

Almighty God, in every age you have chosen servants to speak your word and lead your loyal people. We thank you for these people whom you have called to serve you. Give them special gifts to do their special work; and fill them with the Holy Spirit, so they may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and be faithful disciples as long as they shall live.

Candidates:

*God, our Creator, You have chosen me.
Now give me strength, wisdom, and love
to work for the Lord Jesus Christ.*

**God of Grace, who called us to a common ministry
as Ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message
of reconciliation: give us courage and discipline to follow
where your servants rightly lead us: that together we may
declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world:
through Jesus Christ the Lord of all. Amen.**

Declaration and Welcome

Prayers of the People

Rev. Mark Harper

Prayers will be read from the Prayer Book and the "Chat Box"

Prayers will also be invited from the congregation.

Prayer Response: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

O Holy Trinity of Love,

Holy are you and holy is your name.

May your shalom come and your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us our daily bread,

and forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Walk with us through times of trial and save us from evil.

For the Beloved Community, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

The Offering Invitation

The offering plate reminds us of the many contributions we all make to our church and God's realm. Please pass it to your neighbor and offer thanks for each other's gifts.

Offertory

Blessings

Arcangelo Corelli
(1653 - 1713)

***Doxology 607**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication (Unison)**

O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, even as you work through us, to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, the head of the church and the Lord of our lives. Amen.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

Announcements of the Community's Life

***Sending Hymn 69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky**

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

The Heavens Declare

Benedetto Marcello
(1686 - 1739)

Community worship ends; discipleship and service begin anew.

Participants in this morning's service

Rev. Mark Harper, Pastor

Matthew Clouse, Liturgist

Dr. James Bingham, organ

Jay Clouse, Zoom Technician

The Bird Quartet:

Amelia Giles: violin 1

Vivian Rowe: violin 2

Maeve McMurray: viola

Pippa Bender: cello

Special Music Notes:

We are pleased to welcome **The Bird Quartet** to our worship service this morning. For the Anthem they will be playing the first movement of the String Quartet in C major "The Bird", No 3 Op. 33 by the Austrian composer, Franz Joseph Haydn.

The players are local high school students who are members of the DC Youth Orchestra. This past summer they formed a youth string quartet while attending the Corcoran School of Music at George Washington University as part of the DCYOP Summer Chamber Music Intensive. At that time, they rehearsed and performed this Haydn String Quartet and have graciously agreed to play a shortened version of the first movement for our service.

We are certainly delighted to welcome them to our sanctuary as they share their musical gifts with us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Schedule for upcoming events

** Zoom events

Sunday, January 28, 12:30 p.m.	Green Team Meeting, 316 Tulip Avenue
Sunday, January 28, 6:00 p.m.	OWL Parent Information Session, Christ Congregationalist Church
Monday, January 29, 7:30 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
Tuesday, January 30, 12:00 p.m.	Virtual coffee Hour**
Tuesday, January 31, 7:00 p.m.	SWAC meeting**
Wednesday, Jan. 31, 8:15 p.m.	Presbyterians for Police Transformation**
Sunday, February 4, 11:00 a.m.	Worship Service (<i>hybrid</i>)
Sunday, February 4, 12:30 p.m.	Annual Congregational Meeting (<i>hybrid</i>)

+Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you **are welcome to our worship**. We are pleased you are with us today.

+**Please continually pray for peace** - - in our homes, in our lives, our schools, neighborhoods, the nation and the world.

+The **Annual Congregational Meeting** of TPPC will be held on Sunday, **February 4, 2024**. **Annual Reports** are required from all Ministries and Committee leaders. They are needed to be compiled, prepared, printed, and distributed for the meeting on Sunday on February 4. Please send your Annual Report to the Clerk of Session, Kurt Lawson. Your help will be much appreciated in getting this done on time. Thank you.

+ Our annual Church Polar Bear Plunge team is forming up now in preparation for the February 10th dip in the Potomac River to fight climate change. This year we are also honoring the memory of church member David Olson.

To join the plunge, access the TPPC Polar Bear Plunge page (<http://tinyurl.com/TPPCPolarBear2024>) and select the button "Join the Plunge Team." It's an amazing experience on the beach at National Harbor. You'll love it and the money you raise benefits both the TPPC Social Witness in Action Committee as well as the Chesapeake Climate Action Network.

I hope you join us on February 10th! Mike Tidwell.

+TPPC is again joining with **Christ Congregational Church** this winter/spring to offer the **Our Whole Lives curriculum to young people** in our congregations. **OWL** focuses on building age-appropriate knowledge, self-esteem, and tools for healthy relationships and self-care as kids go into and through adolescence.

This year, there will be two classes - one for kids in 4-6 grades and one for kids in 7-10. Classes will be at CCC on Sunday nights, 6 to 7:30 PM.

There will be a parent-only information session for the 4-6 grade class at CCC on January 28 at 6 PM (9525 Colesville Road, Silver Spring).

Orientation for parents and kids will be February 4, and the first class will be February 25.

This is a terrific, fun, and fully inclusive curriculum!

If you have any questions, contact owl@takomaparkpc.org. The sign up link is here -

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScvzyP4jHtY4ARRQjtUdm8SEY9Yjgb_qHAWAtUB_i2wUcMHQA/viewform

+The Wilhelmina and Stanley Jashemski Memorial Scholarship

Wilhelmina and Stanley Jashemski, long time members of Takoma Park Presbyterian Church sponsored a Sunday school forum in which young adults could explore their faith in an intellectually challenging environment.

Their shared commitment to encourage the development of people with potential for inspired, enlightened leadership is reflected in the goals and purposes of the Fund.

The Scholarship provides financial assistance for students of outstanding intellectual ability as evidenced by prior academic performance, and significant religious commitment as evidenced by formal membership in a religious body, regular participation in its worship life, and active involvement in its service ministry.

Deadline for applications is February 15.

For more information, please access:

<https://www.takomaparkpc.org/jashemski-scholarship>.

Questions can be directed to Jashemski@takomaparkpc.org

+Do you feel called to serve the church in new ways?

The Nominating Committee is currently seeking nominations for a two-year position on Session, the governing body of our church. As a member of Session, or Ruling Elder, you would serve alongside 11 fellow Elders to set church policy, support the ministries of the church, manage the buildings and finances, and tend to the spiritual life of our congregation. The experience is both challenging and rewarding, and there are no special requirements to serve. If you'd like to learn more, let me know and I can connect you with current and past Elders. Nominations are open to all members, and you may nominate yourself. Thank you for considering this opportunity; please contact me with nominations or questions. Cynthia Barron.

+We need **volunteers to host coffee hour!** Hosting is easy and fun. Help support this important time of fellowship and sharing by signing up to host coffee hour - pick your Sunday and signup using this signup genius link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094BAFAD23A0FDC61-tppc:>

Questions contact rogergriffis61@gmail.com or 301-980-4694 Thank you!

+Environmental Legislative Briefing

The TPPC Green Team invites you to learn about environmental issues being considered in the Maryland General Assembly. Interfaith Power & Light and Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake will be hosting a virtual legislative briefing on **Sunday, February 4th, from 2-3:30 pm.**

You will hear from issue experts about priority legislation, why it's important for Maryland, and how, as people of faith, we can be advocates from a moral and religious perspective. Topics will include legislation to establish watershed restoration, how to help households make the switch from gas to electric, and a variety of environmental justice issues.

RSVP by accessing the Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake website at https://www.interfaithchesapeake.org/2024_maryland_legislative_briefing_20240204 and a webinar link will be sent to you.

+Thank you for your continued support of TPPC.

As a reminder, there are several ways to give to TPPC. Information on giving, including giving online, can be found at

<https://www.takomaparkpc.org/give>.

Checks may be mailed to

Takoma Park Presbyterian Church,
310 Tulip Avenue,
Takoma Park, MD 20912.

If you have questions, please contact finance@takomaparkpc.org.

+Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Supper & Talent Show: February 13.

Our annual TPPC Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Talent Show is Feb 13 from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Church Assembly Room.

Come join friends and family at 6:30 p.m., for a meal of hearty flapjacks, followed by laughter, song, dance, and other fun at the talent show starting at 7:00 p.m.

Help us carry on this fun tradition that began around 600 AD as a way of celebrating life and using up yummy stuff that couldn't be eaten during Lent (wow).

To help flip pancakes and prepare the feast please sign up using this signup genius link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094BAFAD23A0FDC61-47226609-tppc>

To sign up to share your jokes, songs or other talents at the talent show please contact johoge@verizon.net