

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.*

Please join in speaking and singing the parts in bold.

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

"A church is a place you go out from. Just so, a mountain is a place you come down from. Listen. See. Come down. Go out."

- Bill Wylie-Kellermann

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

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

Prelude **Lasst uns alle fröhlich sein** Healey Willan
(Let us with a gladsome voice)

Welcome

Opening Prayer (Unison)

O God, glorious and faithful, to those who seek you, you reveal the beauty of your face. Strengthen us in faith to embrace the mystery of the cross; open our hearts to its transfiguring power; deepen our trust in you that we may walk the path of discipleship as followers of Jesus, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Call to Worship

from Psalm 50

God summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Every time we encounter beauty, God's perfection shines forth, calling to us.

God's revelation is a devouring fire, burning away our doubts.
The heavens declare God's righteousness, for God is the creator, the redeemer and the judge.

Let us worship God!

***Hymn 667**

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Prayer of Confession

We turn away from mystery, made anxious by what we cannot readily explain. Let us open our imaginations to receive God's revelations of truth and to trust in the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

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

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we remain unresponsive, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our misplaced commitments. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

By grace we are empowered to follow Jesus into a life of servant love. By the perfect love of God we are set free from all that separates us from our Creator and our neighbors.

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

Mark 8:34-35

Anthem

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADER'S HYMN

Arr. Mark Hayes

Time with the Children

Pastor Mark Harper

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 9:2-9

Reflection on the Word

Sermon

Servant Summit

Rev. Mark Harper

***Hymn 192**

Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People

Rev. Carolyn Tilley

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

Prayer Response: Loving God, **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 On the Melody "Quem Pastores" Healey Willan

***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, you have told us to listen to Jesus. We are listening and we hear your call to share our lives and gifts in the way of Christ. Bless these offerings for the transfiguration of this world into Beloved Community. Amen.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

Announcements of the Community's Life

***Sending Hymn 825 Swing Low, Sweet Chariot**

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude Darwall's 148th Healey Willan

Community worship ends; discipleship and service begin anew.

Participants in this morning's service

Rev. Mark Harper, Pastor
Liturgists "Scouts of Troop 33"
Takoma Park Presbyterian Church Choir
Dr. James Bingham, organ
Jay Clouse, Zoom Technician

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Schedule for upcoming events

**** Zoom events**

Sunday, February 11, 3:00 p.m.	Discussion with David Nicholson, author of <i>The Garrets of Columbia</i>
Monday, February 12, 7:30 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
Tuesday, February 13, 12:00 p.m.	Virtual coffee hour**
Tuesday, February 13, 6:30 p.m.	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Wednesday, February 14, 12:00 p.m.	Ashes and Blessings in front of the Sanctuary.
Wednesday February 14, 7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service
Wednesday February 14, 8:15 p.m.	Presbyterians for Police Transformation**
Sunday, February 18, 11:00 a.m.	Worship Service (<i>hybrid</i>)
Sunday, February 18, 3:00 p.m.	"They Called Him 'Mr. Lee'", with discussion

+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, neighborhoods, in the nation and the world.

+**Thanks and appreciation to Mary Pat Brennan** for providing Coffee Hour refreshments after worship today.

+2020 marked the 100th Anniversary of Boy Scout Troop 33. Takoma Park Presbyterian Church has sponsored Troop 33 continuously since the troop's charter on June 22, 1920. For the entire history of the troop their regular meetings have been held in the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church, and the scouts serve the church in several ways.

Today, the troop is thriving with over 50 scouts and a host of adult leaders serving the Takoma Park area. Troop 33 has a proud history of service and achievement.

For more information, access <https://troop33.takomaparkscouts.org>.

+In Honor of Black History Month_ – Two special events:

+Today February 11th at 3 p.m. TPPC is proud to host Dr. David Nicholson, who will discuss his book, **“The Garretts of Columbia: A Black South Carolina Family from Slavery to the Dawn of Integration.”** David Nicholson is a former book reviewer and editor for The Washington Post Book World.

His book is a "warts-and-all" family history that begins with the story of an enslaved African who bought his freedom in 1819.

The book focuses on the life and career of Casper George Garrett (called Papa in the book), a lawyer, newspaper editor and publisher, college professor, and activist for the rights of laymen in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. But it is also the story of Mama and Papa's children, men and women who became Pullman porters, post office clerks, and child-care workers. Their number also included a dentist, a woman who earned a doctorate from Columbia, and a son who wrote a musical with Langston Hughes.

This event will be held here in the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church, located at 310 Tulip Ave, Takoma Park, Maryland.

Light refreshments will be served.

We are pleased to welcome David Nicholson, husband of Elizabeth MacGregor and father to Andrew, members of our church.

+Sunday, February 18th at 3 p.m., the Church is proud to present the film, **“They Called Him Mr. Lee,”** followed by a discussion led by the film's director. The film is a documentary of the life of Lee Jordan. Mr. Jordan was a legendary Civil Rights Activist and mentor to Takoma Park’s young people, both Black and White. Jordan founded the city’s Boys and Girls Club and organized Montgomery County’s first integrated sports teams.

A tireless advocate for the Black community, he led campaigns to improve the living conditions of African American residents in the face of segregation and racial discrimination.

This event will be in the Church library.

+Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper & Talent Show (Feb 13)

Our annual TPPC Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Talent Show is Tuesday February 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. To sign-up to share your talent please contact Jo Hoge at johoge@verizon.net.

+This week - the season of Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 14th**, there will be two opportunities that day for receiving ashes at TPPC, the traditional sign of repentance and new life in the Christian tradition.

Between 12 noon and 1 pm, you can stop by the church sanctuary for ashes and a simple blessing. If the weather permits, we'll be set up outside the front steps; if it's cold and rainy, please come inside the sanctuary. And then at 7 pm there will be an **Ash Wednesday worship service** in the sanctuary. All are welcome!

+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. 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 Mary Beth Hastings at hastings.marybeth@gmail.com.

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 persons 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 see:

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

Questions can be directed to Jashemski@takomaparkpc.org

+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!

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

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About our Church

+ **We welcome visitors to worship with us.** We pray that you will be blessed by your time with us this day. The gospel that we share and serve is a message of life and rebirth, love and reconciliation, hope and joy, peace and justice, and concern for the integrity of creation. If you are looking for a church home for your spiritual journey and service to God, we invite you to be our guest as often as possible as you discern if this is the faith community to which God is calling you.

+ **A Hearing System** is available for those who need it. See one of the greeters to get earphones.

+ **TPPC** welcomes **families** with infants and children to our worship services. The following are options for families:

A **Nursery** is available for **infants through 3** years old, 9:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. in the Teddy Bear Room on the lower level of the education building (our greeters/ushers will direct you there.)

Children are invited to come forward for the “**Time with Children**” and then pre-school and elementary age children are invited upstairs in the education building for Bible story movies followed by free play time. Your infant or small child is welcome to stay with you in worship. If the child becomes uncomfortable and needs care during the service, feel free to leave the sanctuary. There is a changing table and rocking chair in the room next to the exit door on the left of the sanctuary. Books to share with your children are in the back of the sanctuary. Please do not leave your child unsupervised at the back of the sanctuary.

+ **In our worship**, we seek to use **inclusive language** in hymns, prayers and Scripture lessons. If you find gender specific words in hymns or other text that cause you difficulty, please feel free to make appropriate substitutions.