

# TAKOMA PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*February 25, 2024*

*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

*"The message of the cross is sheer folly to those on the way to destruction, but to us, who are on the way to salvation, it is the power of God."*

*-1 Corinthians 1:18*

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

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

**Prelude**    **I Want Jesus to Walk with Me**    Traditional Spiritual  
Arr. Gregg Sewell

### Welcome

God of our forebears, as your chosen servant Abraham was given faith to obey your call and go out into the unknown, so may your church be granted such faith that we may follow you with courage for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**Call to Worship**                      *Responsively*                      from Psalm 22

We will tell of your name, O God, to all our siblings;  
**In the midst of the congregation we will praise you.**

You who fear the Lord, praise the Holy One!  
**For God heard me when I cried out in trouble.**

Let us worship God.

**\*Hymn 792**    **There Is a Balm in Gilead**

## **Prayer of Confession**

When we cry to God in prayer and confession, God hears.

Let us approach God's throne of grace with confidence and faith.

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

**Savior God, the public spectacle of the cross calls us to account. We hesitate and hedge when opportunities arise to bear witness to your way. We are shy in faith and not bold to proclaim.**

**Your story saves, yet we keep it to ourselves.**

**Forgive our reticence of faith.**

**Forgive the ways we fail to serve as public proclaimers of your cross-shaped truth.**

**Help us find the courage to hold high our candles in the darkness.**

*Silent Prayer*

## **Assurance of Pardon**

God does not forsake us. Our God is a gracious God, abounding in steadfast love. Know that in Christ, you are forgiven and be at peace.

Amen.

**Thanks be to God! 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.)*

## **LISTEN FOR 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**

**Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16**

**Anthem      Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee      Simon Lole**

Jesus the very thought of thee  
With sweetness fills my breast;  
But sweeter far thy face to see,  
And in thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame;  
Nor can the mind recall,  
A sweeter sound than thy blest name,  
O Savior of us all.

O hope of every contrite heart.  
O joy of all the meek,  
To those who fall how kind thou art,  
How good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah, this  
Nor tongue nor pen can show;  
The love of Jesus, what it is  
None but his loved ones know.

Jesu, our only joy be thou,  
As thou our prize wilt be;  
Jesu, be thou our glory now,  
And through eternity.

*12th Century Latin  
tr. Edward Caswell (altered) (1814 - 78)*

**Time with the Children**

**Rev. Mark Harper**

**Second Scripture Reading**

**Mark 8:31-38**

**Sermon**

**Rebuking Jesus**

**Rev. Mark Harper**

**\*Hymn 216**

**Beneath the Cross of Jesus**

**ST. CHRISTOPHER**

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### Prayers of the People

**Rev. John Seaman**

*Prayers will be read from the Prayer Book and the "Chat box" and then the congregation will be invited to share their prayers.*

**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**      **There Is a Balm in Gilead**      Traditional Spiritual  
Arr. Robert Lau

### \*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)

God of grace, you provide for us in amazing ways.

May our offerings provide for others and be used

to further Christ's ministry and mission. Amen.

# WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

## Announcements of the Community's Life

\*Sending Hymn 839      Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!

\*Benediction

\*Postlude              Prelude in C              Johann Sebastian Bach

*Community worship ends; discipleship and service begin anew.*

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### *Participants in this morning's service*

Rev. Mark Harper, Pastor  
Alphonso Williams, Liturgist  
Takoma Park Presbyterian Church Choir  
Dr. James Bingham, organ  
Jay Clouse, Zoom Technician

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Schedule for upcoming events

#### \*\* Zoom events

Monday, February 26, 7:30 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
Tuesday, February 27, 12:00 p.m.	Virtual coffee hour**
Tuesday, February 27, 6:30 p.m.	Green Team Meeting**
Tuesday, February 27, 7:30 p.m.	SWAC Meeting**
Wednesday, February 28, 7.00 p.m.	Lenten Worship Service
Wednesday, February 28, 8:15 p.m.	Presbyterians for Police Transformation**
Sunday, March 3, 11:00 a.m.	Worship Service ( <i>hybrid</i> )

+Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey, you **are welcome here**. 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 Samuel Kalibala** for providing Coffee Hour refreshments after worship today.

**+TPPC: Its History and a Tour of Its Buildings - March 10.**

Join long-time member and amateur historian, Jill Feasley, on Sunday, March 10th, from 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. as she discusses the 131-year history of Takoma Park Presbyterian Church.

At the end of the talk, she will give attendees who are interested a behind-the-scenes tour of the church buildings.

This is a great opportunity for folks who are new to the congregation or considering joining to find out more about the events that shaped--and continue to shape--who TPPC is today. Plus, find out where rooms like the Parlor, Church Office, and Community Kitchen are located!

We will meet in the Sanctuary. The initial discussion will be available in person and via Zoom; the tour is in person only. Childcare is available (as it is every Sunday morning) in the basement nursery.

**+A New Adult Sunday School Class is Coming!**

Please join us for a book study of Reparations: A Christian Call to Repentance and Repair by Duke Kwon and Gregory Thompson.

This hybrid class will meet in the church parlor and through Zoom on March 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, and April 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. All classes will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will be facilitated by Mary Pat Brennan and John Peacock.

Here are some sample reviews:

*"What hope do we have of racial reconciliation unless we right the wrongs of the past? Kwon and Thompson have argued convincingly that reparations is a necessary part of the healing of the churches and our nation, and that people of faith should be leading the way. Read this book and learn how to be a bridge builder for reparations."* - **Latasha Morrison**, founder of Be the Bridge and NY Times Best-selling author

*"In love, the authors direct the White American church to tell the truth to itself and its complicity in and endorsement of racism at the expense of their Black brothers and sisters in Christ. Wrestle with this book alone or in small groups, but don't call it quits. Let the book's inevitable discomfort lead to growth, understanding, and the beauty of repentance."* - **Christina Edmondson**, cohost of the *Truth's Table* podcast.

Below is a link to a week-by-week outline of the class:

<http://tinyurl.com/SundaySchoolOnReparations>

+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](mailto:rogergriffis61@gmail.com) or 301-980-4694 Thank you!

+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.

There will be two classes - one for kids in 4-6 grades and one for kids in 7-10. The Classes will be at CCC on Sunday nights, 6:00 to 7:30 PM. **The first class will be this evening.**

If you have questions, contact Mary Beth Hastings at - [hastings.marybeth@gmail.com](mailto:hastings.marybeth@gmail.com).

The sign-up link is -

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScvzyP4jHtY4ARRQjtUdm8SEY9Yjgb\\_qHAWAtUB\\_i2wUcMHQA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScvzyP4jHtY4ARRQjtUdm8SEY9Yjgb_qHAWAtUB_i2wUcMHQA/viewform)



**+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

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310 Tulip Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912.

If you have questions, please contact **[finance@takomaparkpc.org](mailto:finance@takomaparkpc.org)**.

**About EAD** Ecumenical Advocacy Days is a movement of the ecumenical Christian community, and its recognized partners and allies, grounded in biblical witness and our shared traditions of justice, peace and the integrity of creation. Our goal, through worship, theological reflection and opportunities for learning and witness, is to strengthen our Christian voice and to mobilize for advocacy on a wide variety of U.S. domestic and international policy issues.

May 17 - 19

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# STAFF

2024

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<b>Miliadi Rodas-Cruz</b>	<i>Nursery Assistant</i>
<b>Sabrina Tyson</b>	<i>Nursery Assistant</i>
<b>Una Kettering</b>	<i>Office Administrator</i>

<b>Parish Associates</b>	Rev. Rev. John Seaman Rev. Carolyn Tilley
<b>Parish Assistant Greeter</b>	Rev. Eugene Eastman Isaac Frazer
<b>Treasurer</b>	Aggie Patti

## SESSION

**Clerk of Session – Kurt Lawson**

### Class of 2024

Phil Boyer  
Jean Dickey  
Rebecca Woodings  
Alphonso Williams

### Class of 2025

Samuel Kalibala  
Karol Keane  
Thomas Showalter  
Karen Lange

### Class of 2026

Kathy Belyeu  
Kurt Lawson  
Roger Griffis  
George Martin

## DEACONS

**Moderator of Deacons – Lisa Kiely**

### Class of 2024

Brian Forbin  
Lisa Kiely  
Madline Morsha-Taylor

### Class of 2025

Ethan Bailey  
Carol Christensen  
Martha Kiger

### Class of 2026

Cynthia Barron  
Neel Hunter  
Madeline Lindvall