

Takoma Park
Presbyterian Church
Always Welcomes You



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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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A Church for All People *Isaiah 56:7*

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

(*) Indicates those who are able, please stand

Welcome! We pray God's blessings be with you as you worship today. We want to support your growth in faith. May we answer a question for you? Our ushers and pastor will gladly speak with you.

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

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

Prelude Harvest Home solo mandolin **Tom Alderson**

Welcome and Announcements of the Community Life

(Please sign the red friendship register and pass it down the pew.)

Call To Worship (from Psalms 96 and 40)

One O sing to the Lord a new song; Sing to the Lord, all the earth!

All Sing to the Holy One, bless God's name;

One Proclaim God's salvation from day to day.

All God put a new song in my mouth,

One A song of praise to our God.

All For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

***Hymn of Praise #420**

God of Grace, and God of Glory

Call to Reconciliation

Let us pray to be renewed with an abundance of Faith, Hope and Love. .

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy God, just as you delivered the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt, deliver us from all that seeks to enslave us. Help us lay aside any hindrance keeping us from running the race of faith with endurance. Where we love familiarity more than we love Jesus, forgive us.

{silent prayer}

Faithful God, where we are complacent, shake us to our foundations, so that we may be built upon the solid rock of Jesus Christ.

Where we would shrink back from Your calling to change, mobilize us.

{...silent prayer...}

Compassionate God, where we fail to reach out and welcome others, open us and move us. *{...silent prayer...}*

Words of Assurance (Romans 8:38-39)

“Nothing can separate us from God's love--not life or death, not angels or spirits, not the present or the future, and not powers above or powers below. Nothing in all creation can separate us from God's love for us in Christ Jesus our Lord!”

All: Thanks be to God!

***Response of Joy #2026** *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (sung twice)*

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination *(sung twice)*

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

The Prophetic Reading Jeremiah 32:1-3, 6-15 (The Message Version)
Jeremiah Buys a Field During the Siege

Anthem Joshua

Time with Children

Following worship, the Time with Children will begin our potluck downstairs.

***Hymn #276**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:44

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.' - Jesus

Silent Reflection on the Word

Sermon

"Hope is Passion for what is possible."

Kierkegard

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People

Prayer Book and the Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Please say your name when you share your prayer.

Unison Response

Bless the Lord O my Soul.

***The Lord's Prayer** (adapted from The Message Bible, Eugene Peterson)

Our Mother and Father in heaven, reveal who you are.

Use us to help set the world right; do what's best -- as above, so below.

Keep us alive with three square meals.

Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others.

Keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil. You're in charge!

You can do anything you want! You're ablaze in beauty!

Yes! Yes! Yes!

The Offering

Offertory

Steal Away and Pray

***Doxology** (in Unison)

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

***Prayer of Dedication (Unison Prayer of Paul, Ephesians 2)**

Gracious God, according to the riches of your glory, grant that we may be strengthened in our inner being with power through the Spirit. Dwell in our hearts through faith, Lord Christ, as we are being rooted and grounded in love. Grant us the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know your love that surpasses knowledge, so that we may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to God who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever, Amen.

***Processional Hymn "We Are Marching / Siyahamba"**

We will be celebrating the potluck downstairs...

We are marching in the light of God, (2x)
We are marching in the light of, the light of God.
We are marching, marching, (2x)
we are marching in the light of God.*

*See yah hahm buh koo kah nigh nee kwen kohs. (2x)
See yah hahm buh koo kah nigh nee, koo kah nigh nee kwen kohs.
See yah hahm buh, hahm buh, (2x)
See yah hahm buh koo kah nigh nee kwen kohs. (Zulu, phonetic syllables)*

2nd verse "We are praying..." 3rd verse "We are singing..."

***Blessing of the Backpacks and Briefcases**

Postlude

† Community worship ends; discipleship and service begin anew †

In Worship Next Week: Holy Communion

James Cubie, M.Div, Director of Youth Ministries, will preach.

Announcements

All are invited to the potluck downstairs.

We'll be blessing backpacks & briefcases to start the school year.

Non-perishable food donations will go to the Shepherd's Table.

+Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

+Thanks and appreciation to everyone for participating in our Church Potluck. Next week Sophia Frimpomaah and Gladys Boadu provide refreshments after worship.

+September 5 – We will return to our 11:00 a.m. Worship Service.

+Assembly in Brief 2010 from the General Assembly is in the back of the sanctuary

+**Pastor Mark** is celebrating his niece's wedding this coming week and will be out of office August 30 - to Tuesday September 7.

Sunday School Plan

September 5, 9:30 a.m. Children are invited for a special pre-Sunday School event. We will meet in the Source Room to put together the Church World Service School kits.

Beginning September 5, 11a.m. Acolytes will be part of the worship service.

September 12, 9:30 a.m. First day of Sunday school. All children are invited to join us.

+**Women's Circles** (Women's Bible Study) - Starting September 11, at 10:30 a.m., and through the fall, the combined women's circles will meet in the church parlor, every second Saturday of each month. On our first meeting we will finish up the Book of Joshua, and start the Horizon Study Book dealing with the Book of Revelation. Lunch and fellowship will be at 12:30 p.m. (Remember to bring lunch). All are invited.

+**More Light Annual** meeting will be held at TPPC on Sunday, **September 26, 5:00 -8:30 p.m.** featuring workshops on "Making Space in Worship for a Bigger God." Expanding the ways we perceive and worship the Divine. There will be a worship service and share a delicious meal.

+Please put this date on your calendar--**Saturday, November 6**-- our annual **TPPC Fall Bazaar**. On Tuesday to-Friday, November 2-5, 4-8;00 p.m. We need help to sort donations. Please come and help and especially on the sale day Saturday. A sign-up sheet will soon be available in the back of the sanctuary. Please make sure to sign up. Thank you very much.

About our Church

+ **We welcome visitors to worship with us.** We pray you will be blessed by worship 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. People of all ages, ethnicities and cultures are welcome into the pilgrimage of faith. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to be our guest as often as possible as you discern if God is calling you to this faith community.

+ As a [More Light Congregation](#), we [welcome gay, lesbian, bisexual, heterosexual, and transgender people into full participation in church](#).

+ **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,” Afterwards, 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 rest room just outside 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.

Pray Without Ceasing

The Practice of Prayer in Sunday Worship and at home nourishes the person who prays and connects individuals with the community of believers around the world.

“Pray all the time, asking for what you need, praying in the Spirit on every possible occasion. Never get tired of staying awake to pray for all the saints.”

Eph. 6:18 The Jerusalem Bible

Pray also for these families from our sister Parish

We invite you to remember the members of the military

Please keep in your prayers those who are homebound or sick

Please **continually pray for peace** - - in our homes, neighborhoods, nation and world, for those unemployed and for wisdom in these days.

Calendar

SUNDAYS

Sunday School for all ages

Summer break

Youth Groups (Jr. and Sr. High)

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Summer break

MONDAYS

Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 p.m. in the Summer break.

WEDNESDAYS - Bulletin information due.

FRIDAYS - Pastor's Sabbath Day

OFFICE HOURS – 9:00 – 1:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday,
and Friday

Today **Church Potluck** immediately after worship
Blessing of backpacks and briefcases
6:00 – 8:00 p.m. First Youth Group Meeting

Sunday September 5 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday September 7 7:30 p.m. Committee Meetings

Tuesday September 14 7:30 p.m. Session

Saturday September 11 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study – Parlor

Sunday September 12 9:30 a.m. Sunday School begins

Saturday September 18 9:00 a.m. Community Organizing
Training, Assembly Room

STAFF