

# TAKOMA PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 12, 2023

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

*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 GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

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

*"(In the City of God), there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light ... ."*

*-Revelation 22:5*

**Prelude**

**Gavot**

**William Boyce**

**Welcome**

**Opening Prayer (Unison)**

**Eternal God, you are from everlasting to everlasting. Though the span of human life is brief, you are infinite. Centuries ebb and give way to millennia, yet you are the same. You have been our dwelling place in all generations, our protector in the storms of life. We praise you and we thank you for your boundless mercy that sustains us all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Call to Worship

*Responsively*

from Psalm 78

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.

**We will not hide them from our children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and God's might, and the wonders that God has done.**

So that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep God's commandments.

**Let us worship God!**

**\*Opening Hymn 66 Every Time I Feel the Spirit**

### **Prayer of Confession**

As far as the east is from the west, so far does God remove our transgressions from us, says the psalmist. With this assurance, let us come with honesty, seeking wholeness in our own lives, and in the lives of those we may have injured.

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

**Holy God, your way for us is clear: We are to live so that the manner of our lives speaks of your goodness, your generosity, your infinite mercy. Too often, we forget the purpose for which you made us. We return unkindness for unkindness. We cling to what might be shared. We avoid those who are not like us. We fail to give grace in the measure we have received it. Forgive us, we pray. Remind us that your goodness is enduring, and your mercy is everlasting. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*Silent Prayer*

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing: it is the gift of God!

**Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

**\*Praise 582 (v.1) 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.

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

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**

**Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25**

**Anthem**

**Thou Knowest, Lord**

**Henry Purcell**

**Time with the Children**

**Rev. Mark Harper**

**\*Hymn**

**Second Scripture Reading**

**Matthew 25:1-23**

**Reflection on the Word**

**Sermon**

**Come As You Are**

**Rev. Mark Harper**

**\*Hymn 761 (v.1-2) Called as Partners in Christ's Service**

### **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

## Prayers of the People

Rev. Carolyn Tilley

*Prayers will be read from the Prayer Book and invited from  
the congregation and the Zoom "Chat Box"*

**Prayer Response:** God of life, **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.*

## Making our Offerings and Pledge Commitments for 2024

*Please fill out the provided pledge card and place it in the offering plate as a sign  
of commitment to the TPPC community and hope in God's presence and provision.*

Offertory

Day by Day

Martin How

\*Doxology 37 Let All Things Now Living

\*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Holy God, you have given us what we need, indeed you have given us even more. Accept these gifts that we dedicate to your work, and our commitment to walking together in your way in the new year ahead. Amen.

## WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

### Announcements of the Community's Life

\*Sending Hymn 833 O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude Festive Trumpet Tune David German

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

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

Rev. Mark Harper, Pastor

Matt Kaiser, Liturgist

Takoma Park Presbyterian Church Choir

Dr. James Bingham, organ

Jay Clouse, Zoom Technician

Erol Kalayoglu, Zoom Technician

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Schedule for upcoming events

**\*\* Zoom events**

Mon. Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal

Tue. Nov. 14, 12:00 p.m. Virtual Coffee Hour

Tue. Nov. 14, 7:00 p.m. Session meeting\*\*

Wed. Nov. 15, 8:15 p.m. Presbyterians for Police Transformation\*  
Thur. Nov. 16, 7:30 p.m. Committed Racial Mindfulness  
Sun. Nov. 19. 11.00 a.m. Worship Service (*hybrid*)

+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,  
neighborhoods, the nation and the world.

**+2024 Stewardship Campaign.** We enter the fall stewardship  
season in a spirit of gratitude for God's abundant harvest of  
peace, justice, and love. God accepts and multiplies whatever  
we offer to help build the Beloved Community. Today is  
**Commitment Sunday.** We will make our annual pledges as a  
community during worship. And afterwards, we will celebrate  
with a delicious lunch catered by the talented chefs at Crossroads  
Community Kitchen. If you can't make it on November 12,  
please visit <https://www.takomaparkpc.org/give>.

+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-](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094BAFAD23A0FDC61-tppc)  
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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 on line, 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](mailto:finance@takomaparkpc.org).

+The **TPPC Special Music** will be on Sunday, December 3, during our regular worship service. The music includes **The Gloria** by Antonio Vivaldi. More information will be coming soon. Plan to attend, and invite family, friends and neighbors to also attend.



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