

Come join us!



Worship Service: 11:00 am  
Summer Service: 10:00 am

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A Church for All People



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Presbyterian Church

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## Who We Are

TPPC started out in a large tent with lanterns in 1888 as a non-denominational church called Union Chapel. Construction on a new building started that same year and the first service was held on May 3, 1890. Union Chapel was organized as a Presbyterian church with 35 charter members on Sept. 17, 1893.

Though TPPC is old in years, we are modern and progressive in spirit. Through the years, we have taken on some of the biggest social issues of our times, including civil rights, apartheid, gay rights, immigrant rights and racial justice.

TPPC has always been a place of worship and a community center. Over our 125+ years, TPPC has provided space and support for over 100 groups, including a child care center, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and religious and sports groups.

TPPC welcomes all people to participate regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. Our church recognized same sex unions long before the Maryland or federal governments. As a More Light Presbyterian church, we affirm gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender members as leaders of our church.



## Our Mission

Transformed by the Gospel, we endeavor to follow Jesus' command to love our neighbor by showing compassion, serving others, seeking justice and building the beloved community

## Worship and Music



Worship is the heart of our life together. Christ's loving presence sustains us through word, music and sacraments, drawing on our Reformed Presbyterian tradition as well as our church members from around the world. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of every month. Music by the adult choir, children's choir, African immigrant choir and musical guests add joy and inspiration. During worship service, we have a special "Time for Children" and a nursery, and a Coffee Hour after worship. There are special events like potluck meals, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Talent Show, Christmas caroling and Worship on the Steps.

## Christian Education

We have children's and youth Sunday School and a Cooperative Youth Ministry partnership with Christ Congregational Church in Silver Spring for adolescents. There is an adult education class led by clergy, laypeople and guest scholars. It combines Bible study and theology with current events and policy discussions. Women's Bible Study and Men's Night provide opportunities to engage in fellowship and Christian growth.

## Justice and Service

Whatever your talents or interests, there are service opportunities at our church for you. We have a Committed Racial Mindfulness initiative to expand our understanding of systemic racism. TPPC is a member of Action in Montgomery, which advocates for affordable housing, immigrant rights and better education. Our Community Kitchen provides training and work opportunities for local food micro-entrepreneurs. We have a TPPC Green Team to promote a healthier environment. Our relationship with our sister parish in Jiñocuao, Nicaragua — with visits in both directions — has flourished since 1992. We have a variety of ministries that tend to our church, including worship, Christian education, finance, property and congregational and community engagement.



## Our Vision

We aspire to be a loving, joyous, welcoming and spirit-led community, embracing humanity's differences and working together to heal relationships, care for God's creation and advance the cause of justice and peace.