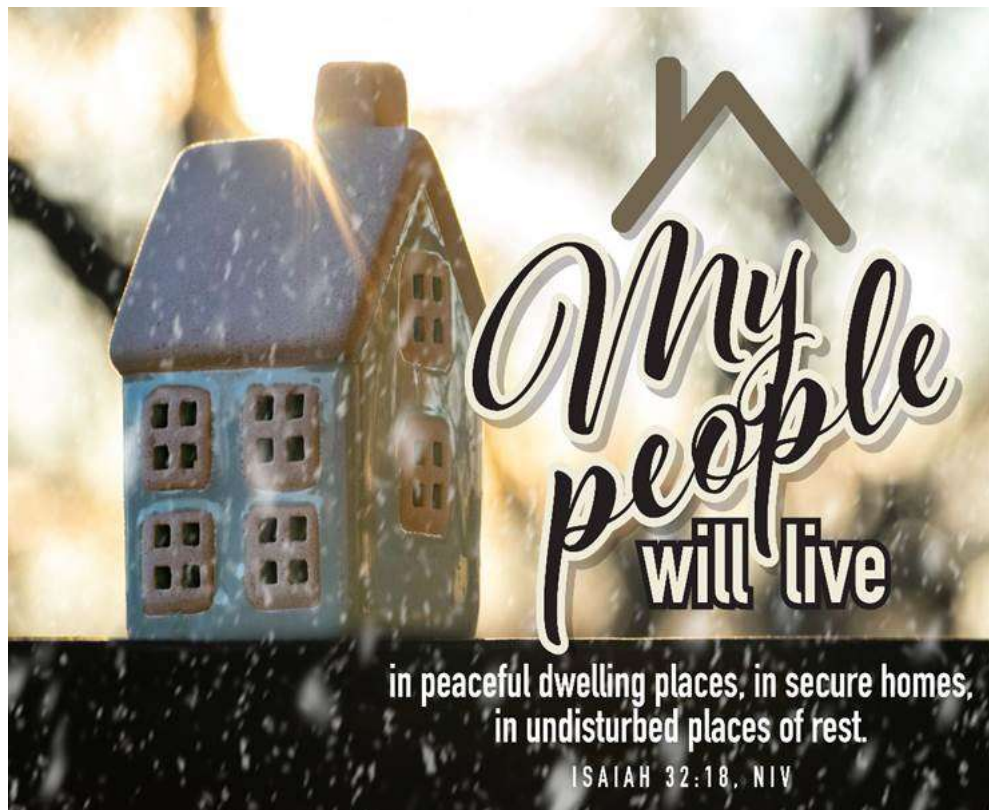


# TAKOMA PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*March 3, 2024*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent*

*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.*

*On Communion Sundays, we ask that all prayer concerns be written in the prayer book (instead of passing the microphone).*

## Preparation for the Word

*"There are no unsacred places; there are only sacred places and desecrated places."  
-Wendell Berry*

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

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

**Prelude**

**Arioso**

Johann Sebastian Bach

**Welcome**

**Opening Prayer (unison)**

**Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Help us to hear your Word and obey it, that we may become instruments of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Call to Worship**

*Responsively*

from Psalm 19

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;  
**the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.**

The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;  
**The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.**

The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.  
**They are more desirable than gold and sweeter than honey.**  
**Let us worship God!**

**\*Hymn 509 All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly**

**Prayer of Confession**

Christ calls us to live lives in harmony with God and our neighbors. The evidence of experience is that we fall short of that goal. Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us call on God to help restore us to right relationships.

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

**If we have used your house for our purposes as if you did not mind or it did not matter, Lord, forgive us.**

**If we have bound your house in tradition, rather than hallowed it by prayer, Lord, forgive us.**

**If we have made it a house of one nation, or part of a nation, or for only one part of the Church, Lord, forgive us.**

**And if we can see clearly the misuse others make of your house and are blind to our own malpractices, Lord, forgive us.**

**Kindle in us and all your people the desire to make your gathering places windows into your way of life, hope, and healing. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*Silent Prayer*

**Assurance of Pardon**

In Christ, God sets us free from sin to be the church wherever we are, bearing witness to the Beloved Community coming into view.

**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**

**2 Samuel 7:1-7**

### **Anthem**

**O Lord Most Holy**

**César Franck**

### **Time with the Children**

**Rev. Mark Harper**

### **Second Scripture Reading**

**John 2:13-25**

### **Sermon**

**The Power of Place**

**Rev. Mark Harper**

### **\*Hymn 401**

**Here in this Place**

## **RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

### **Prayers of the People**

**Rev. Mark Harper**

*Prayers will be read from the Prayer Book and the "Chat box"*

**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**

**Siciliana**

George Frideric Handel

## **\*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)**

For your abundant blessings to us, we give you thanks, O God. Move us to share them generously with a world crying out for justice. Amen.

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

Christ welcomes us to receive this meal

## **Hymn 701 (2x)**

Sanctuary

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

## **The Invitation**

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! People will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the reign of God.

**How good and pleasant it is when people dwell in unity.**

O taste and see that the Lord is good.

**Happy are all who find refuge in God.**

This is the Lord's Table. Come, for all is made ready.

## **The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

You are holy, O God of majesty, and it is indeed right to offer our praise.

... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful in every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name.

## **Sung Sanctus 552**

LAND OF REST

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are filled with your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest,  
hosanna in the highest.

## **Prayer of Blessing (Unison)**

Breathe your spirit upon us  
And upon this bread and wine.  
May they become for us your body  
Vibrant with your life  
Healing, renewing and making us whole.  
And as the bread and wine which we now eat and drink  
Are changed into us,  
May we be changed again into you,  
bone of your bone,  
Flesh of your flesh,  
Loving and just in the world and all its creation.

## **The Sharing of the Bread and Cup**

The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

## **The Acclamation**

Let us praise the Lord.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**In Christ shall all be made alive. Blessing and honor and glory and power be to our God forever and ever. Amen.**

## **Prayer after Communion (unison)**

O God who feeds us, guide us to extend this table of welcome into our neighborhood and world so that all who hunger and thirst for justice might be fed. We offer our thanks for the sustenance you keep giving for the journey.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## **WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD**

### **Announcements of the Community's Life**

**\*Sending Hymn 547 Go, My Children, with My Blessing**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude Trumpet Tune John Stanley**

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

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

Rev. Mark Harper, Pastor

Rev. Carolyn Tilley, Communion Celebrant

Laura Raney, Liturgist

Bruce Beran, tenor

Takoma Park Presbyterian Church Choir

Dr. James Bingham, organ

Jay Clouse, Zoom Technician

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Schedule for upcoming events

### \*\* Zoom events

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Monday, March 4, 7:30 p.m.    | Choir rehearsal                           |
| Tuesday, March 5, 12.00 p.m.  | Virtual coffee hour**                     |
| Tuesday, March 5, 6:30 p.m.   | Worship Ministry Meeting**                |
| Wednesday, March 6, 7.00 p.m. | Lenten Vespers Service                    |
| Wednesday, March 6, 8:15 p.m. | Presbyterians for Police Transformation** |
| Thursday, March 7, 6:30 p.m.  | Deacons Meeting**                         |
| Saturday, March 9, 10:30 a.m. | Woman's Bible Study                       |
| Sunday, March 10, 9:30 a.m.   | TPPC History and Tour                     |
| Sunday, March 10, 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.

+Congratulations to **Micaeli and Gerhard DuPluss** on the birth of their daughter, **Eva**, for whom **Zelda** is a big sister. Eva was born February 22, 2024. We are pleased to welcome Eva into our Church Family.

### +**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.



Child care 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:

<https://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:](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094BAFAD23A0FDC61-tppc)

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

+**Ecumenical Advocacy Days (EAD)** is a movement of the Ecumenical Christian community, and its recognized partners and allies. EAD is grounded in biblical witness and our shared traditions of justice, peace, and the integrity of creation.

The EAD "summit" is **May 17-19**.

**+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](mailto:finance@takomaparkpc.org).

# STAFF

2024

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|---------------------------|---|
| <b>Rev. Mark Harper</b>   | <i>Pastor – markharper@takomaparkpc.org</i> |
| <b>Dr. James Bingham</b>  | <i>Director of Music</i>                    |
| <b>Joanna Tipton</b>      | <i>Bookkeeper</i>                           |
| <b>Gary Cardillo</b>      | <i>Buildings Manager</i>                    |
| <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>                 |

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

## SESSION

**Clerk of Session – Kurt Lawson**

| <u>Class of 2024</u> | <u>Class of 2025</u> | <u>Class of 2026</u> |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Phil Boyer           | Samuel Kalibala      | Kathy Belyeu         |
| Jean Dickey          | Karol Keane          | Kurt Lawson          |
| Rebecca Woodings     | Thomas Showalter     | Roger Griffis        |
| Alphonso Williams    | Karen Lange          | George Martin        |

## DEACONS

**Moderator of Deacons – Lisa Kiely**

| <u>Class of 2024</u>  | <u>Class of 2025</u> | <u>Class of 2026</u> |
|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Brian Forbin          | Ethan Bailey         | Cynthia Barron       |
| Lisa Kiely            | Carol Christensen    | Neel Hunter          |
| Madline Morsha-Taylor | Martha Kiger         | Madeline Lindvall    |

## *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.