

Worship Spotlight

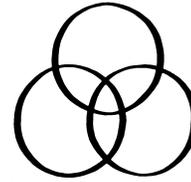
What is the Ascension?

In the order of Israel's worship the first sacrifice was the *purification offering* (which corresponds to our time of confession). The next sacrifice was the *whole burnt offering*, though a more literal translation would be *the ascension*. The unique thing about the ascension offering was that it was the only offering completely consumed by the fire. The sacrifice was transformed into smoke which then *ascended* to God. Since the animal takes the place of the worshipper, this portrayed the worshipper ascending to God and entering His holy presence.

We follow the same sequence in Christian worship, though now the ascension offering has been fulfilled in Christ. Having paid the penalty for our sins on the cross, Jesus rose from the grave and *ascended* into heaven. United to Him by faith, we ascend with Jesus! God has "raised *us* up with him and seated *us* with him in the heavenly places *in Christ Jesus*" (Eph. 2:6).

In the book of Revelation the Apostle John was granted a vision in which he ascended to Heaven and joined the worship service going on there. We don't see the Heavenly service with our *eyes* each Sunday. But we trust that, in Christ and through the power of his Spirit, we *do* get to join the angels and all the faithful in Heaven as we worship the Lamb. That's why, at this point in the service, we often sing songs that speak of Heaven and borrow the "holy, holy, holy" refrain of the angelic songs from the books of Isaiah (6:1-3) and Revelation (4:8-11).

What a privilege to join the Heavenly worship service and enter into the Father's presence! What a comfort to know that we sing with all Christians around the world and with those who have already died and are now with Jesus! The ascension is a time of great rejoicing and reverent awe. Now that we have entered the Father's presence, he will speak to us from his Word.



TRINITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 24th, 2019

Last Sunday of the Church Year

Prelude

Announcements

GOD SUMMONS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 47:1-3, 6

†Congregational Singing #3 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

†Responsive Scriptures

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Our help is in the name of the Lord

Who made heaven and earth.

†Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

†Greeting

†Congregational Singing #334 "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Call to Confession

Psalm 32:1-5

Silent Confession

Corporate Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are

truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

†Assurance of Forgiveness

†Congregational Singing

“His Mercy is More”

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 6:1-13

Epistle Reading

1 Timothy 1:12-17

†Gospel Reading

John 12:35-43

†Profession of Faith

The Apostle’s Creed

Sermon

Pastor Chad Anderson

“Woe Is Me”

Offertory

†Doxology

625 (a cappella)

†Prayer of Dedication

GOD STRENGTHENS US AT HIS TABLE

All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ are invited to share the Lord’s Supper. Baptized children are welcomed to the Supper once they have been admitted by the Elders in accord with the practice of our denomination.

If you do not trust in Jesus, please allow the bread and cup to pass you by. If you desire to follow Jesus and share in His Feast, please speak with one of our pastors after the service.

The outer ring contains wine. All other cups contain grape juice. Take your portion, pass the rest to your neighbor, and then eat and drink as soon as you desire.

During the passing of the cup we encourage you to offer words of blessing to your neighbors such as: “Peace be with you” (Jn. 14:27) or “Christ be with you” (Rom. 16:20).

Declaration of God’s Invitation and Promises

Prayers and Distribution

†Congregational Singing

“O Living Bread from Heaven”

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

†Commission and Benediction

†Congregational Response

628 IV “Threefold Amen”

Postlude

Worship Leader: Pastor Chad Anderson

Nursery Volunteers: Julie LeFeber, Rachel Hajda

❖ We will hold a **Thanksgiving Eve service** the evening of Wednesday, November 27th beginning at 6:30 p.m. There will be a pie fellowship to follow. Please contact the church office if you would be willing to supply a pie or topping.

❖ There will be a **Fellowship Meal** on Sunday, Dec. 1st, after which we will hang **Christmas Decorations**. Please bring a main dish and side join us! **Serving Team 3** will serve the meal: Barber; Cole; Elliott; Hajda, J & R; Lano; LeFeber; Parish, C & M; Reiter, D; Reiter, E; Riley; Sykes; Wolf

❖ The next **Women’s Seminar** will be held Saturday, Dec. 7th at 9:00 a.m. at the church. All ladies are welcome for this time of study, prayer, and fellowship.

❖ We are in need of a **Children’s Sunday School Director**. Responsibilities include keeping an up-to-date roster, recruiting and supporting teachers and substitutes, managing supplies, and co-ordinating with the pastors and session on curriculum decisions. If you are a member of the church and interested in ministering in this way, please speak with one of the pastors.

November Birthdays: (24) Evelyn Salyer 2011, (26) Tory Hooton, Lisa Hajda, (29) Knox Johnson 2011, (30) Celia Williams 2017

December Birthdays: (1) Jill Bauer, (4)

Joshua Sykes 2004, (6) Becky Parish,

Joselyn Bauer 2017, (13) Steven Lano

2015, (14) Don Bates, (20) Chuck

Larsen, Anika Fong, (25) Doug Sykes,

(27) Rosalind Rodgers 2016, (29) Janet

Irlmeier, (31) Rex Bauer

Financial Report

	Last Week	Year to Date
Budgeted Need	\$3,461.15	\$159,212.90
Received	\$2,040.39	\$153,127.90

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

❖ That God would give us wisdom and boldness to share the love of Christ with our neighbors.

❖ For our expecting mothers and their children: Anika Fong, Kacia Hughett

❖ For our men serving in the armed forces: Joseph Barber III, Ryan Brock, Ben Elliott, and Isaiah Petty.

If you would like to receive TPC announcements and prayer requests via e-mail, please speak with Pastor Dave or email your contact info to: tpc@tpckearney.org

CHURCH LIFE

Wednesday, November 27th

Thanksgiving Eve Service

6:30 p.m.