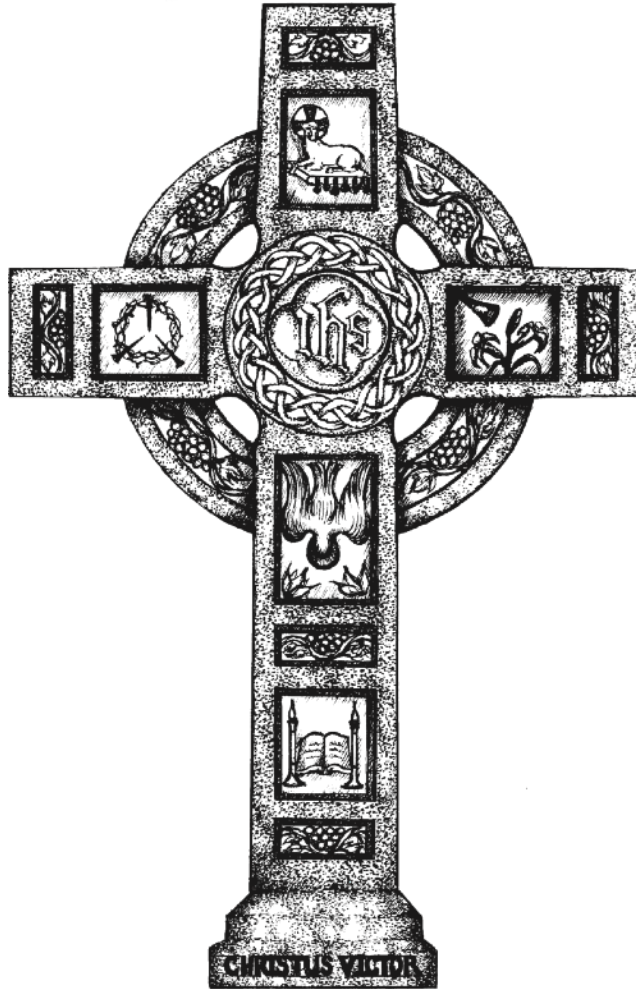


TRINITY CHURCH

The Presbyterian Church in America



To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire hope;
to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and yearn for fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whoever will come;
this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in
the name of the risen Lord Jesus Christ.

December 4, 2022

A L O H A

All of us have this in common: we need God's grace.

Grace is not earned or deserved, but comes freely through God's gift of His Son Jesus Christ.
We desire for you to find this grace and live within its power.

Welcome to Trinity Presbyterian Church!

Are You New Today? We hope you sense our Aloha and welcome to you!
Use the **Aloha Welcome Card** today to indicate your interest in getting to know church, Pastor Todd,
or if you have any questions.

Coffee served before and after the service – others today want to meet you!

Cry Room Downstairs If needed, cry room is the library downstairs, where you can view the worship service livestream.

Promiseland Nursery Trinity's nursery is located in the building next to the Sanctuary. Parents are invited to trust their children, ages 0 - 3, to the loving care of our nursery volunteers.

Discoveryland Children's Instruction Children ages 4-9 can accompany their parents halfway through service, at which point they are dismissed to Discoveryland. Instruction includes Bible stories and discussions geared toward the application of God's Word to children's lives. Parents, you are always welcome to have your children with you throughout the service.

Church Announcements

Advent Devotional 2022 A copy of the Advent Devotional will be reserved for you. Indicate your interest at the back table. Sample is on display.

Advent Series 2022 “**The Isaiah Christmas**” Our Advent series will explore key passages from Isaiah and how they reveal deep truths about Christ, His birth, and our redemption.

Men’s Study **Morning Mens Devotions:** Join us every week at 6am in the Trinity Library. Get your copy of the Yellow Book,

Small Groups **New Fellowship Groups** Coconut Grove Small Group meets at the Lum Home, 678A Kihapai Street, in Kailua. Join us for food and fellowship as we discuss the previous Sunday’s sermon. Meets every other Wednesday, 6-8pm. Contact Sean Lum on TrinityConnect for more information.

Trinity Youth **Youth Room:** The Youth Room upstairs is open! The attic above the sanctuary has been renovated is ready to welcome kids in ages 4th grade and up. Kids ages 0 - 3rd grade are encouraged to continue using the gazebo following the service.

Family Movie Nights: Next date TBD. Join us in the Trinity Sanctuary as we watch a film on the big screen! Doors open 5:30pm, movie starts at 6pm. Popcorn, candy, and water provided! Movie shown will be announced soon.

Back Table Sample curriculum and information about TPC is on the back table. Those interested in membership can find the membership manual used in membership classes.

Calendar & Upcoming Events

Wednesday, December 7th **Ladies Ornament Exchange:** Christmas Ornament exchange at MaryAnn Capen’s home at 6pm . Bring an ornament. Dinner provided.

Sunday, December 11th **TCS Sunday:** 9th & 10th Grade Trinity Sunday
Fellowship Lunch: Join us for lunch following the service. Stay for a time of fellowship over a delicious meal. No RSVP needed.

Saturday, December 24th **Christmas Eve Worship Service,** 6pm. Special treats and fellowship time follows the service.

Worship at Trinity

WHAT IS WORSHIP?

In his encounter with the woman of Samaria, Jesus explained that “God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth.” (John 4:24). The reason Jesus says true worshippers must worship in this way is because God Himself “is spirit.” Here we discover the simple yet profound principle that true worship is a response to God as He has personally revealed Himself. Thus, conformity to God’s character is the key to true worship. “Great is the LORD,” as the psalmist puts it, “and greatly to be praised” (Psalm 48:1)! In worship, we seek to reflect this divine reality, declaring with our lips and demonstrating with our lives that God is supremely precious and therefore worthy to receive all glory and honor and praise.

Why Do We Worship This Way?

Entering God’s Presence

We gather in response to God’s call to worship, joyfully offering praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. With reverence and awe, we confess our sins and receive God’s forgiveness, which is declared in Jesus’ name.

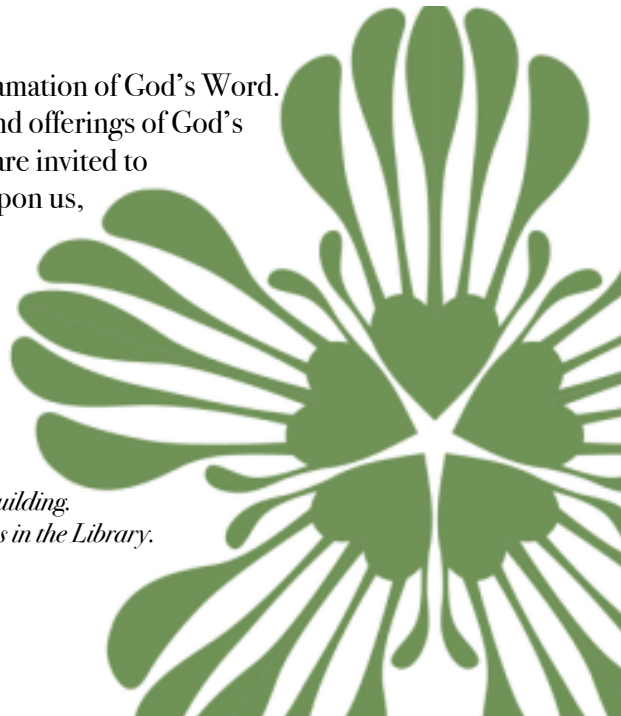
Renewing Our Faith

Worship continues with a focus on God’s Word. Our faith is renewed as we publicly confess the truth of God, join our hearts and voices in prayers and hymns of praise to God, and hear the good news of God powerfully proclaimed.

Responding in Thanks

As hearing becomes doing, we respond to the proclamation of God’s Word. Songs of praise continue to be raised and the gifts and offerings of God’s people are collected. On Communion Sundays, we are invited to celebrate the Lord’s Supper. With God’s blessing upon us, we are sent into the world to love and serve the risen Lord Jesus Christ!

*In consideration of other worshippers,
please program all communication devices to silent mode.
Parents, our nursery is available next door in the Preschool Building.
A Cry Room with a Livestream of today’s service is downstairs in the Library.
Babies and toddlers are always welcome in the sanctuary.*



Trinity Christian School

Joining our God on His mission to the world and to disciple young lives, Trinity Presbyterian Church established Trinity Christian School in 1981. At the direction of the elders, TCS became a Christian Classical School in 2007 and expanded to 12th grade. Interested in having your child be a part of this education? See any of the elders today, they would love to talk with you.

Trinity Christian School (TCS) is a Christ-centered classical school committed to partnering with parents to engage the minds and transform the lives of students for the glory of God.

We strive to be:

- [Christian in our thinking](#)
- [Gospel-focused in our motivation](#)
- [Classical in our method](#)
- [Partnered with parents in our community](#)

Christ forms the center of our purpose and practice at Trinity. Our intellectual pursuits are satisfied by Him, “in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge” (Col 2:3). And our moral pursuits are motivated by the life He lived, the cross He bore, and the gift He secured. It is through Christ that we find our ultimate purpose in education.

If you are considering joining Trinity Christian School, you should know that we feel a lot like an ‘ohana, or a family. While we have experienced recent growth in size, we are still a welcoming fellowship, striving to know and care for our students and their families by name, with mindful intention.

One of Trinity’s core convictions is to partner with parents as they raise their children. We believe that parents are the primary educators of their children and that this partnership can be a nurturing source of support, spiritually, educationally, and socially. Please let us know how we can be of service.

We love having prospective families and students visit Trinity Christian School. We’re pleased to share that we are open for in-person tours.



Man is more himself, man is more manlike, when joy is the fundamental thing about him, and grief the superficial.

—*David K. Naugle*

"A man can no more diminish God's glory by refusing to worship Him than a lunatic can put out the sun by scribbling the word 'darkness' on the walls of his cell."

—*C.S. Lewis*

"Image is like a long shadow. Even when the sun goes down, you can see it. I think some of it is that there is so much pressure to be that person that you become it, maybe, to a certain point you can bear it. It's impossible not to end up being a parody of what you thought you were."

—*Keith Richards*

"For God is good - or rather, of all goodness He is the Fountainhead."

—*Athanasius of Alexandria*

"You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in you."

—*Augustine of Hippo*

GATHERING SONG

Here I Am To Worship

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross

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ADVENT READING & CANDLE LIGHTING

From Isaiah 40:9-11, Luke 1:34,35, John 3:16

- Reader:** In the midst of suffering and despair,
God's prophet cries, "Comfort!"
Amid all that causes us pain, that brings us to tears,
God's care falls over us like a gentle rain.
In this season of short days and long nights
We are called to tend to each other.
On this second Sunday of Advent, we give thanks for God's compassion for us.
- Reader:** Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God! For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall never perish but have eternal life."
- Reader:** See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.
- Reader:** He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.
- Reader:** "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God."

WELCOME - A Word of Grace

Pastor Brandon Edmonds

Isaiah 9:2, 42:16

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shone. — *Isaiah 9:2*

I will lead the blind by a road they do not know, by the paths they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I will do and I will not forsake them. — *Isaiah 42:16*

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 51:2 Luke 1:30-33

Minister: Let us worship the triune God! Lord, open our lips!

People: And our mouth shall declare your praise!

Minister: Praise be to the Father, the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
The Lord is with you, said Gabriel, blessed are you among women!
Behold you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son.
You shall call His name Jesus.
He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest.
The Lord will give him the throne of His father David.

ALL: And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever and of His kingdom there will be no end.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONGS OF PRAISE

It Came Upon The Midnight Clear

It came upon the midnight clear
That glorious song of old
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold
Peace on the earth good will to men
From heaven's all gracious King
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing

Still thro' the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurled
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wing
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing

For lo the days are hastening on
By prophet bards foretold
When with the ever-circling years
Comes round the age of gold
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling
And the whole world give back the song
Which now the angels sing

Yet with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long
Beneath the angel strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong
And man at war with man hears not
The love song which they bring
O hush the noise ye men of strife
And hear the angels sing

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism (1648 AD) Q. 21

Minister: Q. 21. Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

People: **The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.**

MINISTER'S EXHORTATION

1 Peter 4:12-13

“Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

based on 1 Peter 4:12-13

Minister: Help us rejoice and not complain and embrace the call to bear with difficulties.

People: Help us rejoice and not complain, to share in Christ's sufferings

Minister: Forgive us, for we often lose sight of the purpose of hardships that we might be glad when your Son's glory is revealed.

People **Father, forgive us for forgetting that you love us, for stubbornly laying all our hopes and dreams at the feet of our idols, for despising you when you lovingly interfere with our self-salvation campaigns in order to rescue us from our pride and self-trust. Thank you for your great patience with weak sinners like us, who refuse to turn to you until all else has failed. Thank you for bringing suffering into our lives and for letting our sinful hearts pour out of us, so that we can see our sin and repent before you.**

Individual Prayer of Confession

(Pause - for Silent Confession)

In this quiet moment, ask God to simply lead you to rest in His goodness.

Confess what's taken on saving power for you.

Turn away from what you think makes you righteous.

Cry out for new affections and love for Christ - only these can change you and cause you to walk in newness of life.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON IN THE GOSPEL

1 John 1:9

Minister: Brothers and sisters, will you turn now and thank God you are forever safe because of Jesus? Will you thank your Father for causing your best plans to fail so that you will learn that He is wiser, stronger, kinder, and more loving than we ever dreamed possible?
In Jesus you are forgiven because Jesus trusted in the plan to save you!
In Jesus you are safe because His obedience is credited to your account!

People: **Glory be to God!**

DOXOLOGY

Ho‘onani i ka makua mau
Praise God from whom all blessing flow

Ke Keiki me ka‘Uhane nō
Praise Him all creatures here below

Ke Akua mau ho‘omaika‘i Pu
Praise Him above ye heavenly host

Kō kēia ao, Kō Kēlā ao. ‘Amene.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart

Born Thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

Emmanuel Emmanuel
His name is called Emmanuel
God with us revealed in us
His name is called Emmanuel

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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

The offering plate can be found in the back of the sanctuary. Please consider taking the steps to establish an online giving practice to support the ministry. Visit the Trinity website for online giving.

The offering has always been part of God's worship. Our gracious God has lavished upon us His grace in Jesus. His grace is the action. Our giving is the reaction to grace. A financial response is only one of many responses to God's grace. We give because we are discovering the treasure of the kingdom and the King!



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Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" *Matthew 6:21*

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her
that her warfare is ended,

that her iniquity is pardoned,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.

3 A voice cries:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

4 Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

5 And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

6 A voice says, “Cry!”

And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All flesh is grass,

and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

7 The grass withers, the flower fades

when the breath of the Lord blows on it;

surely the people are grass.

8 The grass withers, the flower fades,

but the word of our God will stand forever.

9 Go on up to a high mountain,

O Zion, herald of good news;

lift up your voice with strength,

O Jerusalem, herald of good news;

lift it up, fear not;

say to the cities of Judah,

“Behold your God!”

10 Behold, the Lord God comes with might,

and his arm rules for him;

behold, his reward is with him,

and his recompense before him.

11 He will tend his flock like a shepherd;

he will gather the lambs in his arms;

he will carry them in his bosom,

and gently lead those that are with young.

Minister: The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever. This is the Word of God! Isaiah 40:8

People: Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR THE CHILDREN

Children ages 4 - 9 accompany their parents halfway through service, at which point they are dismissed to Discoveryland. Instruction includes Bible stories and discussions geared toward the application of God's Word to children's lives. Parents, you are always welcome to have your children with you throughout the service.

Today's Message "The Voice of Comfort"

Advent Series: Christmas in Isaiah

Text: Isaiah 40:1-11

Message Notes:

Quote:

"Americans no longer talk to each other, they entertain each other. They do not exchange ideas, they exchange images. They do not argue with propositions; they argue with good looks, celebrities and commercials."

— *Neil Postman, Amusing Ourselves to Death: Public Discourse in the Age of Show Business*

Questions:

What good news captures your heart these days? How does Isaiah 40 reframe what you need to hear? What does it look like to hear well?

Next Sunday

Christmas In Isaiah Part 3 "The Sign of Immanuel" Isaiah 7

Advent Devotional/Readings

"Christmas in Isaiah" is available at the back of the sanctuary. A collection of articles to read this month.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Minister: According to his commandment:

**People: We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory.**

Minister: Christ the bread of life:

**People: When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

BLESSING BY THE MINISTER

As Paul said to the Corinthians, so I say to you, Christ the Passover Lamb is sacrificed for us.
Let us keep the feast!

SONG OF COMMUNION

How Beautiful

How beautiful the hands that served
The wine and the bread and the sons of the earth
How beautiful the feet that walked
The long dusty roads and the hill to the cross

Chorus

How beautiful how beautiful
How beautiful is the body of Christ

How beautiful the heart that bled
That took all my sin and bore it instead
How beautiful the tender eyes
That chose to forgive and never despise

Bridge

And as He laid down His life
We offer this sacrifice
That we will live just as He died
Willing to pay the price
Willing to pay the price

How beautiful the radiant Bride
Who waits for her Groom with His light in her eyes
How beautiful when humble hearts give
The fruit of pure lives so that others may live

How beautiful the feet that bring
The sound of good news and the love of the King
How beautiful the hands that serve
The wine and the bread and the sons of the earth

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COMMUNION AT TRINITY

WHO IS INVITED TO TAKE PART? All baptized believers who have professed their faith before the leadership of a Bible believing congregation that teaches the Christian faith in terms of faith alone in Christ are invited to join us at the Lord's Table. We ask that children wait to partake in the Lord's Supper until they have met with the Elders and professed faith publicly.

WHAT IF I AM NOT READY? If you or your children are not ready to partake in the Lord's Supper, you are invited to come forward and ask the Elders to pray for you. You may also remain in your seat to sing, pray or meditate.

WHAT IS THE PROCESS? We dismiss by rows and come forward, beginning with the middle sections, then moving to the outer sections. With the elements of the Supper in hand, return to your seat and take the elements when you are ready. We encourage you to sing, pray or meditate on the finished work of Christ at this time.

PRAYER OF SEARCHING FOR TRUTH: Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing and leads to the life you promise. Amen.

PRAYER OF BELIEVING IN JESUS: Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed. But through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen.

PRAYER FOR STRUGGLING AGAINST SIN: Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you - the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely to me, and run with perseverance the race that you have set before me, looking only to you, the pioneer and champion of my faith. Amen

SONG OF DISMISSAL

As With Gladness Men Of Old

As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold
As with joy they hailed its light
Leading onward beaming bright
So most gracious Lord may we
Evermore be led to Thee

As with joyful steps they sped
To that lowly manger bed
There to bend the knee before
Him whom heav'n and earth adore
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek Thy mercy seat

As their precious gifts they laid
At Thy manger roughly made
So may we with holy joy
Pure and free from sin's alloy
All our costliest treasures bring
Christ to Thee our heav'nly King

In the heav'nly country bright
Need they no created light
Thou its light its joy its crown
Thou its sun which goes not down
There for ever may we sing
Alleluias to our King

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BENEDICTION

Ephesians 3:20–21

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

New to TPC? Text “hello” to 808.224.2010

Please help keep our church clean by checking your row before you leave. Your assistance is appreciated!

Leadership

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Received: \$188,710.24

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