



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

**9AM & 11AM
MORNING PRAYER**

“But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment
trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.”

(Hebrews 5:14)

To Be A Christian: Nine Questions Every Life Answers

Many people today are deconstructing their faith—taking apart the Christianity they inherited in search of a better life. There are reasons for this. But I wonder whether one reason for deconstruction is simply poor construction.

Sometimes what looks like a Christian house has only a Christian veneer. Its weight-bearing beams rest, often unknowingly, on earthly hopes, cultural beliefs, and human designs. Unsound structure can weaken the faith of any of us.

One antidote to deconstruction, then, is careful construction.

That's why this fall we're beginning a sermon series, **To Be a Christian: Nine Questions Every Life Answers**. Turning to Scripture, we'll examine nine beams and joints of Christianity, asking how God builds a sturdy life:

1. **How Do I Know the Truth?** The Doctrine of Holy Scripture
2. **Who Is God?** The Doctrine of God
3. **What Is a Human Being?** The Doctrine of Humanity
4. **What Happened to Us?** The Doctrine of Sin
5. **Who Is the Messiah?** The Doctrine of Christ
6. **How Can I Be Saved?** The Doctrine of Salvation
7. **How Should I Live?** The Doctrine of Sanctification and Christian Life
8. **Why Do I Need a People?** The Doctrine of the Church
9. **Is History Going Anywhere?** The Doctrine of Last Things

These aren't merely Christian questions. They're human questions. We're all building a life, Christian or otherwise, and in doing so answering them.

Whether you're a longtime Christian, deconstructing your faith, or simply curious about how a solid life is built, this series explores the kind of life God builds—a house with an unshakable foundation in Christ and windows that open to the glory of God.

In Christ,



The Rev. Dr. Samuel D. Ferguson
Rector

Getting Connected to the Body of Christ

OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY

Join us for some **coffee, donuts, and fellowship** downstairs after each service!

Are you new? Welcome! We'd enjoy getting to know you. Stop by downstairs at the **Connections Center** for our gift to you and more information on the church. Contact Erin O'Keefe (eokeefe@tfcanglican.org) to get connected.

NEWCOMERS RECEPTIONS

Sunday, September 27, Following Both Services

If you're new, welcome! We invite you to one of our upcoming Newcomers Receptions on Sunday, September 27. Come to hear from staff, clergy, and meet other new people! Newcomers Receptions will take place following the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services in Room 108 of the Learning Center (office building, first floor).

PARISH PICNIC

Today! | Following 11 AM Service | Parking Lot

We're excited to bring you another fun-filled Parish Picnic today, starting around 12:30 p.m., following the 11:00 a.m. service. Kick off the fall and the ministry year with the whole church family!

Whether you're catching up with old friends or meeting new ones, there's something for everyone. Don't miss it!

MEN'S FIRESIDE CHAT

Tuesday, Sept. 29 | 7-9 p.m. | Ministry Center

Join us as we kick off a new year of Men's Ministry with our first Fireside Chat of the fall! We'll gather in the Ministry Center for Chick-fil-A, a brief program, and rich conversation. The evening will conclude with fellowship around a fire pit out back. We hope to see you there! Please register at tfcanglican.org/men by Sep 28 to help ensure plenty of food for all.

FALL KICKOFF

This fall, we invite you to grow in discipleship and community through the classes and events. There are so many ways to get connected this season!

- **Kickoff Sunday Today:** All-Parish Picnic, New Sermon Series, Sunday School begins, and Youth Group Kickoff!
- **More Ministry Events & Classes:** Women's Bible Studies, Men's Fireside Chat, 20s & 30s Lunch, Seniors' Ministry Events, Outreach Opportunities

Explore all the upcoming Fall Kickoff events and find your place at tfcanglican.org/fall.

ARE ANGLICANS PROTESTANT?

+ SAVE THE DATE: SEPT. 30 WITH TONY PAYNE

It's not too late to join John Frederick's Wednesday Night Class, "Are Anglicans Protestant?," as we explore the five essential doctrines rediscovered at the Reformation the "Solas" of salvation through Christ alone, by grace alone, through faith alone, in Scripture alone, to the glory of God alone. Mark your calendar for Wednesday, September 30, when the class welcomes special guest Tony Payne, a Sydney-based ministry trainer and author of over 30 books, including *The Trellis and the Vine*.

20 & 30s MONTHLY LUNCH

Sunday, Sept. 20 | 12:30 p.m. | Back 40 (Third Floor Office Building)

Join us after church by walking next door to our office building and heading upstairs to the Back40 (3rd floor) for lunch—a casual time to hang out with friends and meet new ones. Parents? Bring the kids!back. We hope to see you there! Please register at tfcanglican.org/men by Sep 28 to help ensure plenty of food for all.

Meet the Fellows | Class of 2026-2027

Each year, the TFCA Fellows Program brings together young adults from across the country who share a desire to integrate faith, vocation, and community. They arrive with diverse academic backgrounds, professional aspirations, and life experiences, yet they are united by a common commitment to follow Christ. During the year ahead, they will work, study, worship, and serve together while discerning God's calling for their lives. The brief biographies that follow introduce this year's Fellows—a remarkable group of emerging leaders whose gifts and experiences reflect the richness of Christ's church and the promise of faithful service in every vocation.



Matthew Abrameit graduated from Texas A&M University with a B.A. in business administration and a minor in psychology. While in college he founded Youth Moving Forward, a student organization that mentors juvenile offenders and provides free counseling in partnership with probation officers, judges, and community organizations. Passionate about restorative justice, Matthew hopes to pursue a career in the social impact sector. During his Fellows year, he's interning with the Flourish Fund, a faith-based venture philanthropy fund.



Mia Aldred graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a degree in communications. She has served as a Young Life leader, President of Students for Life, and Senior Ambassador for the North Carolina Study Center. She enjoys cooking, gardening, reading, and spending time outdoors. Mia is working at Advancing American Freedom, a political advocacy group, and she hopes to pursue a career in public service.



Worthy Beilman graduated from Grove City College with a degree in computer science and cybersecurity. He spent part of his childhood in Vienna, Austria, where his parents served as missionaries, and during college he participated in prison ministry, leading Bible studies for inmates. An avid reader and aspiring writer, Worthy enjoys history, fantasy literature, and the works of J.R.R. Tolkien. He sings baritone in the TFCA choir and works at the technology firm NT Concepts.



Caroline Chubb, from Columbus, Ohio, graduated from Western Kentucky University with a degree in Spanish and a minor in psychology and health sciences. While at college she wrote articles, shot photos, and produced video for the campus newspaper. She enjoys reading, crocheting, creating ceramics, and teaching the Bible to preschoolers. She's working at Ambleside School and plans to pursue a career as a medical interpreter.



Rebekah Hitchcock holds an interdisciplinary degree from Covenant College with concentrations in psychology, theology, and community development. Raised in a musical family, she has enjoyed singing and playing violin from an early age. She has experience in competitive speech and debate and has helped raise more than \$40,000 to support women facing an unexpected pregnancy. Rebekah recently joined the TFCA Choir and is working at Mosaic Virginia, a life-affirming care center.



Chris Keffler joined TFCA with his family in 2016 and recently completed both his bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting at James Madison University. During college he led Bible studies, served on a worship team, and participated in mission trips to Guatemala and Nicaragua. He's working with TFCA Youth Ministry, studying for his CPA exams, and preparing for a career in accounting.



Lydia Knobloch double majored in philosophy and law, justice, and society at Lipscomb University, where she served in many roles: SGA executive president, resident assistant, admissions ambassador, mock trial competitor, and founder of Lipscomb philosophical society. She is passionate about advocating for others and discovered her love for law and public service through Tennessee's Intercollegiate State Legislature. She enjoys traveling, hiking, and lifelong learning. Lydia is working at Advancing American Freedom.



Siena Medefind grew up at TFCA and graduated from Covenant College with a B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies, concentrating in business, community development, and Spanish. The oldest of five children, she's made many trips abroad with her family and developed an early love for adventure, hospitality, and the world's cultural richness. Siena operates a wedding and family photography business. She's working in the Capitol Hill office of Congressman Robert Aderholt.



Abram Mills, originally from Barbourville, Kentucky, graduated from the University of Mississippi with a B.A. in Arabic and a minor in mathematics. He studied Arabic in Amman, Jordan, and has since worked as both an editor and content strategist for a faith-based outdoor YouTuber while also gaining experience as a land surveying technician. Abram enjoys theology, church history, psychology, and creative collaboration. He's working at Dominion Christian School.



Eleanor Peltz was born and raised in Boston, Massachusetts, where she grew up in a family of classical musicians. She graduated from the University of Massachusetts Amherst with a B.A. in classics, concentrating in Greek and Latin language and literature. Her honors thesis explores Paul's use of scientific language in Colossians and his style of Koine Greek. She's working at Advancing American Freedom, and after Fellows she plans to attend law school.



Payton Prys, from Salem, Oregon, studied finance, economics, and Bible at Covenant College, where he helped lead the TVA Investment Fund chapter and the Swing Dance Club and served as principal cellist in Covenant's symphony orchestra. He enjoys running, cooking, music, and spending time outdoors. He's working at Keel Point, a financial advisory firm, and hopes to become a financial planner committed to serving others through wise and ethical stewardship.



Andrew Quick graduated from Cedarville University, where he studied computer science and cyber operations. As both a teaching assistant and tutor, he mentored fellow students while leading teams in cyber competitions and completing a capstone project that explored the real-world consequences of cybersecurity. Andrew enjoys reading, martial arts, and swing dancing. His internship at the Heritage Foundation focuses on information technology.



MacRae Richardson earned a B.A. in history with a minor in Spanish from Covenant College, where she participated in theatre, chamber singers, JV soccer, and Covenant's pre-law society. Her semester studying abroad in Seville, Spain, deepened both her language skills and appreciation for history and art. She's working at the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities, and after Fellows she plans to attend law school.



James Shepley graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University with a bachelor's degree in community and regional planning and a graduate certificate in geographic information systems. His experiences include internships with the Virginia State Senate and teaching in Newport News. He enjoys running, travel, playing guitar, and following football. James works at Alliance Consulting Group, an engineering firm.



Jerod Trotti, from Columbus, Ohio, earned a degree in industrial and innovative design at Cedarville University. Through his studies at the International Center for Creativity, he has developed expertise in design processes, 3D prototyping, and digital modeling. His senior capstone included collaboration with the Museum of the Bible and other organizations to design museum exhibits. Jerod enjoys church history, theology, photography, and the outdoors. He's working at PLUS Communications.

MORNING PRAYER • September 13, 2026

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

SONGS OF PRAISE

“Praise My Soul the King of Heaven” (9AM)
“I Believe” | “Thy Word Have I Hid” (11AM)

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (9AM)
“Alleluia, Sing to Jesus” | “Firm Foundation (He Won’t)” (11AM)

THE WORD OF GOD

(9AM) Psalm 14 (New Coverdale Psalter)
(9AM & 11AM) Luke 1:1-4 (Pew Bible Page 855)

CREEDS AND PRAYERS

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A “collect” is a short prayer. Here we are asking God to prepare our hearts to worship him.

We read from different passages from the Bible because it is one, coherent story, desiring to hear God speak to us through his Word.

We join Christians around the world and throughout history in affirming our faith through this ancient creed.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: *Lord, in your mercy,*
People: ***Hear our prayer.***

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and apart from your grace, there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

THE PEACE

PARISH UPDATES

Children to Sunday School

OFFERTORY

“The Risen Christ” | Doxology (9AM)
“Like a Tree (Psalm 1)” | Doxology (11AM)

THE PREACHING OF GOD’S WORD

Sermon Lesson: Hebrews 5:11-6:12 (*Pew Bible Page 1003*)
Sermon, Sam Ferguson

BLESSING & COMMISSION

“Holy Forever” (11AM)
Blessing
“Amazing Grace” (9AM)
Commission

We pray silently and aloud for those in need in our church, nation, and world, and give thanks for the many blessings of this life.

The offering of our resources to God is a tangible expression of His ownership of all things.

We listen to the teaching of God’s Word to illustrate, explain, and exhort us into deeper understanding of the Gospel.

With God’s blessing, we are sent into the World to do the work He has given us to do.

Today's Scripture Lesson: Hebrews 5:11-6:12

Warning Against Apostasy

¹¹ About this we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. ¹² For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, ¹³ for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. ¹⁴ But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.

¹ Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, ² and of instruction about washings, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. ³ And this we will do if God permits. ⁴ For it is impossible, in the case of those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit, ⁵ and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come, ⁶ and then have fallen away, to restore them again to repentance, since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and holding him up to contempt. ⁷ For land that has drunk the rain that often falls on it, and produces a crop useful to those for whose sake it is cultivated, receives a blessing from God. ⁸ But if it bears thorns and thistles, it is worthless and near to being cursed, and its end is to be burned.

⁹ Though we speak in this way, yet in your case, beloved, we feel sure of better things—things that belong to salvation. ¹⁰ For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do. ¹¹ And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, ¹² so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

[illegible]

Upcoming Events & Classes

Visit tfcanglican.org/upcoming-events for a full list

IN THE WORD: ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Starting Today! | 11-12 p.m. | Back 40 (Third Floor Office Building)

Join us for a 12-week journey through the 12 Minor Prophets of the Old Testament, studying one book each Sunday. Each week we will explore the historical setting and central message of a prophet, see how it fits within the grand story of Scripture, discover its fulfillment in Christ, and discuss its enduring relevance for the church as we faithfully live and witness in today's culture.

Whether you are new to Bible study or have been studying God's Word for years, this overview will deepen your understanding of Scripture and strengthen your confidence in the unity and gospel-centered message of the entire Bible. Newcomers are welcome to join the class at any time!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY FALL KICKOFF

Mon. Sept. 14 | 7:30-9:15 p.m. | Sanctuary

Join us on Monday, September 14 at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary and hear from Jess Blanchard as she shares a message: Rest Secure: Trusting God's Promises in Times of Uncertainty. Together, we'll discover how Scripture invites us to surrender what we cannot control, rest in God's unchanging character, and find lasting hope in His eternal promises—even in the hardest seasons of life. Register online at tfcanglican.org/women.

YOUTH GROUP KICKOFF

Today! | 5-7 p.m. | Ministry Center (Lower Level Office Building)

Students in 6th-12th grades are invited to join us on Sunday evenings from 5:00 to 7:00 pm for a fun time of community, dinner, games, worship, teaching, and small group time with their Youth Family leaders! Small groups remain a permanent discipleship community throughout the year and are divided by grade and gender with at least two Youth Family leaders. New and returning students, register online at tfcanglican.org/youth

Parents: Do you have a middle school or high school student who attends our TFCA Youth Group on Sunday evenings? Come join other parents during Youth Group for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. We meet in the Cranmer Chapel the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month from 5:15-7pm. Questions? Email our Community Life Coordinator, Kristina Diaz (kdiaz@tfcanglican.org).

PARENTS PRAYING FOR ADULT CHILDREN

Sunday, September 27 | 10:20-11 a.m. | Ministry Center

Many of us are praying for adult children who have not yet come to faith or who seem to have wandered from following the Lord. A prayer/support group for such people meets on the fourth Sunday of each month between the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services in the Ministry Center East.

EVENTS & CLASSES CAN BE FOUND AT TFCANGLICAN.ORG/UPCOMING-EVENTS

LOCATIONS THIS SUNDAY

Keeping the Faith Parenting Group (9-10a.m.)

The Back 40 (Third Floor Office Building)

Children's Sunday School (9& 11a.m.)

Check-in Downstairs Church Building

20s Word & Fellowship (9:45-10:45a.m.)

Learning Center Room 110 (First Floor Office Building)

Parish Picnic (12:30 p.m.)

Parking Lot Behind Church

In the Word Adult Sunday School (11-12p.m.)

The Back 40 Stage Side (Third Floor Office Building)

Youth Group (5-7 p.m.)

Parking Lot Behind Church