

## SCRIPTURE

### Isaiah 45:1-8

- <sup>1</sup> Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
 whose right hand I have grasped,  
 to subdue nations before him  
 and to loose the belts of kings,  
 to open doors before him  
 that gates may not be closed:
- <sup>2</sup> "I will go before you  
 and level the exalted places,  
 I will break in pieces the doors of bronze  
 and cut through the bars of iron,
- <sup>3</sup> I will give you the treasures of darkness  
 and the hoards in secret places,  
 that you may know that it is I, the LORD,  
 the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
- <sup>4</sup> For the sake of my servant Jacob,  
 and Israel my chosen,  
 I call you by your name,  
 I name you, though you do not know me.
- <sup>5</sup> I am the LORD, and there is no other,  
 besides me there is no God;  
 I equip you, though you do not know me,
- <sup>6</sup> that people may know, from the rising of the sun  
 and from the west, that there is none besides me;  
 I am the LORD, and there is no other.
- <sup>7</sup> I form light and create darkness,  
 I make well-being and create calamity,  
 I am the LORD, who does all these things.
- <sup>8</sup> "Shower, O heavens, from above,  
 and let the clouds rain down righteousness;  
 let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit;  
 let the earth cause them both to sprout;  
 I the LORD have created it.

## SERMON NOTES

**TITLE:** "I Am the LORD"

**TEXT:** Isaiah 45:1-8

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**Next Week: "Seeking in 2012"**

Text: Proverbs 1:1-7

Preacher: Jahaziel Cantu

## ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

<b>SUNDAY</b>	New Year's Day 2012!	
<b>MONDAY</b>	Church Office Closed — <i>Extended New Year's Holiday</i>	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Adult Choir Rehearsal	6:45 p.m.
	Deacons' Meeting	7:00 p.m.
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Session Meeting — <i>Admin 2nd floor</i>	7:00 p.m.
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Romans Small Group Study — <i>in homes</i>	7:00 p.m.
<b>SATURDAY</b>	Men's Prayer Breakfast — <i>Fellowship Hall</i>	7:00 a.m.

*The church activity calendar is available on-line at [www.tnpc.org/calendar](http://www.tnpc.org/calendar).*

### WORSHIP SERVICE

**WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE PREACHING FROM OUR PULPIT TODAY REV. STEVE MOERMAN.**

Pastor Steve Moerman and his wife Diane are from Sioux Falls, South Dakota. After Steve completed his training at Calvin Seminary, they started the Cornerstone Prison Church at the South Dakota State Penitentiary. For the past six and a half years they have been working to disciple the men there and build a solid foundation for a church behind prison walls. Steve's parents are Paul and Darlene Moerman; members of Town North.

**VISITORS** — Please let us know you better so we can pray for you. Please sign the visitor pad at the end of the aisle.

**NURSERY IS PROVIDED DURING** Sunday School and the Worship service for all children age three and under. Classrooms are located on the first floor of the Education Building.

**TNPC-FM-89.0 FM** — A limited number of receivers are available at the sound booth.

**CDs** of each Sunday's sermon are available for a \$1 donation. You may sign up for them in the narthex. Please pay for your CDs in the box provided near the sign-up sheet. CDs for visitors may be picked up by the sign-up sheet.

### THIS WEEK

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** — Monday, January 2, for an extended New Year's Day holiday.

**SESSION MEETING** — The Session will meet for its regular monthly meeting this Thursday, January 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the Admin Building 2nd Floor. Congregation members and visitors are welcome to attend the first portion of the meeting to dialogue with the Session members about any questions, concerns or suggestions they may have.

**ANNUAL MEETING AND OFFICER NOMINATIONS** — The annual meeting of Town North Presbyterian Church will be held at 7:05 p.m. Wednesday, January 18 in the sanctuary.

**2012 FLOWER CALENDAR** — Many thanks to all those who have provided flowers for our worship services in 2011. The sign-up for 2012 is in the narthex, so please reserve your date for this coming year.

### WOMEN'S RETREAT, FORWARD!

Prepare to refresh, renew, revitalize, rejuvenate, reconnect, rediscover, relax. The date is Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The place is Camp Copass near Denton, about 1 hour from the Dallas metroplex. ([www.campcompass.com](http://www.campcompass.com)) Questions? Ask Kathy Bowman, Carrie Smith or Beth Black.

### Inquirer's Class

*for new members*

**Starts Sunday, January 8!**

*(and goes through March 18)*

**Teacher: Pastor David**

### YEAR-END DONATIONS

JUST A REMINDER THAT ALL GIFTS AND OFFERINGS NEEDED TO BE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE BY END OF THE DAY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> OR POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup> IN ORDER TO BE DEDUCTIBLE ON YOUR 2011 TAX RETURN. THESE DONATIONS WILL BE INCLUDED ON YOUR 2011 GIVING STATEMENT. UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED, ALL GIFTS WILL BE CREDITED TO THE GENERAL FUND.

### December 2011

Net General Fund Starting Balance (at Nov 2011 close):	\$6,345
Actual Revenue (4 Sundays):	\$45,348
Actual Expenses (4 Sundays):	\$33,626
Net General Fund Ending Balance (4 Sundays):	\$18,067
Estimated General Fund Needed Revenue for Dec (4 Sundays):	\$58,668
Estimated General Fund Needed Revenue for Jan (5 Sundays):	\$59,689

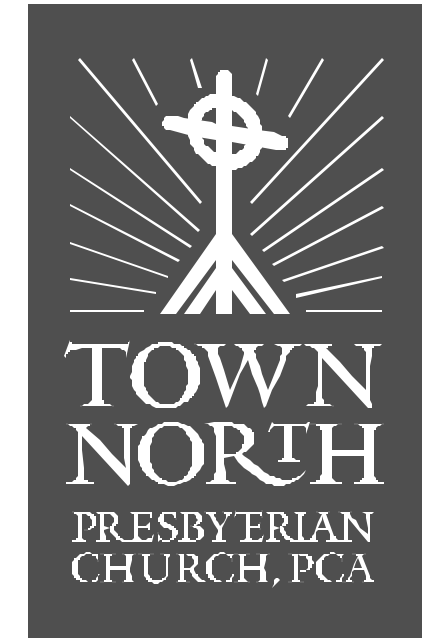
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*Town North is a community of disciples of Jesus  
 making disciples.*



The Week's Order of  
**WORSHIP**  
*for*  
**THE LORD'S DAY**

*January 1, 2011 10:30 A.M.*

**WORSHIP THEME: GOD'S PROVIDENTIAL CARE**

PREPARING IN STILLNESS

*Assisting in leading worship today are  
 Elder Carl Ede and Deacon Byron Black*

PRELUDE

*Fiona Garwood*

*— Church elders are available at the front to pray personally with anyone during the prelude —*

ACTIVITIES & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*Elder Carl Ede*

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 145:1-3*

I will extol you, my God and King,  
and bless your name forever and ever.  
Every day I will bless you  
and praise your name forever and ever.  
Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,  
and his greatness is unsearchable.

\* HYMNS OF PRAISE

*Hymn 100 (vv. 1-4)*

**Holy, Holy, Holy!**

*Hymn 76 (vv. 1, 3, 5)*

**Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven  
(Psalm 103)**

\* INVOCATION

*Elder Carl Ede*

CONFESSION OF SIN

*Ensemble and Congregation*

**“God Be Merciful to Me”  
(Psalm 51)**

God be merciful to me; On Thy grace I rest my plea  
Plenteous in compassion Thou, Blot out my transgressions now;  
Wash me, make me pure within; Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess; Grief and guilt my soul oppress.  
I have sinned against Thy grace, And provoked Thee to Thy face.  
I confess Thy judgment just; Speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

Broken, humbled to the dust, By Thy wrath and judgment just,  
Let my contrite heart rejoice, And in gladness hear Thy voice;  
From my sins O hide Thy face, Blot them out in boundless grace.

Sinners then shall learn from me, And return O God to Thee  
Savior, all my guilt remove, And my tongue shall sing Thy love  
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, And my mouth shall praise accord.

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SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

*In these moments,  
we individually come to God in prayer,  
silently confessing personal sins so that we may take  
hold of the forgiveness won for us by Christ, our Redeemer.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PEACE OF GOD

*Romans 6:22-23*

LEADER: Hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins  
and trust in Christ: Now that you have been set free from sin and  
have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness,  
and the result is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the  
gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE

*Elder Carl Ede*

WORSHIPPING BY GIVING

*(Sign, pass & return Friendship Pad)*

◆ Offertory

*Michelle Turner, soprano*

**“All Must Be Well”**

— words by Mary Bowly-Peters —  
music by Matthew S. Smith

\* PRAISING OUR GOD

*Gloria Patri (Hymn 734)*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.

\* DEDICATING OUR LIVES & GIFTS

*Elder Carl Ede*

\* GREETING ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE

\* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD’S WORD

*Ensemble & Congregation*

**Wonderful, Merciful Savior**

1. Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend;  
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?  
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

*Chorus*

*You are the One that we praise. You are the One we adore.  
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for,  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.*

2. Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace;  
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way,  
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

*Chorus*

3. Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own;  
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne,  
Oh, we’re falling before Your throne. — *Chorus*

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APPLYING GOD’S WORD

*Rev. Steve Moerman*

**“I Am the LORD” — Isaiah 45:1-8**

*(Scripture text is on the back of the worship guide)*

\* CONFESSION OF FAITH

Sections of the Belgic Confession Article 13:  
The Doctrine of God’s Providence

Leader: Christian, what do you believe?

**All: We believe that this good God, after he created all things, did not  
abandon them to chance or fortune but leads and governs them  
according to his holy will, in such a way that nothing happens in  
this world without his orderly arrangement.**

**This doctrine gives us unspeakable comfort since it teaches us  
that nothing can happen to us by chance but only by the  
arrangement of our gracious heavenly Father. He watches over  
us with fatherly care, keeping all creatures under his control, so  
that not one of the hairs on our heads (for they are all numbered)  
nor even a little bird can fall to the ground without the will of our  
Father.**

**In this thought we rest, knowing that he holds in check the devils  
and all our enemies, who cannot hurt us without his permission  
and will.**

\* RESPONDING IN SONG

***It Is Well With My Soul***

*Hymn 691 (vv. 1-4)*

\* BENEDICTION

*2 Corinthians 13:14*  
*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy  
Spirit be with you all.*

POSTLUDE

*Brian Peacock*

Unless otherwise noted, all scripture quotations are from the English Standard Version of the Bible.

\* Congregation Please Stand

**If you would like to know more about becoming a Christian,  
the pastor is available in the narthex after the service.  
Copies of the brochure “How Do I Become a Christian” are also available in the narthex.**