

SCRIPTURE & SERMON NOTES

Philippians 2:19-30

¹⁹I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you. ²⁰I have no one else like him, who takes a genuine interest in your welfare. ²¹For everyone looks out for his own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. ²²But you know that Timothy has proved himself, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel. ²³I hope, therefore, to send him as soon as I see how things go with me. ²⁴And I am confident in the Lord that I myself will come soon.

²⁵But I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs. ²⁶For he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill. ²⁷Indeed he was ill, and almost died. But God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, to spare me sorrow upon sorrow. ²⁸Therefore I am all the more eager to send him, so that when you see him again you may be glad and I may have less anxiety. ²⁹Welcome him in the Lord with great joy, and honor men like him, ³⁰because he almost died for the work of Christ, risking his life to make up for the help you could not give me.

TITLE: “Models of Gospel Partnership” **TEXT:** Philippians 2:19-30

SERIES: *Philippians: The Joy of Gospel Partnership*

I. TIMOTHY — A MODEL OF SELFLESS TRUSTWORTHINESS

II. EPAPHRODITUS — A MODEL OF SELFLESS SERVING

III. DIOTREPHES — A MODEL OF SELF-CENTEREDNESS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Think of a believer whom you know personally and whom you most admire. What character trait does this person exemplify that you want to emulate?
2. If you could grant one exemplary Christian character trait to everyone in this church, which would it be and why?
3. What are some of the “self-centered” traits which most damage a church?
4. What can a church do to transform its most damaging “self-centered” traits into exemplary Christian character traits?
5. Consider Philippians 2:12-13 again. What part does God take in the transformation of your Christian character? What part are you to “work out”?

Next Week:

Title: “The Goal of the Gospel – 1”

Preacher: Pastor Pete Deison

Series: *Philippians*

Text: *Philippians 3:1-7*

ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY	Evening Communion Service	6:30 p.m.
MONDAY	Ministry Meeting — Admin Conf Rm	7:00 p.m.
TUESDAY	WIC Movie Night — WIC Rm	7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	Pulpit Committee Meeting	5:30 p.m.
	Evening Knitters Group — Dawson's Home	6:30 p.m.
	Adult Choir Rehearsal	6:45 p.m.
	Deacons' Meeting	7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY	Life Builders — Men's Bible Study	6:30 a.m.
	Ladies' Small Group — Wells' Home	9:30 a.m.
FRIDAY	NTP Meeting — Lake PCA, Southlake	
SATURDAY	NTP Meeting — Lake PCA, Southlake	

The church activity calendar is available on-line at www.tnpc.org/calendar.

WORSHIP SERVICE

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-88.1 FM — A limited number of receivers are available at the sound booth. First come, first served.

THE FLOWERS — This morning are given by John and Lodie Rodriguez with thanksgiving for the blessings of having a Christian father for 85 years. Lodie's father died one year ago.

THIS WEEK

NOVEMBER CRIERS — Please check your mail box for the November *Crier* newsletter.

EVENING COMMUNION SERVICE — Will be celebrated this evening at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please join us for this beautiful time of worship and fellowship.

WEDNESDAY ALL-CHURCH NIGHT — Will not be held this Wednesday, due to meetings week. Plan to join us when WACN resumes on Wednesday, November 11th!

MOVIE NIGHT (WIC MEETING) — Tuesday, November 3 at 7:00 p.m. Come join us for the movie "Bad Girls of the Bible" by Liz Curtis Higgs. Bring any snacks you like—drinks provided. Please sign up in the narthex.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS — Nominations for the offices of ruling elder and deacon are being received through November 8th. The election of officers will be held at the annual meeting in January. Nomination forms are available in the narthex along with a box for receiving them. Please use one form per nominee. A list of men qualified for nomination is found on the back of the nomination form. A "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ) document about the nomination and election process is also available in the narthex.

PASTORS' TNPC OFFICE HOURS — Pastor Pete Deison will be in his Town North office on Tuesday afternoons. Pastor John Rantal will be in the church office Tuesday through Friday, mornings and afternoons. Please feel free to call the church office at (972) 235-1886 to speak with Pastor Pete or Pastor John or set up an appointment to meet with them.

VISITORS — If you attend regularly and would like to receive notices of church activities and news, please use the folders located near the members' mailboxes. Select and label a folder for your family in the appropriate alphabetical grouping (A-H and I-Z).

DAILY AND YOUTH DEVOTIONALS FOR NOVEMBER — Copies are free and available in the narthex. Take one home with you today!

TAPES OR 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 tapes or CDs in the box provided near the sign-up sheet. Tapes and CDs for visitors may be picked up by the sign-up sheet.

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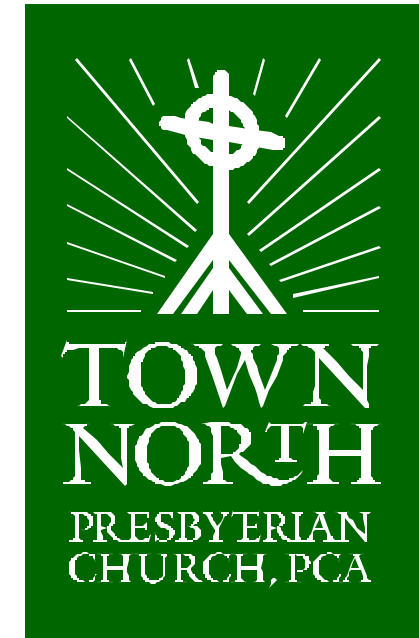
Loving God and Loving Others

October 2009

Net General Fund Starting Balance (at September 2009 close):	\$18,891
Actual Revenue (4 Sundays):	\$36,454
Actual Expenses (4 Sundays):	\$40,728
Net General Fund Ending Balance (4 Sundays):	\$14,617
Estimated General Fund Needed Revenue for Oct (4 Sundays):	\$46,708
Estimated General Fund Needed Revenue for Nov (5 Sundays):	\$50,316

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As we confront the challenges and opportunities of the third millennium, our vision is to be a worshipping community of disciples who are bringing God's Kingdom to bear upon the world and building His Church among all peoples.



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

The Christian Year: All Saints Day

November 1, 2009 10:30 A.M.

Worship Theme: Servants of Christ

PRELUDE

Brian Peacock

(Church elders are available at the front to pray personally with anyone during the prelude)

ACTIVITIES & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor John Rantal

PREPARING IN STILLNESS

CALL TO WORSHIP

from *Colossians 3:1-4*

LEADER: Saints of God, you have been raised with Christ Jesus.

Therefore, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

PEOPLE: Let us set our minds on things above, not on earthly things.

LEADER: For you have died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

PEOPLE: When Christ, who is our life, appears, then we also will appear with him in glory.

* HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymn 358 (vv. 1–3, 5)*

For All the Saints

* INVOCATION *Pastor John Rantal*

PASTOR: O Lord, open my lips,
PEOPLE: **And my mouth will declare your praise.**

CALL TO CONFESSION *from Psalm 32:1–6*

LEADER: Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.
PEOPLE: **Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count
against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.**
LEADER: When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning
all day long.
PEOPLE: **For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.**
LEADER: Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up
my iniquity.
PEOPLE: **I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD”
— and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**
LEADER: Therefore, let everyone who is godly pray to you while
you may be found.
PEOPLE: **Let everyone who is godly pray to you.**

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

**ALL: Almighty God, you love us but we have not loved you. You call,
but we have not listened. You provide, but we have offered little
thanks.**
**We love ourselves more than we love one another. We walk
away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns.
We treasure independence, fullness, and comfort. And though
you have equipped us to minister unconditionally to others, we
choose instead to insist that others meet our expectations to
receive our blessing.**
**God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come in
mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness
through Christ our Redeemer, and empowering from the Holy
Spirit. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PEACE OF GOD *1 Peter 2:24–25*

PASTOR: Hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins
and trust in Christ: *He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so
that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you
have been healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but now you
have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.*
The peace of the Lord be always with you!
PEOPLE: **And also with you!**

HYMN OF THANKFULNESS *Hymn 648 (vv. 1–2)*

My Jesus, I Love Thee

CONFESSION OF FAITH *Based on the Westminster Confession of Faith,
Chapter 16.1–3*

LEADER: Good works are only those which God has commanded in his holy
Word.
PEOPLE: **These good works are not merely anything which comes from
human zeal or good intentions, but only works toward which
Scripture directs us.**
LEADER: These good works, done in obedience to God’s commandments, are
the fruits and evidences of a true and living faith.
PEOPLE: **By them we who believe in Christ show our thankfulness,
strengthen our assurance, and build up fellow believers.**
LEADER: By them we who believe in Christ adorn our profession of the
Gospel, shut the mouths of its adversaries, and glorify God.
PEOPLE: **We are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good
works, so that in bearing fruit toward holiness, we may attain its
outcome, which is eternal life.**
LEADER: Even so, our ability to do good works does not come from within
ourselves. It comes entirely from the Spirit of Christ.
PEOPLE: **Besides the gift of salvation, believers must receive the actual
influence of the Holy Spirit to enable us to do good works, for
he works in us both to will and to do God’s good pleasure.**
LEADER: Our need of the Spirit’s ability should not cause us to become
negligent, as though we are not bound to perform any duty without
a special moving of the Spirit.
PEOPLE: **Rather, we ought to be diligent in stirring up the grace of God
that is in us, that we may produce the fruit of a true and living
faith.**

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE *Pastor John Rantal*

CHORAL RESPONSE *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord;
incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.

WORSHIPPING BY GIVING *(Sign, pass & return Friendship Pad)*

♦ Offertory *Town North Children’s Choir*
“Festival Alleluia” by Allen Pote

* PRAISING OUR GOD *Doxology (Hymn 731)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* DEDICATING OUR LIVES & GIFTS

**ALL: Mighty God and Father, you overwhelm us with your great
mercy. At the time of our greatest need you surprised us with
your wondrous love. Jesus offered his life for us to remove our
dreadful curse. As you draw us deeper into this renewing
relationship of love, enable us to respond with gratitude as we
offer the first-fruits of our material goods to continue the
ministry of Christ. For his name and glory we pray and present
our gifts. Amen.**

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE

* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD’S WORD *Ensemble & Congregation*

King of Heaven

Chorus

King of Heaven, Lord of me, I don’t understand this mystery.
Oh, I can’t comprehend how You can be King of heaven and Lord of me.

1. The hand that made the moon and stars is the hand that reaches down to me.
The Holy One for the lowly comes and lays aside His majesty.
The eyes that always watch the world are the eyes that see inside of me.
How great a love that You are mindful of and Father of the least of these.

Chorus

2. The One that could have worn the crown wore the thorns upon His head.
The Prince has come as a pauper’s son, the First became the Last instead.
His shoulders should have worn the robes and yet, He chose the sinner’s cross.
The great I AM became the lamb and gave Himself to save the lost.

Chorus

King of Heaven, Lord of me, I don’t understand this mystery.
Oh, I can’t comprehend how You can be King of heaven and Lord of me.
King of heaven and Lord of me.

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(Children ages 4–6 may dismiss to Children’s Church.)

* HEARING SCRIPTURE **Matthew 20:25–28** *Deacon Andy Winters*

²⁵Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the
Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them.
²⁶Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be
your servant, ²⁷and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— ²⁸just as the
Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a
ransom for many.”

Philippians 2:19–30
(Back of the worship guide)

READER: This is the Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

APPLYING GOD’S WORD *Pastor John Rantal*

“Models of Gospel Partnership” — *Philippians 2:19–30*
(Scripture text and sermon outline on the back of the worship guide)

* RESPONDING IN SONG *Hymn 605 (vv. 1–3)*

All the Way My Savior Leads Me

* BENEDICTION *Hebrews 13:20–21, 25*

PASTOR: May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal
covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great
Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his
will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus
Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.
Grace be with you all.
ALL: Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! Amen.

POSTLUDE *Jami Calatizzo*

Assisting in worship leading today is Elder Carl Ede.

Unless otherwise noted, all scripture quotations are from the New International 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.*