

SCRIPTURE & SERMON NOTES

Philippians 4:1-7

¹Therefore, my brothers, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, that is how you should stand firm in the Lord, dear friends!

²I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to agree with each other in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you, loyal yokefellow, help these women who have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

TITLE: "Keeping on the Course of Gospel Partnership"

TEXT: Philippians 4:1-7

SERIES: *Philippians: The Joy of Gospel Partnership*

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| I. WHEN DISSENTION STRIKES THE PARTNERSHIP | vv.1-5 |
| A. Paul Sets the Stage. | vs.1 |
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| B. Maintaining Our Partnership | |
| 1. Unity is found _____ | vs.2 |
| 2. Unity is experienced _____ | vs.3 |
| 3. Unity grows with _____ | vs.4 |
| 4. Unity needs _____ | vs.5 |
| II. PARTNERSHIP IS KEEPING ON COURSE THROUGH PRAYER | vv.6-7 |
| A. Let every struggle take you to prayer. | |

B. Let God's promise guard your hearts and minds.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Can Christians disagree and both be right?
2. What do I do when I find dissention?
3. What does God do when we are giving Him our anxiety?

Next Week:

Title: "End of the Line"

Preacher: Pastor John Rantal

Series: *Philippians*

Text: *Matthew 1:1-17*

ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY	Session Meeting — CE WIC Rm200-201 12:45 p.m. Growth & Discipleship Small Group — Conf Rm 5:30 p.m. Small Group — in homes 6:00 p.m. An Adventure in Caring Small Group 6:30 p.m. Faith Builders Small Group 6:30 p.m.
TUESDAY	Ladies' Evening Bible Study — WIC Rm 6:30 p.m.
THURSDAY	Thanksgiving Day — Church Office Closed
FRIDAY	Extended Holiday — Church Office Closed

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 Dick and Judy with thanksgiving and praise to God for their 40 years of marriage and their covenant children and grandchildren.

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY ALL-CHURCH NIGHT — Will not be held this week through December due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Please plan to join us when WACN resumes in 2010!

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED — Thursday and Friday, Nov. 26 & 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS — Due to the holiday schedule, please submit your bulletin announcements for next Sunday to the office by 5:00 p.m. tomorrow, Monday, November 23rd.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 • 6:30 P.M.

Set the tone for the Advent Season with an evening filled with the joy of music and readings led by our adult & children's choirs.

Christmas Pie Social
AFTERWARDS IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

Please sign up to order poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas season. Each plant is \$7.00 and a payment envelope is available next to the sign-up. You may take your plant home after the Christmas Eve Service. Thank you for participating in this ministry. See Judy Dawson if you have questions.

PASTORS' TNPC OFFICE HOURS — Pastor Pete Deison will be in his Town North office this Tuesday afternoon. Pastor John Rantal will be in the church office this Monday, then out of town through the Thanksgiving holiday. 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, 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).

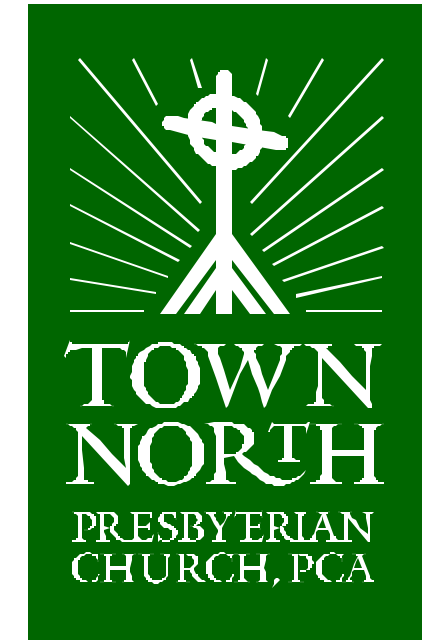
TAPES OR CDS of each Sunday's sermon are available for a \$1 donation. You may sign up for them in the narthex. Please pay for your tapes or CDs in the box provided near the sign-up sheet. Tapes and CDs for visitors may be picked up by the sign-up sheet.

November 2009

Net General Fund Starting Balance (at October 2009 close):	\$15,110
Actual Revenue (3 Sundays):	\$27,235
Actual Expenses (3 Sundays):	\$9,251
Net General Fund Ending Balance (3 Sundays):	\$33,094
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: Sunday of Thanksgiving
November 22, 2009 10:30 A.M.
Worship Theme: Prayer in Gospel Partnership

PRELUDE

Jody Lubbers
(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 Psalm 100:1–2, 4*

PASTOR: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

PEOPLE: **Worship the LORD with gladness.**

PASTOR: Come before him with joyful songs.

PEOPLE: **Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.**

ALL: **Give thanks to him and praise his name.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymn 167 (vv. 1–3, 6)*

When Morning Guilds the Skies

* INVOCATION *Pastor Pete Deison*

PASTOR: O Lord, open my lips,

PEOPLE: **And my mouth will declare your praise.**

CALL TO CONFESSION *Proverbs 28:13–14*

PASTOR: He who conceals his sins does not prosper,
but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

PEOPLE: **Blessed is the man who always fears the LORD,
but he who hardens his heart falls into trouble.**

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN *Inspired by Psalm 42 & Philippians 4*

ALL: **O gracious and generous heavenly Father: Each day you pour your unfailing love upon me. Yet the clamor of life sweeps over me like surging tides. The turmoil of life engulfs me like raging seas. Each day I think of you who gives me life. Yet I am burdened with disappointment, and resentment visits my heart. Why am I discouraged? Why do I give in to sadness?**

I am anxious about so many things. Even then I do not pray, but choose to dwell on my discontent. You offer peace which would lift my soul above my circumstances. Yet I choose not to think of what is true and noble and right and pure and lovely, but to mull over doubts, to ponder what is shameful, to entertain suspicions, and think the worst of others.

My heart breaks as I remember how it used to be, how I would come and stand before you singing for joy and giving thanks. As the deer pants for streams of water, so I long for you, O God. Why should I be discouraged? Why so very sad? I will put my hope in God! I will praise him again — my Savior and my God! Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PEACE OF GOD *Psalm 65:3; 85:2*

PASTOR: Hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ: *When we were overwhelmed by sins, He forgave our transgressions. He forgave the iniquity of His people and covered all their sins. The peace of the Lord be always with you!*

PEOPLE: **And also with you!**

HYMN OF THANKFULNESS *Hymn 363 (vv. 1–3)*

We Gather Together

CONFESSION OF FAITH *Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1*

PASTOR: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

ALL: **That I, with body and soul, both in life and in death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ, who with His precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins, and redeemed me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that all things must work together for my salvation. Wherefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live unto Him.**

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

CHORAL RESPONSE
Christ, We Do All Adore Thee

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

♦ Offertory

Now Thank We All Our God by J.S. Bach arr. by Michael Larkin

* 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: **Ever-giving God, source of all goodness and provision, your ear is always open to our needs. When we call to you, you are faithful to provide for us. Your goodness created us, your bounty sustains us, your discipline corrects us, your patience bears with us, and your love redeems us.**

Give us a heart to love you, to serve you, and to enable us to show our thankfulness for all your goodness and mercy by giving up ourselves to your service and cheerfully submitting in all things to your blessed will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE

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

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

- O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.
- O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,
that morn shall brighter be.
- O Cross that liftest up my hear, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red,
life that shall endless be — life that shall endless be.

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

* HEARING SCRIPTURE **Psalm 31:14–19** *Elder Ed Hotz*

¹⁴But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God."

¹⁵My times are in your hands; deliver me from my enemies and from those who pursue me.

¹⁶Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your unfailing love.

¹⁷Let me not be put to shame, O LORD, for I have cried out to you; but let the wicked be put to shame and lie silent in the grave.

¹⁸Let their lying lips be silenced, for with pride and contempt they speak arrogantly against the righteous.

¹⁹How great is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you, which you bestow in the sight of men on those who take refuge in you.

READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

APPLYING GOD'S WORD *Pastor Pete Deison*

"Keeping on the Course of Gospel Partnership" — *Philippians 4:1–7*

(Scripture text and sermon outline on the back of the worship guide)

* RESPONDING IN SONG *Hymn 16 (vv. 1, 3–4)*

Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord

* BENEDICTION *Colossians 2:6–7*

PASTOR: So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

ALL: **Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! Amen.**

POSTLUDE *Jami Calatozzo*

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.***