

* SONG OF PRAISE

Ensemble & Congregation

This Is Our God

God, our Father, full of power;
maker of the heavens, maker of the world.
Forming all things, seen and unseen,
truly the Almighty beyond all measured worth.
Holy is his name.

Chorus

*We believe the Lord our God is One:
Father, Spirit, Son; this is our God!
We believe forever he will reign,
let the church proclaim: "this is our God!"*

Our Lord Jesus sent to save us;
born unto a virgin, lived a perfect life.
Greatly suffered, dying for us;
from the grave he's risen, seated now on high.
Holy is his name.

Spirit, holy, one in glory;
speaking through the prophets,
empowering the church.
Life is given by and through him;
with the Son and Father, worshiped and adored.
Holy is his name.

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

* 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, forever. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Matthew 13:44

LEADER: The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field,
which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he
goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

**ALL: Holy and Gracious God, you deserve our lives, but
we confess that we give you far less. Instead of
finding fulfillment in you we have pursued the
fading things of this world. For the sake of Christ
and his sacrifice, forgive us our sins. By your Spirit,
work in our hearts to reform our desires that we
would steadfastly and passionately long for you
above all else. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

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 WITH GOD *1 Tim. 1:15*

LEADER: The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full
acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world
to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

* SONG OF RESPONSE

Ensemble & Congregation

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is "Love,"
who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heav'n he stands
no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there
who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
my sinful soul is counted free;
for God the Just is satisfied
to look on Him and pardon me,
to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb,
my perfect, spotless Righteousness;
The great unchangeable I AM,
the King of glory and of grace!
One with himself I cannot die,
my soul is purchased by his blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ, my Savior and my God,
with Christ, my Savior and my God.

MINISTRY MINUTE

World Missions

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastor David Rogers

WORSHIPPING BY GIVING

*(Sign, pass & return black pad
at the end of the aisle)*

◆ OFFERTORY

Lynna Harbison

* 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

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE

* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Congregation

God of Grace and God of Glory

God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power;
crown your ancient church's
story,
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom,
grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Cure your children's warring
madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom,
grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have
bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom,
grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom,
grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

Rev. David Rogers

"A Warning Against the World's Way"

Luke 16:14-18

(Scripture text on the back of the worship guide)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

THE LORD'S SUPPER

*(Please hold the elements until everyone is served.
Please place used cups in baskets in the narthex after the service.)*

* RESPONDING IN SONG

Hymn 642 (vv. 1-2, 4-5)

Be Thou My Vision

* BENEDICTION

Number 6:24-26 (NIV)

PASTOR: The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Hana Do

Ensemble music: CCLI#89171

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.*

SCRIPTURE

Luke 16:14-18

¹⁴ The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. ¹⁵ And he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

¹⁶ "The Law and the Prophets were until John; since then the good news of the kingdom of God is preached, and everyone forces his way into it. ¹⁷ But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one dot of the Law to become void.

¹⁸ "Everyone who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery, and he who marries a woman divorced from her husband commits adultery.

SERMON NOTES

TITLE: "A Warning Against the World's Way"

TEXT: Luke 16:14-18

Page 875 in the pew Bible

Next Week:

Text: Luke 16:19-31

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Cies

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

Save the Date!
Ladies Night Out;
Dinner & Game Night
Thursday, February 22
6 - 9 pm
Fellowship Hall

Silence, God Working by Alice Poynor
... is the Ladies Spring Study. Join this study of the last five Old Testament prophets. You will encounter God at work! We started 1/23, but the sign-up sheet and books are still available in the narthex. Or you can contact bonlee_rawley@hotmail.com.
2018 FLOWERS — Sign up in the narthex!

Church activity calendar is available on-line at www.tnpc.org/events.

ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY	Officers Prayer for the Congregation — Library 12:30pm	
	Youth Group — Admin Youth Room	6:00 p.m.
TUESDAY	Ladies Morning Bible Study — CE Rm106	9:30 a.m.
	Ladies Evening Bible Study — Admin Rm103	6:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	Adult Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary	6:45 p.m.
	Prayer — Admin Rm103	7:00 p.m.
FRIDAY	North Texas Presbytery — New Covenant, Dallas	
SATURDAY	North Texas Presbytery — New Covenant, Dallas	
	Women's Prayer Breakfast — Fellowship Hall	9:30 a.m.

WORSHIP SERVICE

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 Bldg.

COMMUNION — We will be serving only gluten-free bread at the Lord's Table. **LIFEChange OFFERING** — \$ 3,908 for missions. Praise be to God!

UPCOMING EVENTS

 **FREE CHILDCARE SATURDAY, 2/10!**
Celebrate Valentine's Day without the kids! Drop your kids off at the Fellowship Hall from 4:30-7:30pm. Pizza, popcorn, and a movie will be provided. Childcare provided by the Youth Group (with adult supervision). Please RSVP to Andrew — andrew.cies@tnpc.org or 215-356-6172.

Visitors Lunch . . .
Sunday, February 4
Fellowship Hall following Worship



Join us for a hot meal and great fellowship!

Please bring a generous portion of your favorite *winter dish* to share.
Desserts & drinks will be provided.

A note to our Town North Family...

I want to say my sincere thanks to those who give me a ride to church and back home. May Almighty God bless them all. And without them, I don't know how I'll be in church. I thank them from the bottom of my heart, and may God again richly bless them all in Jesus' name: Amen: For the divine favor. —Aba Ferguson

WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST — FEBRUARY 3, 2018 AT 9:30AM — Please join us in Fellowship Hall for a light breakfast and the amazing gift of prayer! Please RSVP to Barb Cole at barbcole@sbcglobal.net or 214-244-2951.

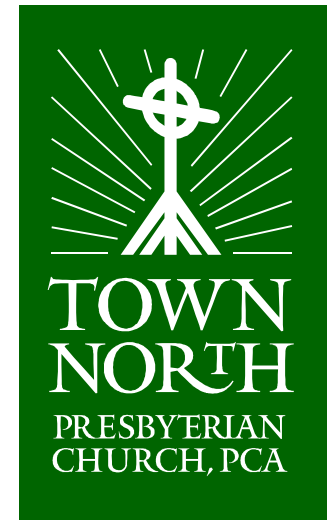
MEN'S LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT — Pastor Rogers will begin a Men's Leadership Training class in the middle of February. **All men who are interested may attend**, and it will be required for men who are nominated to be Officers at Town North. If you would like to sign up for the class — please contact Pastor Rogers at david.rogers@tnpc.org.

MEMBERS OF TOWN NORTH — WE NEED YOUR HELP. If you are a member of Town North, PLEASE read 1 Timothy 3:1-13 and Titus 1:5-9 — and prayerfully consider which men in the congregation display the Godly character described in these verses. Then WRITE THE MAN'S NAME on the nomination form in the Worship Guide, and PUT the NOMINATION FORM in the box outside the worship area.

Fiscal Year 2018 Totals Through January 21, 2018
(Our fiscal year starts July 1 and ends June 30)

General Fund Income	\$ 379,050
Designated Giving	\$ 110,081
Total Expenses	\$ 437,614
Net Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ 51,517

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

January 28, 2018 10:30 A.M.

REFLECTION

"The world never kisses us [Christians] except with an intent to betray us...The world is no friend to grace. It chokes our love to heavenly things; the earth puts out the fire. Naturally we love the world. Too many are wedded to their money; they live together as man and wife. Oh, let us take heed of being entangled in this pleasing snare! Many who have escaped the rock of scandalous sins, yet have sunk in the world's golden quicksands. The sin is not in using the world, but in loving it."
-Thomas Watson, *Heaven Taken by Storm: Showing the Holy Violence A Christian is to Put Forth in the Pursuit After Glory*, Soli Deo Gloria Publications, Seventh Printing, 2000, p. 43.

PRELUDE

Lynna Harbison

(Church elders will be available in the front to pray personally with anyone during the prelude)

ACTIVITIES & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Pastoral Intern

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 65:1-4

LEADER: Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion,
PEOPLE: and to you shall vows be performed.
LEADER: O you who hear prayer,
to you shall all flesh come.
PEOPLE: When iniquities prevail against me,
you atone for our transgressions.
LEADER: Blessed is the one you choose and bring near,
to dwell in your courts!
PEOPLE: We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,
the holiness of your temple!