PASTOR: The LORD is gracious and merciful,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

PEOPLE: The LORD is good to all,

and his mercy is over all that he has made.

 ${\it PASTOR:} \quad {\it All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,}$

and all your saints shall bless you!

PEOPLE: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom

and tell of your power,

PASTOR: to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,

and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

PEOPLE: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

* HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn 165 (vv. 1-4)

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Matthew 3:2

PASTOR: Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ALL:

O King of Glory, we confess that our praise of your majesty has often been faint, our performance as citizens of your kingdom treasonous. For we have surrendered to the enemy by our secret and our known sins. For our treason you died, Lord Jesus. For our restoration, you rose again. Draw us closer to you, that our eyes may catch the vision of your tears, and our hearts, the wonder of your grace. By the Holy Spirit's continuing discipline, let us be loyal and loving servants of the King. Praise be to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

we individually come to God in prayer,

we inaividually 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 Mark 10:45

PASTOR: For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

* HYMN OF REFLECTION

Hymn 246 (vv. 1-5)

Pastor David Rogers

Man of Sorrows! What a Name

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

WORSHIPPING BY GIVING

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

◆ OFFERTORY

"Blessed Jesus"

Choir

— by Jay Althouse —

* 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

* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Ensemble & Congregation

Every Promise

From the breaking of the dawn to the setting of the sun,

I will stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.

Words of power, strong to save, that will never pass away,

I will stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.

For your covenant is sure,

and on this I am secure—

I can stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.

When I stumble and I sin, condemnation pressing in,

I will stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.

You are faithful to forgive that in freedom I might live,

so I stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.

Guilt to innocence restored,

you remember sins no more—

so I'll stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.

When I'm faced with anguished choice, I will listen for your voice,

and I'll stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.

Through this dark and troubled land

you will guide me with your hand

as I stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.

And you've promised to complete

ev'ry work begun in me-

so I'll stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.

Hope that lifts me from despair, love that casts out ev'ry fear, as I stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.

Not forsaken, not alone, for the Comforter has come,

and I stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.

Grace sufficient, grace for me,

grace for all who will believe—

we will stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.

* SCRIPTURE READING

Elder Wayne Bowman
Page 839 in the pew Bible

Mark 4:1-20

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

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

Rev. David Billingslea

"A Parable About Parables"

* RESPONDING IN SONG

Ensemble & Congregation

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always: Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High king of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High king of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

* BENEDICTION

Hebrews 13:20-21

Pastor:

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Brian Peacock

Ensemble music: CCLI#89171

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

If you would like to know more about becoming a Christian, the pastor is available in the narthex after the service.

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^{*} Congregation Please Stand

SCRIPTURE

Mark 4:1-20

Again he began to teach beside the sea. And a very large crowd gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat in it on the sea, and the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. ² And he was teaching them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: 3 "Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured it. ⁵ Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and immediately it sprang up, since it had no depth of soil. 6 And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and since it had no root, it withered away. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. 8 And other seeds fell into good soil and produced grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold." 9 And he said, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear.'

¹⁰ And when he was alone, those around him with the twelve asked him about the parables. 11 And he said to them, "To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside everything is in parables, ¹² so that

> "they may indeed see but not perceive, and may indeed hear but not understand, lest they should turn and be forgiven."

¹³ And he said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables? 14 The sower sows the word ¹⁵ And these are the ones along the path, where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them. ¹⁶ And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: the ones who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy. 17 And they have no root in themselves, but endure for a while; then, when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away. ¹⁸ And others are the ones sown among thorns. They are those who hear the word, ¹⁹ but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²⁰ But those that were sown on the good soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold."

SERMON NOTES

TITLE: "A Parable About Parables" TEXT: Mark 4:1-20	Page 839 in the pew Bible
Next Week:	

Christ the Teacher

Preacher: Rev. David Rogers

ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY	Visitors Lunch — Fellowship Hall	12:00 p.m.
TUESDAY	Morning Ladies Bible Study — CE Rm 201	9:30 a.m.
	Joint Session/Deacons Meeting — Admin Bldg	6:00 p.m.
	Evening Ladies Bible Study — Admin Rm103	6:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	Adult Choir Practice — Sanctuary	6:45 p.m.
	Prayer — Admin Rm 103	7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY	Thursday Morning Prayer — Minich Home	9:00 a.m.
SATURDAY	Disciple Group Leaders Meeting — FH	9:30 a.m.
	Youth Group's Free Valentine's Childcare — FH	4:30 p.m.
	Farsi Bible Study — Admin Rm103	6:30 p.m.

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

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 — Will be celebrated next Sunday morning. Please prepare your hearts and minds and relationships to approach the LORD's table.

LEBANON PROJECT — If you would like to contribute to our ministry to Muslims, which Imad Aubrey is leading, you can write checks payable to Town North Presbyterian Church – and write **Lebanon Project**" on the memo line.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WE NEED YOUR HELP.

FREE

CHILDCARE

without the kids!

a movie will be provided.

215-356-6172.

SATURDAY, 2/9!

Celebrate Valentine's Day

Drop your kids off at the Fellowship Hall

from 4:30-7:30 pm. Pizza, popcorn, and

Childcare provided by the Youth Group

(with adult supervision). Please RSVP to Andrew — andrew.cies@tnpc.org or

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 in the narthex.

Visitors Lunch TODAY!

Fellowship Hall following Worship



2019 Flowers — Please sign up in the narthex

Joint Meeting Session/Deacons Tuesday, February 5

you have a question or concern, please contact Pastor Rogers so he can plan your question into the meeting schedule. (david.rogers@tnpc.org)

Ladies Spring Study! The Gospel of Mark Week 3 — Mark 1:21-3:12 "Jesus' Early Galilean Ministry

Fiscal Year 2019

Totals through January 27, 2019 (Our fiscal year starts July 1 and ends June 30)

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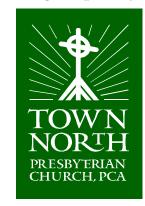
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The Week's Order of THE LORD'S DAY

February 3. 2019 10:30 A.M.

REFLECTION

"The fact that many who are called through the ministry of the gospel do not come and are not brought to conversion must not be blamed on the gospel, nor on Christ, who is offered through the gospel, nor on God, who calls them through the gospel and even bestows various gifts on them, but on the people themselves who are called. Some in self-assurance do not even entertain the Word of life; others do entertain it but do not take it to heart, and for that reason, after the fleeting joy of a temporary faith, they relapse; others choke the seed of the Word with the thorns of life's cares and with the pleasures of the world and bring forth no fruits. This our Savior teaches in the parable of the sower (Matt. 13)."

-The Canons of Dort, Article 9: Human Responsibility for Rejecting the Gospel (1618-1619).

PRELUDE

Lynna Harbison

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

ACTIVITIES & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor David Rogers

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE