

\* HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymn 196 (vv. 1-4)*

***Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus***

\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN *Luke 12:33-34*

PASTOR: Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ALL: **Almighty God, you search our hearts. Forgive us for finding our security in money rather than in you. Forgive us for being unwilling to follow our Lord Jesus in suffering loss so that others might gain. Remove the guilt and power of these sins through your Son Jesus Christ.**

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 *2 Cor. 8:9*

PASTOR: For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

\* HYMN OF ASSURANCE *Hymn 44 (vv. 1-4)*

***How Great Thou Art***

READING FOR CHRIST'S FIRST ADVENT *Deacon Cary Schatz & family*

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE *Pastor David Rogers*

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

◆ OFFERTORY *Choir*

**“One Small Child”**

—by David Meece, arr. By Lloyd Larson—

\* 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

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

***Show Us Christ***

Prepare our hearts, O God.  
Help us to receive.  
Break the hard and stony ground,  
help our unbelief.  
Plant your Word down deep in us;  
cause it to bear fruit.  
Open up our ears to hear,  
lead us in your truth.

***Chorus***

Show us Christ, show us Christ.  
O God, reveal your glory,  
through the preaching of your Word;  
until every heart confesses, “Christ is Lord!”

Your Word is living light  
upon our darkened eyes.  
Guards us through temptations,  
makes the simple wise.  
Your Word is food for famished ones,  
freedom for the slave;  
riches for the needy soul.  
Come speak to us today.

***Chorus***

***Bridge (x 3)***

Where else can we go, Lord?  
Where else can we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.

***Chorus***

\* SCRIPTURE READING *Elder David Hitt  
Page 967 in the pew Bible*

***2 Corinthians 8:1-15***

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

APPLYING GOD'S WORD *Rev. David Rogers*

**“Christian Giving = Sacrificial Giving”**

\* RESPONDING IN SONG *Ensemble & Congregation*

***May the Peoples Praise You***

You have called us out of darkest night  
Into Your glorious light  
That we may sing the wonders of  
The risen Christ

May our every breath retell the grace  
That broke into our strife  
With boundless love and deepest joy  
With endless life

***Chorus***

*May the peoples praise You  
Let the nations be glad  
All Your blessing comes  
That we may praise  
May praise the Name of Jesus*

All the earth is Yours and all within  
Each harvest is Your own  
And from Your hand we give to You  
To make Christ known

May the seeds of mercy grow in us  
For those who have not heard  
May songs of praise build lives of grace  
To spread Your Word

***Chorus***

This our holy privilege to declare  
Your praises and Your name  
To every nation, tribe and tongue,  
Your church proclaims

***Chorus***

Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty  
Worthy, worthy is the Lamb Who was slain  
Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty  
All creation praise Your glorious Name

***Chorus (x 2)***

\* BENEDICTION *Ephesians 5:1-2; 2; Corinthians 13:14*

PASTOR: Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.  
And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up  
for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and  
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

POSTLUDE *Brian Peacock*

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

### 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, <sup>2</sup> for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. <sup>3</sup> For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, <sup>4</sup> begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— <sup>5</sup> and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.

<sup>6</sup> Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. <sup>7</sup> But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

<sup>8</sup> I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. <sup>9</sup> For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. <sup>10</sup> And in this matter I give my judgment: this benefits you, who a year ago started not only to do this work but also to desire to do it. <sup>11</sup> So now finish doing it as well, so that your readiness in desiring it may be matched by your completing it out of what you have. <sup>12</sup> For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have. <sup>13</sup> For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness <sup>14</sup> your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. <sup>15</sup> As it is written, “Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack.”

## SERMON NOTES

**TITLE:** “Christian Giving = Sacrificial Giving”

**TEXT:** 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

Page 967 in the pew Bible

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

### Next Week:

Text: 2 Corinthians 8:16-9:5

Preacher: Rev. David Rogers

## ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY	Visitors Lunch!—Fellowship Hall	12:00 p.m.
	TNT Youth Group—Admin Youth Room	5:00 p.m.
TUESDAY	Joint Session/Deacons Meeting—Admin Bldg	6:00 p.m.
	Men’s Bible Study—Fellowship Hall	6:30 p.m.
	Ensemble Rehearsal—Sanctuary	7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	Adult Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary	6:45 p.m.
	Wednesday Night Prayer—Admin Rm103	7:00 p.m.
SATURDAY	TNT Youth Christmas Activity—Narthex	9:00 a.m.
	Women’s Christmas Prayer Tea—Fellowship Hall	2:00 p.m.

Church activity calendar is available on-line at [www.tnpc.org/events](http://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 Building.

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

**THE FLOWERS** — This morning are given by Walter Kurth in grateful thanksgiving to God for Elisabeth Kurth and for His glory.

**LEBANON PROJECT** — *If you would like to support Pastor Imad Aubrey’s ministry in Lebanon, please write checks payable to Town North Presbyterian Church with “Lebanon Project” on the memo line.*

**OUR TNPC MERCY MINISTRY** — Is funded through the “Deacons Fund”. Your gracious donations specified “Deacons Fund” support our Deacons in bringing financial relief to members and others in special need.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Joint Meeting  
Session/Deacons  
Tuesday, December 2**

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

*Christmas-Dish*

**Visitors Lunch  
TODAY!**

Fellowship Hall following Worship

**GUESTS ARE ESPECIALLY INVITED!**

**Women’s Christmas  
Prayer Tea !**

**Saturday, December 7  
2:00pm Fellowship Hall**

RSVP Susan at 214-293-8983  
or [csjeffery@sbcglobal.net](mailto:csjeffery@sbcglobal.net)

**Poinsettias for Christmas:**

Please consider purchasing poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary for the Christmas season. The plants are \$8 each and will be taken home following the Christmas Eve service. Sign-up and payment envelopes are in the narthex. If you have a question, please see Judy Dawson.

**YEAR-END DONATIONS** JUST A REMINDER THAT ALL GIFTS AND OFFERINGS NEED TO BE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE BY END OF DAY OR POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST IN ORDER TO BE DEDUCTIBLE ON YOUR 2019 TAX RETURN. THESE DONATIONS WILL BE INCLUDED ON YOUR 2019 GIVING STATEMENT. UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED, ALL GIFTS WILL BE CREDITED TO THE GENERAL FUND.

Fiscal Year 2020

Totals through November 24, 2019

(Our fiscal year starts July 1 and ends June 30)

General Fund Income	\$ 286,900
Designated Giving	\$ 42,918
Total Expenses	\$ 329,967
Net Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ (149)

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## The Week’s Order of WORSHIP for THE LORD’S DAY

December 1, 2019 10:30 A.M.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### REFLECTION

“King David said, ‘I will not sacrifice to the Lord my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing.’ (2 Samuel 24:24). Sacrificial giving is parting with what we’d rather keep. It’s keeping the old and giving away the new or giving away both. The giving of the first Christians was spontaneous, unguarded, and uncalculated.”

-Randy Alcorn, Money, *Possessions and Eternity, Revised and Updated*, Tyndale Momentum Publishers, 2003, p. 203.

### 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

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 95:3-7

**PASTOR:** For the LORD is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.

**PEOPLE:** In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his also.

**PASTOR:** The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands formed the dry land.

**PEOPLE:** Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.

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