Hymn 194 (vv. 1-5)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

- * PRAYER OF INVOCATION
- CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN from Westminster Larger Catechism *Q&A 134 & 135 (Modern English Version)*
- PASTOR: What is the sixth commandment?

The sixth commandment is: You shall not murder. ALL:

PASTOR: What does the sixth commandment require?

The sixth commandment requires us to do our best ALL: to make every lawful effort to preserve our own life and the lives of others...In the pursuit of that goal, we must defend others from violence...practice temperance in the way we eat, drink, take medications, sleep, work, and play. We should also harbor charitable thoughts, love, compassion, meekness, gentleness, and kindness. Our speech and behavior should be peaceful, mild, and courteous. We should be tolerant of others, be ready to be reconciled, patiently put up with and forgive injuries against us, and return good for evil. Finally, we should provide aid and comfort to those in distress as well as protect and defend the innocent.

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 Peter 2:19-25

PASTOR: For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn 203 (vv. 1-3)

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

READING FOR CHRIST'S SECOND ADVENT Deacon David Zeiger

& wife Heather

WORSHIPPING BY GIVING

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

Gloria Patri (Hymn 734)

Pastor David Rogers

Choir

♦ OFFERTORY "The Hands of Love" —by Joseph M. Martin—

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

* PRAISING OUR GOD

* SCRIPTURE READING

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

Elder Joel Aguilar

Page 968 in the pew Bible

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 moreso 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 meso 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 believewe will stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Ensemble music: CCLI#89171 Unless otherwise noted, all scripture quotations are from the English Standard Version of the Bible.

* Congregation Please Stand

2 Corinthians 8:10-15 (Scripture text is on the back of the worship guide)

"An Increased Standard of Giving"

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

Ensemble & Congregation

Behold the Lamb

- Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us: and we remember the promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross. So, we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice. as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.
- The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, torn for you: eat and remember the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life, paid the price to make us one. So, we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice, as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.
- The blood that cleanses ev'ry stain of sin, shed for you: drink and remember he drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God. So, we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice. as a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.
- And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond and to remember our call to follow in the steps of Christ
- as his body here on earth.
- As we share in his suffering,
- we proclaim: "Christ will come again!"
- And we'll join in the feast of heav'n
- around the table of the King.

2 Corinthians 13:14

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

Brian Peacock

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

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 8:10-15

¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ 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. ¹² For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have. ¹³ For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness ¹⁴ your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. ¹⁵ As it is written, "Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack."

SERMON NOTES

TITLE: "An Increased Standard of Giving" **TEXT:** 2 Corinthians 8:10-15 Page 968 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	TNT Youth Christmas Activity—Fellowship Hall	1:00 p.m.
TUESDAY	Men's Bible Study—Fellowship Hall	6:30 p.m.
	Ensemble Rehearsal—Sanctuary	7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	Wednesday Night Prayer—Admin Rm103	7:00 p.m.
SATURDAY	Ministry Leaders Meeting—Fellowship Hall	9:00 a.m.
	TNT Youth Christmas Party—Fellowship Hall	6:00 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 Building. COMMUNION — We will be serving only gluten-free bread at the Lord's Table. **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. LIFE*Change* OFFERING — This special offering for our missionaries will be collected next Sunday. Remember to bring your banks for the worship service. Thank you for your continuing support of this ministry.

UPCOMING EVENTS

6:00 b.m.

ristmas Eve

Visitors Lunch

oup, Stew & Chili

January 5

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 & payment envelopes are in the* narthex. If you have a question,

please see Judy Dawson.

> ANNUAL MEETING AND OFFICER ELECTION The annual

congregational meeting of Town North Presbyterian Church will be held WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

Fellowship Hall following Worship 7:00 P.M. SANCTUARY Bring a delicious dish to share. Childcare will be provided. Markan Alexandre Ale

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 December 1, 2019 (Our fiscal year starts July 1 and ends June 30) General Fund Income \$ 298,870 Designated Giving \$ 47,648 \$ 352,897 Total Expenses Net Surplus or (Deficit) \$ (6,379)

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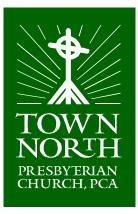
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REFLECTION

PRELUDE

* CALL TO WORSHIP



The Week's Order of THE LORD'S DAY

December 8, 2019 10:30 A.M. SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Too often we assume that God has increased our income to increase our standard of living, when his stated purpose is to increase our standard of giving. (Look again at 2 Corinthians 8:14)."

-Randy Alcorn, Money, Possessions and Eternity, Revised and Updated, Tyndale Momentum Publishers, 2003, p. 301.

Lvnna 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

Luke 1:68-71; 2:14

- PASTOR: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel
- **PEOPLE:** For he has visited and redeemed his people
 - and has raised up a horn of salvation for us
 - in the house of his servant David,
 - as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us...
 - Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!