* CALL TO WORSHIP

PASTOR: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

PEOPLE: Know that the LORD, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

PASTOR: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

PEOPLE: For the LORD is good;

his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

* HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn 198 (vv. 1-6)

from Psalm 100

* HYMN OF REFLECTION

Hymn 213 (vv. 1-3)

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.

God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live

but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation

through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God

for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PEACE WITH GOD 1 John 4:9-11

PASTOR: In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN from Westminster Larger Catechism Q&A 134, 136 (Modern English Version)

PASTOR: What is the sixth commandment?

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

PASTOR: What does the sixth commandment forbid?

ALL: The sixth commandment forbids: ... sinful anger,

hatred, envy, or desire for revenge; all excessive emotions and distracting anxieties; ... speaking in a provocative way, oppressing, quarreling with, hitting, or wounding others, and anything else conducive to the destruction of anyone's life.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord God we confess that we are murderers. Our thoughts and words betray hearts filled with hatred and malice. Forgive us for our thoughts of revenge, short tempers, and long-held grudges. Teach us to love and value the lives of others, especially those who look, think, and act differently than we do. Wash away our sins by the righteous blood of Jesus. Enable us, through his matchless act of love, to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

What Child Is This

READING FOR CHRIST'S FIRST ADVENT

love one another.

Deacon Mark Poovey

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastor David Rogers

WORSHIPPING BY GIVING

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

◆ Life*Change* Offering

(Please bring your LIFEChange to the front after the offering plate has passed your row.)

♦ Birthday Month Prayer (Pastor Rogers will be available in the front to pray with those who have a December birthday.)

♦ Offertory Astraios

* 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

Hymn 211 (vv. 1-4)

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

* SCRIPTURE READING

Elder David Schlimme Page 968 in the pew Bible

2 Corinthians 8:16-24

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

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

Rev. David Rogers

"What Are You Aiming At?"

* RESPONDING IN SONG

saints. Amen.

Hymn 195 (vv. 1-4)

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

* BENEDICTION

1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

PASTOR: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his

POSTLUDE

Astraios

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

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.

^{*} Congregation Please Stand

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 8:16-24

¹⁶ But thanks be to God, who put into the heart of Titus the same earnest care I have for you. 17 For he not only accepted our appeal, but being himself very earnest he is going to you of his own accord. 18 With him we are sending the brother who is famous among all the churches for his preaching of the gospel. ¹⁹ And not only that, but he has been appointed by the churches to travel with us as we carry out this act of grace that is being ministered by us, for the glory of the Lord himself and to show our good will. ²⁰ We take this course so that no one should blame us about this generous gift that is being administered by us, ²¹ for we aim at what is honorable not only in the Lord's sight but also in the sight of man. ²² And with them we are sending our brother whom we have often tested and found earnest in many matters, but who is now more earnest than ever because of his great confidence in you. ²³ As for Titus, he is my partner and fellow worker for your benefit. And as for our brothers, they are messengers of the churches, the glory of Christ. ²⁴ So give proof before the churches of your love and of our boasting about you to these men.

SERMON NOTES

FITLE: "What Are You Aiming At?" FEXT: 2 Corinthians 8:16-24	Page 968 in the pew Bible
Next Week:	

Sunday School

West Africa Trip Report

Pastor Rogers and Elder Joel Aguilar will report on their recent trip to West Africa to visit missionaries Ian and Heather Jones during the Adult Sunday School class next Sunday, December 22nd. Please make it a priority to attend this important presentation.

Worship

Text: 2 Corinthians 9:1-15 Preacher: Rev. David Rogers

ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TUESDAY 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study—Fellowship Hall Ensemble Rehearsal—Sanctuary 7:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY Wednesday Night Prayer—Admin Rm 103 7:00 p.m. SATURDAY Mubita-Kotak Wedding & Reception—TNPC 2:00 p.m.

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

WORSHIP SERVICE

WE WELCOME BACK — Members of Astraios Chamber Music to our worship service this morning. ACM is a group of trained classical musicians based in Frisco, Texas. They are dedicated to introducing people of all backgrounds and experiences to classical music through interactive programming. To find out more, go to https://www.astraiosmusic.org.

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 Aba Ferguson to the glory of God, in celebration of Aba's birthday, and in honor of her best friend, Lily Rogers.

LIFEChange Offering — Supports our missions efforts. Please hold your LIFE Change offering and bring it forward during the offertory. If you did

not bring your LIFEChange bank today, please put your check marked LIFEChange in the offering next Sunday.

UPCOMING EVENTS

LAST CALL to order Poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary for Christmas! Questions?—See Judy Dawson.

Wednesday Night Prayer 7pm Prayer Room

Visitors Lunch oup, Stew & Chili January 5

Fellowship Hall following Worship Bring a delicious dish to share.

ANNUAL MEETING AND OFFICER ELECTION

The annual congregational meeting of Town North Presbyterian Church will be held

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15 7:00 P.M. SANCTUARY

Childcare will be provided.

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 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 8, 2019 (Our fiscal year starts July 1 and ends June 30)

General Fund Income \$ 314,179 Designated Giving \$ 55,243 Total Expenses \$ 353,733 Net Surplus or (Deficit) \$ 15,689 Give to TNPC using **PayPal**

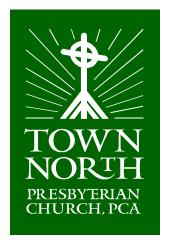
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The Week's Order of THE LORD'S DAY

December 15, 2019 10:30 A.M. THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

REFLECTION

"Men are afraid to have good thoughts of God. They think it is a boldness to eye God as good, gracious, tender, kind, loving. I speak of saints. They can judge Him hard, austere, severe, almost implacable, and fierce (the very worst affections of the very worst of men, and most hated by God). Is not this soul-deceit from Satan? Was it not His design from the beginning to inject such thoughts of God? Assure yourself, then, there is nothing more acceptable to the Father than for us to keep up our hearts unto Him as the eternal fountain of all that rich grace which flows out to sinners in the blood of Jesus."

-John Owen, The Works of John Owen, vol. 2, Banner of Truth Trust, p. 35.

PRELUDE

Astraios

(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