

Come, People of the Risen King

Come, people of the Risen King,
who delight to bring him praise;
come all and tune your hearts to sing
to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
we will lift our eyes to him,
where steady arms of mercy reach
to gather children in.

Chorus

Rejoice, rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice;
O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun,
and those weeping through the night;
come, those who tell of battles won,
and those struggling in the fight.
For his perfect love will never change,
and his mercies never cease,
but follow us through all our days
with the certain hope of peace.

Come, young and old from ev'ry land—
men and women of the faith;
come those with full or empty hands—
find the riches of his grace.
Over all the world, his people sing—
shore to shore we hear them call
the truth that cries through ev'ry age:
“Our God is all in all!”

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN *from Westminster Larger Catechism
Q&A 143, 145 (Modern English Version)*

PASTOR: What is the ninth commandment?

ALL: **The ninth commandment is: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**

PASTOR: What particular sins does the ninth commandment forbid?

ALL: **The ninth commandment forbids everything detrimental to the truth and the good reputation of others as well as our own ...**

**Also forbidden are:
saying anything untrue, as well as lying, slandering,
backbiting, belittling, gossiping, whispering,
ridiculing, reviling, and expressing any kind of
judgmental opinion that is rash, harsh, or
prejudiced; misconstruing intentions, words, and
actions ...**

**... being envious of or grieved by the deserved
honors others receive, trying to discredit those
honors, and rejoicing at someone else's disgrace or
evil reputation ...**

... and, finally, failing to promote everyone's good name, and doing, not avoiding, or not hindering in others, as we can, those things that give people a bad name.

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 *Romans 5:6-8*

PASTOR: For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

* SONG OF RESPONSE

Ensemble & Congregation

I Will Glory in My Redeemer

I will glory in my Redeemer,
whose priceless blood has ransomed me.
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails,
and hung Him on that judgment tree.
I will glory in my Redeemer,
who crushed the power of sin and death.
My only Savior before the Holy Judge:
the Lamb who is my righteousness,
the Lamb who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer.
My life he bought, my love he owns.
I have no longings for another,
I'm satisfied in him alone.
I will glory in my Redeemer,
his faithfulness my standing place.
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me,
my feet are firm, held by his grace,
my feet are firm held by his grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer,
who carries me on eagle's wings.
He crowns my life with loving kindness,
his triumph song I'll ever sing.
I will glory in my Redeemer,
who waits for me at gates of gold.
And when he calls me it will be paradise,
his face forever to behold,
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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

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

Hymn 642 (vv. 1-5)

Be Thou My Vision

* SCRIPTURE READING

Elder David Hitt
Page 839 in the pew Bible

Mark 4:10-12, 21-25, 33-34

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

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

Rev. David Rogers

“Why Parables?”

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 455 (vv. 1-5)

And Can It Be That I Should Gain

* BENEDICTION

Ephesians 3:20-21

PASTOR: Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. 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

Mark 4:10-12, 21-25, 33-34

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.'"

²¹ And he said to them, "Is a lamp brought in to be put under a basket, or under a bed, and not on a stand? ²² For nothing is hidden except to be made manifest; nor is anything secret except to come to light. ²³ If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear." ²⁴ And he said to them, "Pay attention to what you hear: with the measure you use, it will be measured to you, and still more will be added to you. ²⁵ For to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away."

³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. ³⁴ He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

SERMON NOTES

TITLE: "Why Parables?"

TEXT: Mark 4:10-12, 21-25, 33-34

Page 839 in the pew Bible

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

Next Week:

Text: Mark 4:1-9, 13-20

Preacher: Rev. David Rogers

ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY	Covenant Clubhouse— <i>Fellowship Hall</i> Town North Teens— <i>Admin, Youth Rm</i>	5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.
TUESDAY	Men's Bible Study— <i>Fellowship Hall</i> Ensemble Rehearsal— <i>Sanctuary</i> Deacons Meeting— <i>Admin Conf Rm</i>	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	Annual Congregational Meeting— <i>Sanctuary</i>	7:00 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.*

LIFEChange 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

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.

Getting to the Other Side of Grief

A Class on Grief and Recovery

To help those undergoing grief or preparing for grief TNPC will be holding a Sunday School class led by John Dishman to begin January 19. If interested in attending, please contact Dave at dschlimme@raymondconstruction.com or 214-202-7727; and for class content, John at jmdishman@gmail.com or 469-733-3239.

Missionary Visit

MTW missionary Hatem B. will be visiting us next Sunday, January 19th.

He will lead the adult Sunday School class and join us for worship.

Ladies Spring Study on Daniel will begin Tuesday, January 21, with morning and evening sessions. Sign up in the narthex or email: Bonlee_rawley@hotmail.com.

Fiscal Year 2020

Totals through January 5, 2020

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

General Fund Income	\$ 426,034
Designated Giving	\$ 73,011
Total Expenses	\$ 415,638
Net Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ 83,407

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

January 12, 2020 10:30 A.M.

REFLECTION

"[Concerning those who hear parables and do not belong to the Kingdom of God...] Though they know the words in which that kingdom is revealed, they know not the thing itself. As a man hearing a parable in his mother tongue, understands the grammatical sense of the words, yet does not perceive the thing itself, wrapped up in the parable."

-Thomas Boston, *Mystery of Christ's Kingdom Known to Believers, Works of Thomas Boston, vol. 4, p. 226.*

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 Imad Aubrey

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 86:8-12

PASTOR: There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

PEOPLE: All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

PASTOR: For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

PEOPLE: Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

ALL: I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.

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