

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 96:1-3

PASTOR: Oh sing to the LORD a new song;

PEOPLE: **sing to the LORD, all the earth!**

PASTOR: Sing to the LORD, bless his name;

PEOPLE: **tell of his salvation from day to day.**

PASTOR: Declare his glory among the nations,

PEOPLE: **his marvelous works among all the peoples!**

* HYMN OF PRAISE

Congregation

God of Grace and God of Glory

God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power;
crown your ancient church's story,
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Cure your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN *from Westminster Larger Catechism
Q&A 140 & 142 (Modern English Version)*

PASTOR: What is the eighth commandment?

ALL: **The eighth commandment is: You shall not steal.**

PASTOR: What particular sins does the eighth commandment forbid?

ALL: **The eighth commandment forbids ... avarice; excessive attachment to or display of our worldly goods; allowing ourselves to become distracted from trusting God in the way that we acquire, maintain, and use worldly goods; envying the prosperity of others; and also laziness, extravagance, wasteful gambling, and all the other ways that needlessly jeopardize our money and possessions and defraud ourselves of the use and comfort of the things God has given us.**

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

Rom 8:32, 38-39

PASTOR: He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

* HYMN OF AFFIRMATION

Hymn 55 (vv. 1-3)

To God Be the Glory

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Elder David Schlimme

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

Ensemble & Congregation

Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
breathe new life into my willing soul;
bring the presence of the risen Lord,
to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your Word to come alive in me;
give me faith for what I cannot see.
Give me passion for your purity;
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within;
may your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least;
gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace;
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
giving life to all that God has made.
Show your power once again on earth,
cause your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;
lead us on the road of sacrifice,
that in unity the face of Christ.

* SCRIPTURE READING

*Elder David Schlimme
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2 Peter 3:18

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

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

Hamid, Pastoral Intern

"The Last Words for the Last Week"

* RESPONDING IN SONG

Ensemble & Congregation

In Christ Alone

(See insert)

* BENEDICTION

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

PASTOR: Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word. 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

2 Peter 3:18

18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

SERMON NOTES

TITLE: "The Last Words for the Last Week"

TEXT: 2 Peter 3:18

Page 1020 in the pew Bible

Lined area for sermon notes.

Next Week:
Text: John 2:1-11
Preacher: Rev. Imad Aubrey

ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY New Year's Day—Church Office Closed

Have a Blessed New Year!

SATURDAY Women's Prayer Team Meeting—Admin Rm103 10:00 a.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.

THE FLOWERS TODAY — Are given by John & Kevin Dishman with thanksgiving to the Lord for his mercies and grace, and in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

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.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Visitors Lunch
Soup, Stew & Chili
Next Sunday, January 5
Fellowship Hall following Worship
Bring a delicious dish to share.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1
NEW YEAR'S DAY!

Session Meeting
Tuesday, January 7
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)

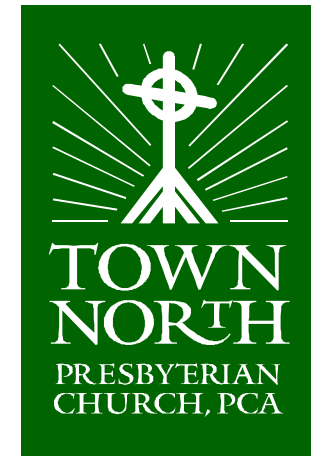
ANNUAL MEETING AND OFFICER ELECTION
The annual congregational meeting of Town North Presbyterian Church will be held
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15 7:00 P.M. SANCTUARY
Childcare will be provided.

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 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.

Table with financial data for Fiscal Year 2020 (Totals through December 22, 2019): General Fund Income \$342,991, Designated Giving \$63,686, Total Expenses \$388,910, Net Surplus or (Deficit) \$17,767.

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



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

December 29, 2019 10:30 A.M.

REFLECTION

"But you will remark that our text does not say anything about grace growing; it does not say that grace grows. It tells us to 'grow in grace.' There is a vast difference between grace growing and our growing in grace. God's grace never increases; it is always infinite, so it cannot be more; it is always everlasting; it is always bottomless; it is always shoreless. It cannot be more; and, in the nature of God, it could not be less. The text tells us to 'grow in grace.' We are in the sea of God's grace; we cannot be in a deeper sea, but let us grow now we are in it."

-The Complete Works of C. H. Spurgeon, Volume 46: Sermons 2603-2655.

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