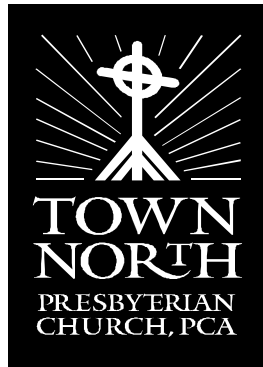


*Town North is a community of disciples
making disciples of Jesus.*



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

September 13, 2020 10:30 A.M.

REFLECTION

“When Paul preached “the cross” he preached a message which explained that this instrument of rejection had been used by God as His instrument of reconciliation. Man’s means of bringing death to Jesus was God’s means to bring life to the world. Man’s symbol of rejecting Christ was God’s symbol of forgiveness for man. This is why Paul boasted about the cross!”

- Sinclair Ferguson, *Grow in Grace*, Banner of Truth, Carlisle, PA. 1989, p. 55.

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 Andrew Cies

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 34:1-3; 10:3; Galatians 6:14

PASTOR: I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**PEOPLE: My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.**

PASTOR: For the wicked boasts of the desires of his soul,
and the one greedy for gain curses and renounces the LORD.

**PEOPLE: But far be it from me to boast
except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
by which the world has been crucified to me,
and I to the world.**

**ALL: Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together!**

* HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn 164 (vv 1-6)

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace.

2 My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.

3 Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.

4 He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin,
he sets the pris'ner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean,
his blood availed for me.

5 He speaks and, list'ning to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
the humble poor believe.

6 Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosen'd tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come;
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

1 Corinthians 1:18

PASTOR: For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ALL: O Lord Most High, we confess that we have lived as though the word of the cross is folly. We have looked to our own riches, reputation, and righteousness for validation instead of Christ's perfect life, death, and resurrection. We have tried to cleanse our sins through our own efforts rather than receiving forgiveness through his blood.
Forgive us, we pray. Through your Spirit, show us the power of your gospel as you cleanse our sin and conform us to the image of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

Galatians 3:13-14

PASTOR: Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”—so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles.

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn 257 (vv 1-4)

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,
see him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ by man rejected;
yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he!
'Tis the long-expected Prophet,
David's Son, yet David's Lord;
by his Son God now has spoken:
'tis the true and faithful Word.

Tell me, ye who hear him groaning,
was there ever grief like his?
Friends thro' fear his cause disowning,
foes insulting his distress;
many hands were raised to wound him,
none would interpose to save;
but the deepest stroke that pierced him
was the stroke that Justice gave.

Ye who think of sin but lightly
nor suppose the evil great
here may view its nature rightly,
here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed,
see who bears the awful load;
'tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed,
Son of Man and Son of God.

Here we have a firm foundation,
here the refuge of the lost;
Christ's the Rock of our salvation,
his the name of which we boast.
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded,
sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded
who on him their hope have built.

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastor David Rogers

* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn 252 (vv 1-4)

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ, my God:
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down:
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Galatians 6:11-18

See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand.

¹² It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who would force you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³ For even those who are circumcised do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. ¹⁴ But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. ¹⁶ And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

¹⁷ From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

¹⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

Rev. David Rogers

“What Christ’s Cross Means for the Christian”

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.)*

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found;
he is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied;
for ev'ry sin on him was laid—
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain;
then bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am his and he is mine—
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—
this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns or calls me home—
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

* BENEDICTION

Galatians 6:18

PASTOR: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Lynna Harbison

SERMON NOTES

*“What Christ’s Cross Means for the Christian”
Galatians 6:11-18*

Next Week:
Text: Judges 2:6-10
Preacher: Rev. David Rogers

ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY	Sunday Worship Service —Sanctuary & by Livestream TNT Youth Group Meeting —TNPC Outside	10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
TUESDAY	Ladies Morning Study —by Zoom Conference Deacons Meeting Ladies Evening Study —CE Rm 201 & by Zoom Conference	9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	Wednesday Night Prayer —by Zoom Conference	7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY	Men’s Bible study —by Zoom Conference	6:30 p.m.

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

WORSHIP SERVICE

SANCTUARY (PUBLIC) AND BY LIVESTREAM

ACCESS: 1. Go to the Town North web site: www.tnpc.org
2. Click on the link that says: **“View Livestream Worship”**

{PUBLIC SERVICE OBSERVING COMMUNITY DISEASE (CORONAVIRUS) CONTROL GUIDELINES}

LIFEChange OFFERING — This special offering for our missionaries will be collected next Sunday. You may mail your check or make your donation via *PayPal*, specified “LIFEChange”.

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

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT
PRAYER
7:00 PM – BY ZOOM**

TNPC Ladies’ Fall Bible Study

The 1-2 Timothy and Titus study continues each Tuesday at
6:30 pm in CE 200 and via Zoom each Tuesday
at 9:30 am and at 6:30 pm. Email Bonlee for more info:
bonlee_rawley@hotmail.com

Disciple Groups, Life-on-Life, Bible Studies,
and other small groups are meeting
by Zoom conferencing or in homes
at leader & group discretion.

The following ministry activities
are **CANCELLED** for the weeks
to come until further notice:

- **Children’s Sunday School**
- **Youth Sunday School**
- **Adult Sunday School
& Inquirer’s Class**
- **Communicants Class**
- **Covenant Clubhouse**
- **Choir & Ensemble practices**
- **Visitors Lunch & Kid’s Lunch**
- **On-campus Bible Studies
& Prayer Teams**
- **Evening Lord’s Supper services**

Fiscal Year 2021

Totals through September 6, 2020

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

General Fund Income	\$ 119,802
Designated Giving	\$ 23,600
Total Expenses	\$ 146,970
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