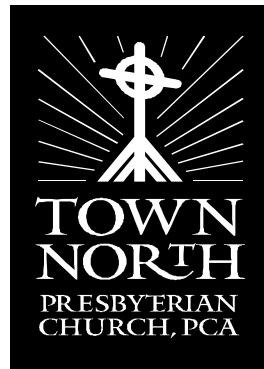


*Town North is a community of disciples  
making disciples of Jesus.*



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

*September 27, 2020 10:30 A.M.*

REFLECTION

**“I myself have now been preaching and cultivating it through reading and writing for almost twenty years and still I feel the old clinging dirt of wanting to deal so with God that I may contribute something, so that he will have to give me his grace in exchange for my holiness. And still I cannot get it into my head that I should surrender myself completely to sheer grace; yet this is what I should and must do. The mercy seat alone must prevail and remain, because he himself has established it; otherwise no man can come before God.”**

- Martin Luther, *Luther's works*, vol. 51: Sermons I. (J. J. Pelikan, H. C. Oswald, and H. T. Lehmann, Eds.) (Vol. 51, pp. 284–285). Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1999.

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 David Rogers*

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 118*

PASTOR: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

**PEOPLE: for his steadfast love endures forever!**

PASTOR: The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.

**PEOPLE: This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

PASTOR: This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**PEOPLE: Save us, we pray, O LORD!  
O LORD, we pray, give us success!**

PASTOR: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

**PEOPLE: We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

**ALL: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE

*Hymn 53 (vv 1-5)*

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,  
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
ponder anew what the Almighty will do,  
if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,  
decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.  
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,  
spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen, sound from his people again;  
gladly fore'er we adore him.

\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

*Congregation*

***Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy***

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,  
weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus ready stands to save you,  
full of pity, love, and pow'r.

**Chorus**

I will rise and go to Jesus!  
He will embrace me in his arms.  
In the arms of my dear Savior,  
oh, there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome,  
God's free bounty glorify;  
true belief and true repentance,  
ev'ry grace that brings you nigh.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,  
lost and ruined by the fall;  
if you tarry till you're better,  
you will never come at all.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended;  
pleads the merit of his blood.  
Venture on him; venture wholly,  
let no other trust intrude.

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.

\* CONFESSION OF FAITH

*Canons of Dort – Fifth Doctrine*

*Article 8: The Certainty of This Preservation (Modern English Version)*

**ALL:** So it is not by their own merits or strength but by God's undeserved mercy that [Christians] neither forfeit faith and grace totally nor remain in their downfalls to the end and are lost. With respect to themselves this not only easily could happen, but also undoubtedly would happen; but with respect to God it cannot possibly happen. God's plan cannot be changed; God's promise cannot fail; the calling according to God's purpose cannot be revoked; the merit of Christ as well as his interceding and preserving cannot be nullified; and the sealing of the Holy Spirit can neither be invalidated nor wiped out.

\* SONG OF REFLECTION

*Congregation*

***He Will Hold Me Fast***

When I fear my faith will fail,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
when the tempter would prevail,  
he will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold  
through life's fearful path;  
for my love is often cold;  
he must hold me fast.

**Chorus**

He will hold me fast,  
he will hold me fast;  
for my Savior loves me so,  
he will hold me fast.

Those he saves are his delight,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
precious in his holy sight,  
he will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost;  
his promises shall last;  
bought by him at such a cost,  
he will hold me fast.

For my life he bled and died,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
justice has been satisfied;  
he will hold me fast.  
Raised with him to endless life,  
he will hold me fast  
'till our faith is turned to sight,  
when he comes at last!

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*Pastor David Rogers*

\* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

*Hymn 642 (vv 1-5)*

***Be Thou My Vision***

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art—  
thou my best thought by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father, I thy true son;  
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;  
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,  
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r:  
raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

***Judges 2:16-23***

Then the LORD raised up judges, who saved them out of the hand of those who plundered them. <sup>17</sup> Yet they did not listen to their judges, for they whored after other gods and bowed down to them. They soon turned aside from the way in which their fathers had walked, who had obeyed the commandments of the LORD, and they did not do so.

<sup>18</sup> Whenever the LORD raised up judges for them, the LORD was with the judge, and he saved them from the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge. For the LORD was moved to pity by their groaning because of those who afflicted and oppressed them. <sup>19</sup> But whenever the judge died, they turned back and were more corrupt than their fathers, going after other gods, serving them and bowing down to them. They did not drop any of their practices or their stubborn ways. <sup>20</sup> So the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he said, "Because this people have transgressed my covenant that I commanded their fathers and have not obeyed my voice, <sup>21</sup> I will no longer drive out before them any of the nations that Joshua left when he died, <sup>22</sup> in order to test Israel by them, whether they will take care to walk in the way of the LORD as their fathers did, or not." <sup>23</sup> So the LORD left those nations, not driving them out quickly, and he did not give them into the hand of Joshua.

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

*Rev. David Rogers*

***"Hope for Habitual Offenders"***

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.)*

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

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| <p>1 Hail to the Lord's Anointed,<br/>great David's greater Son!<br/>Hail, in the time appointed,<br/>his reign on earth begun!<br/>He comes to break oppression,<br/>to set the captive free,<br/>to take away transgression,<br/>and rule in equity.</p> <p>2 He comes with comfort speedy<br/>to those who suffer wrong;<br/>to help the poor and needy,<br/>and bid the weak be strong;<br/>to give them songs for sighing,<br/>their darkness turn to light,<br/>whose souls, condemned and dying,<br/>are precious in his sight.</p> | <p>3 He shall come down like showers<br/>upon the fruitful earth;<br/>and love, joy, hope, like flowers,<br/>spring in his path to birth;<br/>before him on the mountains<br/>shall peace, the herald, go;<br/>and righteousness, in fountains,<br/>from hill to valley flow.</p> <p>4 O'er ev'ry foe victorious,<br/>he on his throne shall rest,<br/>from age to age more glorious,<br/>all-blessing and all-blessed;<br/>the tide of time shall never<br/>his covenant remove;<br/>his name shall stand forever—<br/>that name to us is Love.</p> |
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\* BENEDICTION

*Romans 8:38-39*

PASTOR: 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. Amen.

POSTLUDE

*Lynna Harbison*

**SERMON NOTES**

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*“Hope for Habitual Offenders”*  
*Judges 2:16-23*

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***Next Week:***  
*Text: Judges 3:1-11*  
Preacher: Rev. David Rogers

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## ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>Sunday Worship Service</b> — <i>Sanctuary &amp; by Livestream</i>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
	<b>Officers' Prayer for Congregation</b> — <i>Zoom &amp; FH</i>	<b>12:15 p.m.</b>
	<b>TNT Youth Group Meeting</b> — <i>TNPC Outside</i>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Ladies Morning Study</b> — <i>by Zoom Conference</i>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
	<b>Ladies Evening Study</b> — <i>CE Rm 201 &amp; by Zoom Conference</i>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Wednesday Night Prayer</b> — <i>by Zoom Conference</i>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Men's Bible study</b> — <i>by Zoom Conference</i>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>

*Church activity calendar is available on-line at [www.tnpc.org/events](http://www.tnpc.org/events).*

### WORSHIP SERVICE

#### SANCTUARY (PUBLIC) AND BY LIVESTREAM

**ACCESS:** 1. Go to the Town North web site: [www.tnpc.org](http://www.tnpc.org)  
 2. Click on the link that says: "View Livestream Worship"

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

**LIFEChange OFFERING** — Last week's total LIFEChange was \$ 765.00. Thanks be to God! If you did not give your LIFEChange last 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](mailto: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
- Most On-campus Bible Studies & Prayer Teams
- Evening Lord's Supper services

#### **Fiscal Year 2021**

Totals through September 20, 2020  
 (Our fiscal year starts July 1 and ends June 30)

General Fund Income	\$ 146,724
Designated Giving	\$ 27,705
Total Expenses	\$ 194,503
Net Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ (20,074)

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