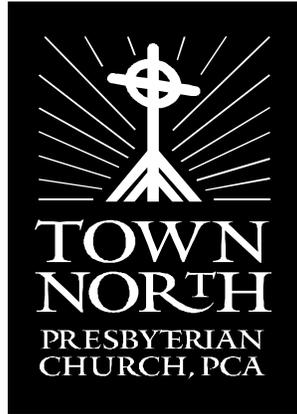


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making disciples of Jesus.*



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

*November 29, 2020 10:30 A.M.
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

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 FOR ADVENT

The Olles Family

Isaiah 40:1-5

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that her warfare is ended,
that her iniquity is pardoned,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

A voice cries:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.
And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

John 1:14

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as
of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

* HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn 194 (vv 1-5)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.

O come, thou Rod of Jesse,
free thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

O come, thou Dayspring from on high,
and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.

O come, thou Key of David, come
and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Psalm 130

ALL: **Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!**
 O Lord, hear my voice!
 Let your ears be attentive
 to the voice of my pleas for mercy!
 If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
 O Lord, who could stand?
 But with you there is forgiveness,
 that you may be feared.
 I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
 and in his word I hope;
 my soul waits for the LORD
 more than watchmen for the morning,
 more than watchmen for the morning.
 O Israel, hope in the LORD!
 For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
 and with him is plentiful redemption.
 And he will redeem Israel
 from all his iniquities. 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

from Colossians 1:21-23

PASTOR: And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven...

* SONG OF RESPONSE

Ensemble & Congregation

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend;
who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?
Oh, you rescue the souls of men.

Chorus

You are the one that we praise, you are the one we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for,
oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace;
you offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way.
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving your own;
here in our weakness you find us falling before your throne.
Oh, we're falling before your throne.

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastor David Rogers

* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Ensemble & Congregation

Jesus, I Come

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.
Into thy freedom, gladness and light,
Jesus, I come to thee.
Out of my sickness into thy health,
out of my wanting and into thy wealth,
out of my sin and into thyself,
Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of thy cross,
Jesus, I come to thee.
Out of earth's sorrows into thy balm,
out of life's storms and into thy calm,
out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to thee.
Out of myself to dwell in thy love,
out of despair into raptures above,
upward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of thy home,
Jesus, I come to thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold,
into the peace of thy sheltering fold,
ever thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to thee.

* SCRIPTURE READING

Elder David Schlimme

Judges 7:9-25

That same night the LORD said to him, “Arise, go down against the camp, for I have given it into your hand. ¹⁰ But if you are afraid to go down, go down to the camp with Purah your servant. ¹¹ And you shall hear what they say, and afterward your hands shall be strengthened to go down against the camp.” Then he went down with Purah his servant to the outposts of the armed men who were in the camp. ¹² And the Midianites and the Amalekites and all the people of the East lay along the valley like locusts in abundance, and their camels were without number, as the sand that is on the seashore in abundance. ¹³ When Gideon came, behold, a man was telling a dream to his comrade. And he said, “Behold, I dreamed a dream, and behold, a cake of barley bread tumbled into the camp of Midian and came to the tent and struck it so that it fell and turned it upside down, so that the tent lay flat.” ¹⁴ And his comrade answered, “This is no other than the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel; God has given into his hand Midian and all the camp.”

¹⁵ As soon as Gideon heard the telling of the dream and its interpretation, he worshiped. And he returned to the camp of Israel and said, “Arise, for the LORD has given the host of Midian into your hand.” ¹⁶ And he divided the 300 men into three companies and put trumpets into the hands of all of them and empty jars, with torches inside the jars.

¹⁷ And he said to them, “Look at me, and do likewise. When I come to the outskirts of the camp, do as I do. ¹⁸ When I blow the trumpet, I and all who are with me, then blow the trumpets also on every side of all the camp and shout, ‘For the LORD and for Gideon.’”

¹⁹ So Gideon and the hundred men who were with him came to the outskirts of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, when they had just set the watch. And they blew the trumpets and smashed the jars that were in their hands. ²⁰ Then the three companies blew the trumpets and broke the jars. They held in their left hands the torches, and in their right hands the trumpets to blow. And they cried out, “A sword for the LORD and for Gideon!” ²¹ Every man stood in his place around the camp, and all the army ran. They cried out and fled. ²² When they blew the 300 trumpets, the LORD set every man’s sword against his comrade and against all the army. And the army fled as far as Beth-shittah toward Zererah, as far as the border of Abel-meholah, by Tabbath. ²³ And the men of Israel were called out from Naphtali and from Asher and from all Manasseh, and they pursued after Midian.

²⁴ Gideon sent messengers throughout all the hill country of Ephraim, saying, “Come down against the Midianites and capture the waters against them, as far as Beth-barah, and also the Jordan.” So all the men of Ephraim were called out, and they captured the waters as far as Beth-barah, and also the Jordan. ²⁵ And they captured the two princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb. They killed Oreb at the rock of Oreb, and Zeeb they killed at the winepress of Zeeb. Then they pursued Midian, and they brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon across the Jordan.

APPLYING GOD’S WORD

Rev. David Rogers

“The LORD’s Victory”

* RESPONDING IN SONG

Hymn 580 (vv 1-3)

Lead On, O King Eternal

Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march of has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest thy tents shall be our home:
through days of preparation thy grace has made us strong,
and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY	Worship Service—Sanctuary & by Livestream TNT Youth Group—Outside TNPC	10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
TUESDAY	Ladies Morning Study—by Zoom Conference Ladies Evening Study—CE Rm 201 & by Zoom Conference	9:30 a.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: **“Livestream Worship”**

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

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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

**Christmas
Cocoa, Cookies
and Prayer**

**December 12th
2:00 p.m.**

Women are invited for a time of fellowship and prayer to prepare our hearts for Christmas together. We will meet in the Town North courtyard weather permitting. Please bring a chair and blanket.

Please **RSVP** by Dec. 7 to
Susan Jeffery at 214-293-8983
or csiefferu@shcalohal.net

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT
PRAYER**

7:00 PM – BY ZOOM

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

JUST A REMINDER THAT ALL GIFTS AND OFFERINGS NEED TO BE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE BY END OF DAY OR POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31ST IN ORDER TO BE DEDUCTIBLE ON YOUR 2020 TAX RETURN. THESE DONATIONS WILL BE INCLUDED ON YOUR 2020 GIVING STATEMENT. UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED, ALL GIFTS WILL BE CREDITED TO THE GENERAL FUND.

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Totals through November 22, 2020 <i>(Our fiscal year starts July 1 and ends June 30)</i>	
General Fund Income	\$ 259,311
Designated Giving	\$ 51,095
Total Expenses	\$ 364,633
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