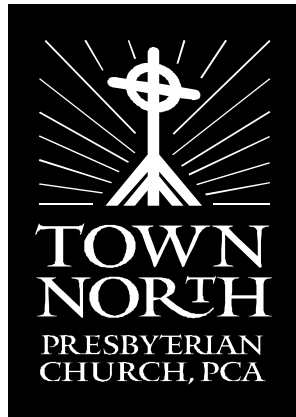


*Town North is a community of disciples
making disciples of Jesus.*



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

December 6, 2020 10:30 A.M.
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

REFLECTION

“[The virgin birth] graphically shows that salvation comes “from above” and that the source of our hope and confidence lies in the living God who entered into human history in the historical figure of Jesus Christ.”

-Donald Bloesch, Jesus Christ, Savior and Lord, 1997, InterVarsity, p. 94.

PRELUDE

Lynna Harbison

(Church elders will be available in the front to pray personally with anyone during the prelude)

ACTIVITIES & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Graham Clark, Pastoral Intern

* CALL TO WORSHIP FOR ADVENT

The Heidtman Family

Micah 5:2, 4a

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel,
whose coming forth is from of old,
from ancient days.

And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

Philippians 2:6-8, 10-11

[Jesus], though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

...so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

* HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn 196 (vv 1-4)

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art,
dear Desire of ev'ry nation,
joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee,
Dayspring from on high, appear;
come, thou promised Rod of Jesse,
of thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing
news, glad tidings of a birth:
"Go to him, your praises bringing;
Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness,
he whose glories knew no end;
by his life he brings us gladness,
our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.

Leaving riches without number,
born within a cattle stall;
this the everlasting wonder,
Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

from Mark 1:15

LEADER: The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ALL: O Lord God, we are fickle of heart. You have shown yourself to be faithful, but we have responded time and again with unfaithfulness. Though you are the source of life, we have tried to find meaning and vitality elsewhere.

Grant us true repentance and teach us to find the fullness of life in knowing you, Father, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. 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

Romans 5:1-2

LEADER: Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

* CONFESSION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism

LEADER: What is faith in Jesus Christ?

ALL: **Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.**

* SONG OF RESPONSE

Ensemble & Congregation

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high;
hide me, O my Savior hide, till life's storm is past,
safe into the haven guide, receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, I helpless hang on thee;
leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me!
All my trust on thee is stayed, all help from thee I bring;
cover my defenseless head in the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find;
raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name; I am all unrighteousness;
false and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within;
thou of life the fountain art, let me take of thee;
spring thou up within my heart, for all eternity.

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastor David Rogers

* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Ensemble & Congregation

Show Us Christ

Prepare our hearts, O God.
Help us to receive.
Break the hard and stony ground,
help our unbelief.
Plant your Word down deep in us;
cause it to bear fruit.
Open up our ears to hear,
lead us in your truth.

Chorus

Show us Christ, show us Christ.
O God, reveal your glory,
through the preaching of your Word;
until every heart confesses, "Christ is Lord!"

Your Word is living light
upon our darkened eyes.
Guards us through temptations,
makes the simple wise.
Your Word is food for famished ones,
freedom for the slave;
riches for the needy soul.
Come speak to us today.

Chorus**Bridge (x 3)**

Where else can we go, Lord?
Where else can we go?
You have the words of eternal life.

Chorus

* SCRIPTURE READING

Elder Wayne Bowman

Judges 13:1-14

And the people of Israel again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, so the LORD gave them into the hand of the Philistines for forty years.

² There was a certain man of Zorah, of the tribe of the Danites, whose name was Manoah. And his wife was barren and had no children. ³ And the angel of the LORD appeared to the woman and said to her, "Behold, you are barren and have not borne children, but you shall conceive and bear a son. ⁴ Therefore be careful and drink no wine or strong drink, and eat nothing unclean, ⁵ for behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. No razor shall come upon his head, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb, and he shall begin to save Israel from the hand of the Philistines." ⁶ Then the woman came and told her husband, "A man of God came to me, and his appearance was like the appearance of the angel of God, very awesome. I did not ask him where he was from, and he did not tell me his name, ⁷ but he said to me, 'Behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. So then drink no wine or strong drink, and eat nothing unclean, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb to the day of his death.'"

⁸ Then Manoah prayed to the LORD and said, "O Lord, please let the man of God whom you sent come again to us and teach us what we are to do with the child who will be born." ⁹ And God listened to the voice of Manoah, and the angel of God came again to the woman as she sat in the field. But Manoah her husband was not with her. ¹⁰ So the woman ran quickly and told her husband, "Behold, the man who came to me the other day has appeared to me." ¹¹ And Manoah arose and went after his wife and came to the man and said to him, "Are you the man who spoke to this woman?" And he said, "I am." ¹² And Manoah said, "Now when your words come true, what is to be the child's manner of life, and what is his mission?" ¹³ And the angel of the LORD said to Manoah, "Of all that I said to the woman let her be careful. ¹⁴ She may not eat of anything that comes from the vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, or eat any unclean thing. All that I commanded her let her observe."

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

Rev. David Rogers

"God Announces the Good News of a Birth"

* RESPONDING IN SONG

Hymn 604 (vv 1-4)

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Rejoice, ye pure in heart,
rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
your festal banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain

Rejoice, rejoice
rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

Bright youth and snow-crowned age,
strong men and maidens meek,
raise high your free, exulting song;
God's wondrous praises speak.

With all the angel choirs,
with all the saints on earth,
pour out the strains of joy and bliss,
true rapture, noblest mirth!

Yes, on through life's long path,
still chanting as ye go,
from youth to age, by night and day,
in gladness and in woe.

ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY	Worship Service— <i>Sanctuary & by Livestream</i>	10:30 a.m.
	TNT Youth Group— <i>Outside TNPC</i>	5:00 p.m.
TUESDAY	Session Meeting	6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	Wednesday Night Prayer— <i>by Zoom Conference</i>	7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY	Men's Bible Study— <i>by Zoom Conference</i>	6:30 p.m.
SATURDAY	Christmas Cocoa, Cookies, & Prayer— <i>TNPC Courtyard</i>	2:00 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}

COMMUNION — Will be celebrated next Sunday morning, December 13th. Please prepare your hearts and minds and relationships to approach the LORD's table.

THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING — "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." John 1:14

Glory and praise to our Redeemer, Savior, and King! The Clay Cox Family

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 csjeffery@sbcglobal.net*

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT
PRAYER

PLEASE JOIN US AT
7:00 PM ~ BY ZOOM

Session Meeting
Tuesday, Dec. 8

Questions or Concerns?
Please contact Pastor at
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 Totals through November 29, 2020
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General Fund Income	\$ 272,531
Designated Giving	\$ 52,598
Total Expenses	\$ 378,627
Net Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ (53,498)



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