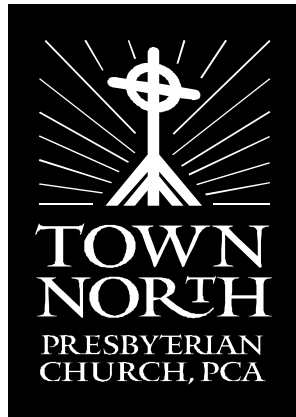


*Town North is a community of disciples
making disciples of Jesus.*



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

*December 13, 2020 10:30 A.M.
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

REFLECTION

“Beloved, there are a thousand things in this world, that are called by names that do not belong to them; but...Christ is called Wonderful, because he is so. God the Father never gave his Son a name which he did not deserve.”

-Charles Spurgeon, *His Name – Wonderful!*, Sermon #214 at the Music Hall, Royal Surrey Gardens, September 19, 1858.

PRELUDE

Lynna Harbison

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

ACTIVITIES & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Hamid, Pastoral Intern

* CALL TO WORSHIP FOR ADVENT

The Ross Family

Luke 2:10-14

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

Isaiah 9:6

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

* HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn 203 (vv 1-3)

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King;
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come,
offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail th'incarnate Deity,
pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth,
born to give them second birth.

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

James 4:4

LEADER: You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Psalm 51:1-4, 9-12

**ALL: Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment.
Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit. 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, 10

LEADER: Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ... For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn 455 (vv 1, 3, 5)

And Can It Be

¹
And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me?

Refrain

Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me!

²
He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me.

³
No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastor David Rogers

* LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

Every Promise

From the breaking of the dawn to the setting of the sun,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.
Words of power, strong to save, that will never pass away,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.
For your covenant is sure,
and on this I am secure—
I can stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.

When I stumble and I sin, condemnation pressing in,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.
You are faithful to forgive that in freedom I might live,
so I stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.
Guilt to innocence restored,
you remember sins no more—
so I'll stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.

When I'm faced with anguished choice, I will listen for your voice,
and I'll stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.
Through this dark and troubled land
you will guide me with your hand
as I stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.
And you've promised to complete
ev'ry work begun in me—
so I'll stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.

Hope that lifts me from despair, love that casts out ev'ry fear,
as I stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.
Not forsaken, not alone, for the Comforter has come,
and I stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.
Grace sufficient, grace for me,
grace for all who will believe—
we will stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.

Judges 13:15-25

¹⁵ Manoah said to the angel of the LORD, “Please let us detain you and prepare a young goat for you.” ¹⁶ And the angel of the LORD said to Manoah, “If you detain me, I will not eat of your food. But if you prepare a burnt offering, then offer it to the LORD.” (For Manoah did not know that he was the angel of the LORD.) ¹⁷ And Manoah said to the angel of the LORD, “What is your name, so that, when your words come true, we may honor you?” ¹⁸ And the angel of the LORD said to him, “Why do you ask my name, seeing it is wonderful?” ¹⁹ So Manoah took the young goat with the grain offering, and offered it on the rock to the LORD, to the one who works wonders, and Manoah and his wife were watching. ²⁰ And when the flame went up toward heaven from the altar, the angel of the LORD went up in the flame of the altar. Now Manoah and his wife were watching, and they fell on their faces to the ground.

²¹ The angel of the LORD appeared no more to Manoah and to his wife. Then Manoah knew that he was the angel of the LORD. ²² And Manoah said to his wife, “We shall surely die, for we have seen God.” ²³ But his wife said to him, “If the LORD had meant to kill us, he would not have accepted a burnt offering and a grain offering at our hands, or shown us all these things, or now announced to us such things as these.” ²⁴ And the woman bore a son and called his name Samson. And the young man grew, and the LORD blessed him. ²⁵ And the Spirit of the LORD began to stir him in Mahaneh-dan, between Zorah and Eshtaol.

APPLYING GOD’S WORD

Rev. David Rogers

“His Name Is Wonderful”

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.)*

Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in his hands?
Who has numbered ev'ry grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at his voice.
All creation rises to rejoice.

Chorus

Behold our God, seated on his throne.
Come, let us adore him!
Behold our King, nothing can compare.
Come, let us adore him!

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of his words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?

Chorus

Who has felt the nails upon his hands,
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal humbled to the grave,
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

Chorus

Bridge (x 3)

Men: You will reign forever.

Women: Let your glory fill the earth.

Men: You will reign forever.

Women: Let your glory fill the earth.

Chorus

* BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26 (NIV)

PASTOR: The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Lynna Harbison

SERMON NOTES

“His Name Is Wonderful”

Judges 13:15-25

Next Week:

Text: Luke 2:8-11

Preacher: Rev. David Rogers

ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY	Worship Service— <i>Sanctuary & by Livestream</i>	10:30 a.m.
	TNT Youth Christmas Card Delivery— <i>Fellowship Hall</i>	1:00 p.m.
TUESDAY	Deacons Meeting	7:00 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	TNT Youth Christmas Party— <i>TNPC</i>	7:00 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}

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

Holiday Season Schedule

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Thurs, Dec 24
6:00pm Sanctuary & Livestreaming

No Sunday School Dec 27 & Jan 3

Church Office Closed . . Christmas Eve, Christmas Day,
New Year's Day (Thurs-Fri, Dec 24-25; & Fri, Jan 1)



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

If you would like to provide flowers for Sunday worship, please sign up on the [2021 Sunday Flower Calendar](#) in the narthex. The arrangements are \$55. If you have any questions, please see or call Judy Dawson (214-384-9729). Thank you for participating in this ministry.

Fiscal Year 2021	
Totals through December 6, 2020	
<i>(Our fiscal year starts July 1 and ends June 30)</i>	
General Fund Income	\$ 656,533
Designated Giving	\$ 52,105
Total Expenses	\$ 382,507
Net Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ 326,131

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