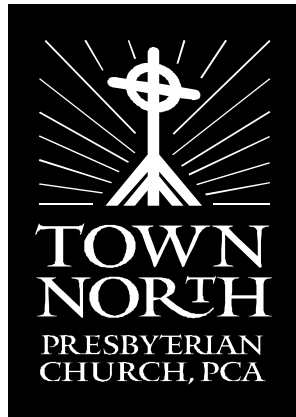


*Town North is a community of disciples  
making disciples of Jesus.*



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

*December 20, 2020 10:30 A.M.  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

REFLECTION

***“If we’re to share Christ, we need first to love Christ!”***

-Rico Tice, *Honest Evangelism: How to talk about Jesus even when it’s tough*, The Good Book Company, UK, 2015, p. 46.

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 FOR ADVENT

*The Olles Family*

***Luke 2:15-20***

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

\* HYMN OF PRAISE

*Ensemble*

***Creation Sings the Father's Song***

<sup>1</sup>  
Creation sings the Father's song;  
he calls the sun to wake the dawn  
and run the course of day  
till evening falls in crimson rays.  
His fingerprints in flakes of snow,  
his breath upon this spinning globe,  
he charts the eagle's flight;  
commands the newborn baby's cry.

**Chorus**

Hallelujah!  
Let all creation stand and sing,  
"Hallelujah!"  
Fill the earth with songs of worship;  
Tell the wonders of creation's King.

<sup>2</sup>  
Creation gazed upon his face;  
the Ageless One in time's embrace  
unveiled the Father's plan  
of reconciling God and man.  
A second Adam walked the earth,  
whose blameless life would break the curse,  
whose death would set us free  
to live with him eternally.

**Chorus**

<sup>3</sup>  
Creation longs for his return,  
when Christ shall reign upon the earth;  
the bitter wars that rage  
are birth pains of a coming age.  
When he renews the land and sky,  
all heav'n will sing and earth reply  
with one resplendent theme:  
the glories of our God and King!

**Chorus (x2)**

\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

*Philippians 4:4*

PASTOR: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.

## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

**ALL:** Lord God, we confess that we are not the joyful people that you have called us to be. Fears and anxieties consume us. The brokenness of ourselves and our world eclipses our hope in your saving work.

**In this Advent season, show us again the joy of your gospel. By your grace cause the Light of the World to shine in our hearts that we would live in the joy of his perfect work, now and forevermore. 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

*Hebrews 12:1-2*

**PASTOR:** Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

## \* SONG OF RESPONSE

*Ensemble & Congregation*

### ***Come, People of the Risen King***

Come, people of the Risen King,  
who delight to bring him praise;  
come all and tune your hearts to sing  
to the Morning Star of grace.  
From the shifting shadows of the earth  
we will lift our eyes to him,  
where steady arms of mercy reach  
to gather children in.

### **Chorus**

Rejoice, rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice;  
O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun,  
and those weeping through the night;  
come, those who tell of battles won,  
and those struggling in the fight.  
For his perfect love will never change,  
and his mercies never cease,  
but follow us through all our days  
with the certain hope of peace.

Come, young and old from ev'ry land—  
men and women of the faith;  
come those with full or empty hands—  
find the riches of his grace.  
Over all the world, his people sing—  
shore to shore we hear them call  
the truth that cries through ev'ry age:  
“Our God is all in all!”

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*Pastor David Rogers*

\* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

*Hymn 218 (vv 1-5)*

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

<sup>1</sup>  
Angels, from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
ye who sang creation's story,  
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

**Refrain**

Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn King.

<sup>2</sup>  
Shepherds in the fields abiding,  
watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with man is now residing,  
yonder shines the infant Light:

<sup>3</sup>  
Sages, leave your contemplations,  
brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great Desire of nations;  
ye have seen his natal star:

<sup>4</sup>  
Saints before the altar bending,  
watching long in hope and fear,  
suddenly the Lord, descending,  
in his temple shall appear:

<sup>5</sup>  
All creation, join in praising  
God the Father, Spirit, Son;  
evermore your voices raising  
to th'eternal Three in One:

***Luke 2:8-11***

<sup>8</sup>And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

APPLYING GOD’S WORD

*Rev. David Rogers*

***“What Can Give You Courage for Evangelism?”***

\* RESPONDING IN SONG

*Hymn 195 (vv 1-4)*

***Joy to the Word! The Lord Is Come***

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:  
let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heav’n and nature sing,  
and heav’n and nature sing,  
and heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns:  
let men their songs employ;  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

\* BENEDICTION

*Jude 1:24-25 (NIV)*

PASTOR: To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

POSTLUDE

*Lynna Harbison*

Ensemble music: CCLI#89171 Unless otherwise noted, all scripture quotations are from the English Standard Version of the Bible.

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## SERMON NOTES

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***“What Can Give You Courage for Evangelism?” Luke 2:8-11***

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***Next Week:***

*Text: Matthew 24*

*Preacher: Rev. Imad Aubrey*

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## ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

<b>SUNDAY</b>	Worship Service— <i>Sanctuary &amp; by Livestream</i>	10:30 a.m.
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Wednesday Night Prayer— <i>by Zoom Conference</i>	7:00 p.m.
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Church Office Closed— <i>Christmas Extended Holiday</i>	
	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service— <i>Sanctuary &amp; by Livestream</i>	6:00 p.m.
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Church Office Closed— <i>Christmas Day!</i>	

*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: **“Livestream Worship”**

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

**COMMUNION** — Will be celebrated next Sunday morning, December 27th. Please prepare your hearts and minds and relationships to approach the LORD’s table.

**THE FLOWERS** — This morning are given by Aba Ferguson with thanksgiving to the Lord for her birthday and her good friend, Lily Rogers.

**LIFEChange OFFERING** — This special offering for our missionaries is being collected today.

You may mail your check or make your donation via *PCAF* or *PayPal*, specified “LIFEChange”.

**OUR TNPC MERCY MINISTRY** — Is funded through the **“Deacons Fund”**. Your gracious donations specified **“Deacons Fund”** support our Deacons in bringing financial relief to members and others in special need. You may mail your check or make your donation via e-giving for this Sunday’s offering.

### 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)**



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

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.

#### Fiscal Year 2021

Totals through December 13, 2020  
*(Our fiscal year starts July 1 and ends June 30)*

General Fund Income	\$ 666,372
Designated Giving	\$ 52,475
Total Expenses	\$ 435,133
Net Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ 283,714

#### TNPC-PCAF



**Check out the new e-giving link *TNPC - PCAF* on our website!**

**\*\*Accepts ACH and CREDIT CARD donations to TNPC\*\***

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