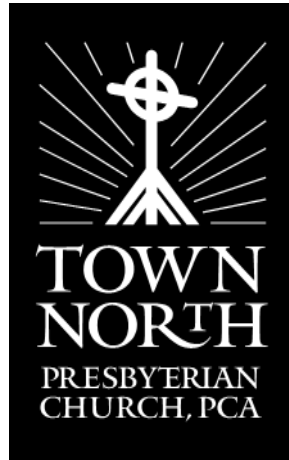


*Town North is a community of disciples
making disciples of Jesus.*



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

May 16, 2021 10:30 A.M.

REFLECTION

“The true church is called “invisible.” This does not mean that true Christians are invisible but that their “trueness” or genuineness is invisible to man. For example, the true faith of the eleven apostles was not visible any more than the false faith of Judas was visible (until the betrayal and suicide following Christ’s rejection of him revealed it).”

-John Gerstner, *Theology for Everyman*, Moody, 1965, Chapter 9.

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

from Revelation 19:6-9

LEADER: Hallelujah!
For the Lord our God
the Almighty reigns.

PEOPLE: **Let us rejoice and exult
and give him the glory,
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,
and his Bride has made herself ready;
it was granted her to clothe herself
with fine linen, bright and pure—
for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.**

ALL: **Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the
Lamb.**

* SONG OF PRAISE

Ensemble & Congregation

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.

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Chorus

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

Isaiah 55:1-2, 6-7

LEADER: Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ALL: O God of grace, we praise you for your perfect plan of salvation. In your great mercy you have laid our many sins upon the substitute, and have counted his righteousness as our own. You have clothed us with a bridegroom's robe, and decked us with jewels of holiness.
And yet, in our Christian walk we put on rags. Our best prayers are stained with sin. Our good deeds are marred by self-righteousness. Our repentance arises from a divided heart.
O Lord, forgive us our many sins, and by the matchless work of Jesus Christ restore us anew. Cause our lives to reflect your glory more each day by the power of your Holy Spirit. We humbly cry out to you. 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

Revelation 7:9-10, 14b-17

LEADER: After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

"These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn 457 (vv 1-4)

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandr'ing from the fold of God:
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—
prone to leave the God I love:
here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

O that Day when freed from sinning,
I shall see thy lovely Face;
Clothed then in blood-washed Linen
How I'll sing thy sovereign grace;
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry,
Take my ransom'd Soul away;
Send thine Angels now to carry
Me to realms of endless Day.

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

David Rogers, Pastor

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy pow'ful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

Matthew 22:1-14

And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³ and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, ‘See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.’” ⁵ But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷ The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ ¹⁰ And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled

with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹² And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

APPLYING GOD’S WORD

David Rogers, Pastor

How do you know if you are a Christian?

* RESPONDING IN SONG

Hymn 347 (vv 1-4, 6)

The Church’s One Foundation

The church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the Word:
from heav’n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev’ry nation, yet one o’er all the earth,
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with ev’ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, “How long?”
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,
to guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;
though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,
against or foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

* BENEDICTION

1 Peter 2:9-10

PASTOR: But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Lynna Harbison

ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY	Worship Service — <i>Sanctuary & by Livestream</i>	10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY	Wednesday Night Prayer — <i>by Zoom</i>	7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY	Men's Bible Study — <i>by Zoom</i>	6:30 p.m.
SATURDAY	Leader Development Class	8:00 a.m.

Church activity calendar is available on-line at www.tnpc.org/events

LIVESTREAM ACCESS

1. Go to **www.tnpc.org**
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VISITOR CHECK IN

Please let us know of your attendance here:



COMMUNION — Will be celebrated next Sunday, May 23. Please prepare your hearts and minds and relationships to approach the LORD's table.

LEBANON PROJECT — 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.

FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP — Please sign up in the narthex to provide flowers for Sunday morning worship. Arrangements start at \$55. Contact Judy Dawson (214-384-9729) if you have any questions.

TNPC VISITING MISSIONARIES — The Jones family (West Africa) will join us for worship on May 23. The McReynolds family will join us for worship on June 6.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS — If you would like to serve in the Nursery, Children's Sunday School, or Covenant Clubhouse ministries this Summer, please contact Andrew (andrew.cies@tnpc.org) and plan to meet after worship on May 23 for a brief volunteer meeting.

Fiscal Year 2021

Totals through May 9, 2021

(Our fiscal year starts July 1 and ends June 30)

General Fund Income	\$ 1,069,699
Designated Giving	\$ 104,891
Total Expenses	\$ 780,556
Net Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ 394,034

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