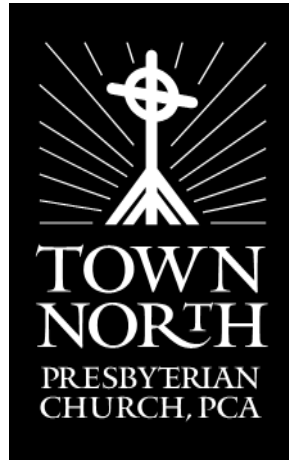


*Town North is a community of disciples
making disciples of Jesus.*



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

July 4, 2021 10:30 A.M.

REFLECTION

“O be not too quick to bury the church before she is dead! stay till Christ hath tried his skill, before you give it up for lost.”

-John Flavel, A Saint Indeed, (Works of Flavel, vol. 5) 449.

PRELUDE

Lynna Harbison

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

ACTIVITIES & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Andrew Cies, Pastor

* CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 99

PASTOR: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

PEOPLE: **The LORD is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.**

PASTOR: Let them praise your great and awesome name!

PEOPLE: **Holy is he!**

PASTOR: The King in his might loves justice.

PEOPLE: **You have established equity;
you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.**

ALL: **Exalt the LORD our God,
and worship at his holy mountain;
for the LORD our God is holy!**

* HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn 100 (vv 1-4)

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

1 Samuel 2:25a

PASTOR: If someone sins against a man, God will mediate for him, but if someone sins against the LORD, who can intercede for him?

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ALL: Most Holy God, you are of purer eyes than to see evil and cannot look at wrong. As we examine our own hearts and minds we recognize our sinfulness and acknowledge our unworthiness to come into your presence. In our own power we are helpless before you.
Yet in Jesus Christ, that great mediator for sinners, we are not hopeless. Because of his atoning work, forgive us. Cause us to rest in our Savior and be renewed in his promise to make all things new. 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 10:19-22

PASTOR: Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn 253 (vv 1-3, 5)

There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

There is a fountain filled with blood,
drawn from Immanuel's veins;
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
lose all their guilty stains:
lose all their guilty stains,
lose all their guilty stains;
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
lose all their guilty stains.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream
your flowing wounds supply,
redeeming love has been my theme,
and shall be till I die:
and shall be till I die,
and shall be till I die;
redeeming love has been my theme,
and shall be till I die.

The dying thief rejoiced to see
that fountain in his day;
and there have I, as vile as he,
washed all my sins away:
washed all my sins away,
washed all my sins away;
and there have I, as vile as he,
washed all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood
shall never lose its pow'r,
till all the ransomed church of God
be saved to sin no more:
be saved to sin no more,
be saved to sin no more;
till all the ransomed church of God
be saved to sin no more.

* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn 529 (vv 1-4)

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n to earth come down:
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit,
let us find the promised rest:
take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its Beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be:
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

* SCRIPTURE READING

Wayne Bowman, Elder

1 Samuel 2:12-36

Now the sons of Eli were worthless men. They did not know the LORD. ¹³The custom of the priests with the people was that when any man offered sacrifice, the priest's servant would come, while the meat was boiling, with a three-pronged fork in his hand, ¹⁴and he would thrust it into the pan or kettle or cauldron or pot. All that the fork brought up the priest would take for himself. This is what they did at Shiloh to all the Israelites who came there. ¹⁵Moreover, before the fat was burned, the priest's servant would come and say to the man who was sacrificing, "Give meat for the priest to roast, for he will not accept boiled meat from you but only raw." ¹⁶And if the man said to him, "Let them burn the fat first, and then take as much as you wish," he would say, "No, you must give it now, and if not, I will take it by force." ¹⁷Thus the sin of the young men was very great in the sight of the LORD, for the men treated the offering of the LORD with contempt.

¹⁸Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy clothed with a linen ephod. ¹⁹And his mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. ²⁰Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the LORD give you children by this woman for the petition she asked of the LORD." So then they would return to their home.

²¹ Indeed the LORD visited Hannah, and she conceived and bore three sons and two daughters. And the boy Samuel grew in the presence of the LORD.

²² Now Eli was very old, and he kept hearing all that his sons were doing to all Israel, and how they lay with the women who were serving at the entrance to the tent of meeting. ²³ And he said to them, “Why do you do such things? For I hear of your evil dealings from all these people. ²⁴ No, my sons; it is no good report that I hear the people of the LORD spreading abroad. ²⁵ If someone sins against a man, God will mediate for him, but if someone sins against the LORD, who can intercede for him?” But they would not listen to the voice of their father, for it was the will of the LORD to put them to death.

²⁶ Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and also with man.

²⁷ And there came a man of God to Eli and said to him, “Thus says the LORD, ‘Did I indeed reveal myself to the house of your father when they were in Egypt subject to the house of Pharaoh? ²⁸ Did I choose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to go up to my altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before me? I gave to the house of your father all my offerings by fire from the people of Israel. ²⁹ Why then do you scorn my sacrifices and my offerings that I commanded for my dwelling, and honor your sons above me by fattening yourselves on the choicest parts of every offering of my people Israel?’ ³⁰ Therefore the LORD, the God of Israel, declares: ‘I promised that your house and the house of your father should go in and out before me forever,’ but now the LORD declares: ‘Far be it from me, for those who honor me I will honor, and those who despise me shall be lightly esteemed. ³¹ Behold, the days are coming when I will cut off your strength and the strength of your father's house, so that there will not be an old man in your house. ³² Then in distress you will look with envious eye on all the prosperity that shall be bestowed on Israel, and there shall not be an old man in your house forever. ³³ The only one of you whom I shall not cut off from my altar shall be spared to weep his eyes out to grieve his heart, and all the descendants of your house shall die by the sword of men. ³⁴ And this that shall come upon your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, shall be the sign to you: both of them shall die on the same day. ³⁵ And I will raise up for myself a faithful priest, who shall do according to what is in my heart and in my mind. And I will build him a sure house, and he shall go in and out before my anointed forever. ³⁶ And everyone who is left in your house shall come to implore him for a piece of silver or a loaf of bread and shall say, “Please put me in one of the priests' places, that I may eat a morsel of bread.””

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

David Rogers, Pastor

“Eternal Optimists for the Church”

* RESPONDING IN SONG

Hymn 347 (vv 1, 3-6)

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.

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 a foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

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

Romans 15:13

PASTOR: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Lynna Harbison

SERMON NOTES

"Eternal Optimists for the Church"

1 Samuel 2:12-36

Next Week:

Text: 1 Samuel 3:1-21

Preacher: David Rogers, Pastor

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ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TUESDAY	Youth Mid-Week Meet up — <i>in person</i>	7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	Wednesday Night Prayer — <i>by Zoom</i>	7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY	Men’s Bible Study — <i>Admin Rm 103</i>	6:30 p.m.
SATURDAY	Leader Development Class	8:00 a.m.
	Women’s Prayer Brunch — <i>TNPC Courtyard</i>	10:00 a.m.
	RUF-International Training — <i>Sanctuary</i>	1:00 p.m.

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

LIVESTREAM AUDIO ACCESS

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

Please let us know of your attendance here:



THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING — are given by Eileen Wade to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for our nation. *“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”*
Psalm 46:10

TOWN NORTH MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT — The World Missions Giving Summary from January 1—June 30, 2021 is available in the Narthex. Thank you for continued generosity in giving to LifeChange. For more information, contact a member of the World Missions Committee: Joel Aguilar, Matt or Leslie Anderson, Meredith Billingslea, Ed Hotz, Kirk or Beverly McCord, Mary Beth Oakley, Jill Reiswig, or Karl Voigtsberger.

RUF- INTERNATIONAL TRAINING — Saturday, July 10, 1:00-4:00pm in the sanctuary. Come learn about RUF-International at UTD! This will include a ministry overview, airport pickup training, and practical steps on how to demonstrate Biblical hospitality to international students. Sign up for training on July 10: <https://bit.ly/3gwx01r>. Sign up for airport pickup training only (also available at other locations on June 22 and July 13): <https://utdbighowdy.com/international-airport-pickup/volunteer/>

TNPC CONGREGATION MEETING — We will have a congregation meeting on Sunday, July 11 immediately following worship. The agenda will be to present and vote on changing the call of Rev. Andrew Cies from Assistant Pastor to Associate Pastor of Town North.

TNPC WOMEN’S PRAYER BRUNCH — Ladies, please join us in the TNPC Courtyard for a light brunch and prayer time this Saturday, July 10 at 10am.

Fiscal Year 2021

Totals through June 27, 2021

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

General Fund Income	\$ 1,159,257
Designated Giving	\$ 165,386
Total Expenses	\$ 914,652
Net Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ 409,991

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