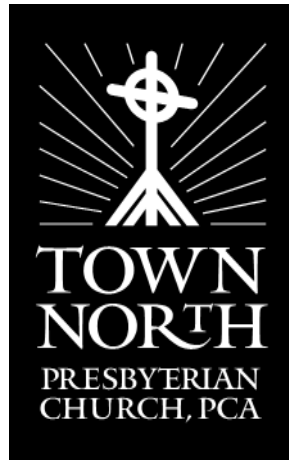


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making disciples of Jesus.*



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

August 22, 2021 10:30 A.M.

PRELUDE

Lynna Harbison

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

ACTIVITIES & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

David Schlimme, Elder

(Please sign, pass & return the black pad at the end of the aisle)

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 100

LEADER: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

PEOPLE: **Serve the LORD with gladness!**

Come into his presence with singing!

LEADER: Know that the LORD, he is God!

PEOPLE: **It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

LEADER: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!

PEOPLE: **Give thanks to him; bless his name!**

ALL: **For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

O Worship the King

1 O worship the King all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love;
our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

2 O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

3 The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;
has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

4 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

5 O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
While angels delight to hymn you above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

from Psalm 32:1-6

LEADER: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

PEOPLE: **Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

LEADER: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

PEOPLE: **For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

LEADER: I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;

PEOPLE: **I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

LEADER: Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;

PEOPLE: **Let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you.**

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

Isaiah 53:2b-5

LEADER: He had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
and no beauty that we should desire him.
He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

* SONG OF REFLECTION

Ensemble & Congregation

Before the Throne of God Above

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| <p>1 Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is "Love,"
who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heav'n he stands
no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.</p> <p>2 When Satan tempts me to despair,
and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there
who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
my sinful soul is counted free;
for God the Just is satisfied
to look on Him and pardon me,
to look on Him and pardon me.</p> | <p>3 Behold Him there! The risen Lamb,
my perfect, spotless Righteousness;
The great unchangeable I AM,
the King of glory and of grace!
One with himself I cannot die,
my soul is purchased by his blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ, my Savior and my God,
with Christ, my Savior and my God.</p> |
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* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn 75 (vv 1-4)

O Father, You Are Sovereign

1 O Father, you are sovereign
in all the worlds you made;
your mighty word was spoken
and light and life obeyed.
Your voice commands the seasons
and bounds the ocean's shore,
sets stars within their courses
and stills the tempest's roar.

3 O Father, you are sovereign,
the Lord of human pain,
transmuting earthly sorrows
to gold of heav'nly gain.
All evil overruling,
as none but Conqu'ror could,
your love pursues its purpose—
our souls' eternal good.

2 O Father, you are sovereign
in all affairs of man;
no pow'rs of death or darkness
can thwart your perfect plan.
All chance and change transcending,
supreme in time and space,
you hold your trusting children
secure in your embrace.

4 O Father, you are sovereign!
We see you dimly now,
but soon before your triumph
earth's every knee shall bow.
With this glad hope before us
our faith springs up anew:
our sovereign Lord and Savior,
we trust and worship you!

* SCRIPTURE READING

David Schlimme, Elder

1 Samuel 9:1-10:16

There was a man of Benjamin whose name was Kish, the son of Abiel, son of Zeror, son of Becorath, son of Aphiah, a Benjaminite, a man of wealth. ² And he had a son whose name was Saul, a handsome young man. There was not a man among the people of Israel more handsome than he. From his shoulders upward he was taller than any of the people.

³ Now the donkeys of Kish, Saul's father, were lost. So Kish said to Saul his son, "Take one of the young men with you, and arise, go and look for the donkeys." ⁴ And he passed through the hill country of Ephraim and passed through the land of Shalishah, but they did not find them. And they passed through the land of Shaalim, but they were not there. Then they passed through the land of Benjamin, but did not find them.

⁵ When they came to the land of Zuph, Saul said to his servant who was with him, "Come, let us go back, lest my father cease to care about the donkeys and become anxious about us." ⁶ But he said to him, "Behold, there is a man of God in this city, and he is a man who is held in honor; all that he says comes true. So now let us go there. Perhaps he can tell us the way we should go." ⁷ Then Saul said to his servant, "But if we go, what can we bring the man? For the bread in our sacks

is gone, and there is no present to bring to the man of God. What do we have?"

⁸ The servant answered Saul again, "Here, I have with me a quarter of a shekel of silver, and I will give it to the man of God to tell us our way." ⁹ (Formerly in Israel, when a man went to inquire of God, he said, "Come, let us go to the seer," for today's "prophet" was formerly called a seer.) ¹⁰ And Saul said to his servant, "Well said; come, let us go." So they went to the city where the man of God was.

¹¹ As they went up the hill to the city, they met young women coming out to draw water and said to them, "Is the seer here?" ¹² They answered, "He is; behold, he is just ahead of you. Hurry. He has come just now to the city, because the people have a sacrifice today on the high place. ¹³ As soon as you enter the city you will find him, before he goes up to the high place to eat. For the people will not eat till he comes, since he must bless the sacrifice; afterward those who are invited will eat. Now go up, for you will meet him immediately." ¹⁴ So they went up to the city. As they were entering the city, they saw Samuel coming out toward them on his way up to the high place.

¹⁵ Now the day before Saul came, the LORD had revealed to Samuel:

¹⁶ "Tomorrow about this time I will send to you a man from the land of Benjamin, and you shall anoint him to be prince over my people Israel. He shall save my people from the hand of the Philistines. For I have seen my people, because their cry has come to me." ¹⁷ When Samuel saw Saul, the LORD told him, "Here is the man of whom I spoke to you! He it is who shall restrain my people." ¹⁸ Then Saul approached Samuel in the gate and said, "Tell me where is the house of the seer?" ¹⁹ Samuel answered Saul, "I am the seer. Go up before me to the high place, for today you shall eat with me, and in the morning I will let you go and will tell you all that is on your mind. ²⁰ As for your donkeys that were lost three days ago, do not set your mind on them, for they have been found. And for whom is all that is desirable in Israel? Is it not for you and for all your father's house?" ²¹ Saul answered, "Am I not a Benjaminite, from the least of the tribes of Israel? And is not my clan the humblest of all the clans of the tribe of Benjamin? Why then have you spoken to me in this way?"

²² Then Samuel took Saul and his young man and brought them into the hall and gave them a place at the head of those who had been invited, who were about thirty persons. ²³ And Samuel said to the cook, "Bring the portion I gave you, of which I said to you, 'Put it aside.'" ²⁴ So the cook took up the leg and what was on it and set them before Saul. And Samuel said, "See, what was kept is set before you. Eat, because it was kept for you until the hour appointed, that you might eat with the guests."

So Saul ate with Samuel that day. ²⁵ And when they came down from the high place into the city, a bed was spread for Saul on the roof, and he lay down to sleep.

²⁶ Then at the break of dawn Samuel called to Saul on the roof, "Up, that I may send

you on your way.” So Saul arose, and both he and Samuel went out into the street.

²⁷ As they were going down to the outskirts of the city, Samuel said to Saul, “Tell the servant to pass on before us, and when he has passed on, stop here yourself for a while, that I may make known to you the word of God.”

10 Then Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it on his head and kissed him and said, “Has not the LORD anointed you to be prince over his people Israel? And you shall reign over the people of the LORD and you will save them from the hand of their surrounding enemies. And this shall be the sign to you that the LORD has anointed you to be prince over his heritage. ² When you depart from me today, you will meet two men by Rachel's tomb in the territory of Benjamin at Zelzah, and they will say to you, “The donkeys that you went to seek are found, and now your father has ceased to care about the donkeys and is anxious about you, saying, “What shall I do about my son?”” ³ Then you shall go on from there farther and come to the oak of Tabor. Three men going up to God at Bethel will meet you there, one carrying three young goats, another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a skin of wine. ⁴ And they will greet you and give you two loaves of bread, which you shall accept from their hand. ⁵ After that you shall come to Gibeath-elohim, where there is a garrison of the Philistines. And there, as soon as you come to the city, you will meet a group of prophets coming down from the high place with harp, tambourine, flute, and lyre before them, prophesying. ⁶ Then the Spirit of the LORD will rush upon you, and you will prophesy with them and be turned into another man. ⁷ Now when these signs meet you, do what your hand finds to do, for God is with you. ⁸ Then go down before me to Gilgal. And behold, I am coming down to you to offer burnt offerings and to sacrifice peace offerings. Seven days you shall wait, until I come to you and show you what you shall do.”

⁹ When he turned his back to leave Samuel, God gave him another heart. And all these signs came to pass that day. ¹⁰ When they came to Gibeah, behold, a group of prophets met him, and the Spirit of God rushed upon him, and he prophesied among them. ¹¹ And when all who knew him previously saw how he prophesied with the prophets, the people said to one another, “What has come over the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets?” ¹² And a man of the place answered, “And who is their father?” Therefore it became a proverb, “Is Saul also among the prophets?” ¹³ When he had finished prophesying, he came to the high place.

¹⁴ Saul's uncle said to him and to his servant, “Where did you go?” And he said, “To seek the donkeys. And when we saw they were not to be found, we went to Samuel.” ¹⁵ And Saul's uncle said, “Please tell me what Samuel said to you.” ¹⁶ And Saul said to his uncle, “He told us plainly that the donkeys had been found.” But about the matter of the kingdom, of which Samuel had spoken, he did not tell him anything.

The Lord Always Gets His Man

THE LORD'S SUPPER

* RESPONDING IN SONG

Ensemble & Congregation

Come, People of the Risen King

1 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!

2 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.

3 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!”

* BENEDICTION

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

PASTOR: Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us
and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your
hearts and establish them in every good work and word. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Lynna Harbison

SERMON NOTES

The Lord Always Gets His Man

1 Samuel 9:1-10:16

Next Week:

Text: 1 Samuel 10:17-27

Preacher: Andrew Cies, Pastor

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ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY	Officers Prayer for Congregation	12:00 p.m.
TUESDAY	Women's Bible Study—CE Bldg Rm 200	9:30 a.m.
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WEDNESDAY	Youth Mid-Week Meet up—online	7:00 p.m.
	Wednesday Night Prayer—by Zoom	7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY	Men's Bible Study—Admin Rm 103	7:00 p.m.
SATURDAY	Youth Car Wash Fundraiser	8:00 a.m.
	Ministry Leaders Meeting—Fellowship Hall	10:00 a.m.

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TNPC MISSIONARY VISIT — On September 5, Roy Sneed, missionary in the Middle East will lead TNPC Sunday School and join us for worship.

TNPC WOMEN'S FALL KICK-OFF BRUNCH — Saturday, September 11 at 10am in the Fellowship Hall. More information to come.

YOUTH CAR WASH FUNDRAISER — Bring your cars to the Youth Car Wash Fundraiser this Saturday, August 28, 8:00am - 1:30pm in the TNPC parking lot. This is our big fundraiser to help pay for this year's fall retreat.

COVENANT CLUBHOUSE — We will meet Sunday evenings 5:00-6:30pm beginning September 12. Please register your child online:



LADIES BIBLE STUDY — We begin our study in the book of Revelations this Tuesday, August 24. Questions? Contact Bonlee Rawley at bonlee_rawley@hotmail.com.

OVERVIEW OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION — We are honored to have New Testament scholar Dr. G. K. Beale teaching Revelation on Saturday, September 25.

Fiscal Year 2022

Totals through August 15, 2021

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

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