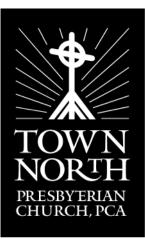
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The Week's Order of WORSHIP for THE LORD'S DAY

September 26, 2021 10:30 A.M.

REFLECTION

"The true idea of preaching is that the preacher should become a mouthpiece for his text, opening it up and applying it as a word from God to his hearers, ... in order that the text may speak... and be heard making each point from his text in such a manner that his audience may discern the voice of God."

-J. I. Packer, God Has Spoken, pg. 28.

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;

PEOPLE: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;

LEADER: the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;

PEOPLE: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;

LEADER: the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;

PEOPLE: the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

LEADER: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;

PEOPLE: sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

ALL: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

* SONG OF PRAISE

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!

- 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!"

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

| * CONFESSI | ON OF FAITH | Westminster Shorter Catechism Q&A 2,3 | |
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| LEADER: | What rule has God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him? | | |
| ALL: | The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him. | | |
| LEADER: | What do the Scriptures principa | ally teach? | |
| ALL: | | Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe cerning God, and what duty God requires of man. | |

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

Matthew 4:4

LEADER: Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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

John 6:38-40

LEADER: Jesus tells us, "For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

* SONG OF RESPONSE

Ensemble & Congregation

Before the Throne of God Above

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

David Hitt, Elder

Hymn 94 (vv 1-4, 6)

* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

How Firm a Foundation

- How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent Word! What more can he say than to you he has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
- 2 "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed; for I am your God, and will still give you aid; I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."
- 3 When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; for I will be with you, your troubles to bless, and sanctify to you your deepest distress."

- 4 "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply; the flame shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume and your gold to refine."
- 5 "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes; that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

* SCRIPTURE READING

David Hitt, Elder

1 Thessalonians 2:13-16

And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers. ¹⁴ For you, brothers, became imitators of the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea. For you suffered the same things from your own countrymen as they did from the Jews, ¹⁵ who killed both the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove us out, and displease God and oppose all mankind ¹⁶ by hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles that they might be saved—so as always to fill up the measure of their sins. But wrath has come upon them at last!

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

Hamid, Pastoral Intern

Constantly Be Grateful Because of the Word of God

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Westminster Larger Catechism Q&A 174 (Modern English Version)

- Q. How must we receive the Lord's supper when it is offered?
- A. In receiving the Lord's supper when it is offered, we should reverently and attentively wait on God, as we carefully observe the sacramental elements and their administration. We should take specific notice of the Lord's body and meditate feelingly on his death and suffering and so stir up in us a lively effect of God's spiritual gifts. We should critically examine ourselves and be sorry for our sins. We should earnestly hunger and thirst after Christ, feeding on him by faith, drawing from his fullness, trusting in his merit, rejoicing in his love, and giving thanks for his grace. We thereby renew our covenant with God and our love for fellow believers.

MEDITATION IN SONG

Ensemble & Congregation

Behold the Lamb

- Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us: and we remember the promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.
 So, we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice, as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.
- 2 The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, torn for you: eat and remember the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life, paid the price to make us one. So, we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice, as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

3 The blood that cleanses ev'ry stain of sin, shed for you: drink and remember he drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.
So, we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice, as a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

4 And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond and to remember our call to follow in the steps of Christ as his body here on earth.
As we share in his suffering, we proclaim: "Christ will come again!" And we'll join in the feast of heav'n around the table of the King.

* RESPONDING IN SONG

Hymn 252 (vv 1-4)

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God: all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.
- 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down: did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

* BENEDICTION

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

PASTOR: Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Lynna Harbison

SERMON NOTES

Constantly Be Grateful Because of the Word of God

1 Thessalonians 2:13-16

Next Week: Text: 1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:5 Preacher: Andrew Cies, Pastor

Come, People of the Risen King

Words and Music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend. @ 2007 Thankyou Music.

Before the Throne of God Above

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ACTIVITIES & ANNºUNCEMENTS

| SUNDAY | Officers' Prayer for the Congregation | 12:00 p.m. | |
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| | Covenant Clubhouse—TNPC Courtyard | 5:00 p.m. | |
| | Youth Group—Admin Bldg Youth Room | 5:00 p.m. | |
| TUESDAY | Women's Bible Study—CE Bldg Rm 200 | 9:30 a.m. | |
| | Women's Bible Study—CE Bldg Rm 200 | 7:00 p.m. | |
| WEDNESDAY | Youth Mid-Week Meet up—in person | 7:00 p.m. | |
| | Wednesday Night Prayer—by Zoom | 7:00 p.m. | |
| THURSDAY | Men's Bible Study—Admin Rm 103 | 6:30 p.m. | |
| SATURDAY | Leadership Development Class | 8:00 a.m. | |
| Church activity calendar is available on-line at www.tnpc.org/events | | | |

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1. Go to **www.tnpc.org**

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VISITOR'S LUNCH — Join us on Sunday, October 3, immediately after worship. Please bring a dish to serve 10-12 people. Visitors are especially welcome!

- LIFE CHAIN On Sunday, October 3, Christians around the world will unite in prayer and repentance against legalized abortion. Join members of Town North at the corner of Campbell and Plano Roads from 2pm—3:30pm. Contact Karl or Kathy Voigtsberger if you would like more information.
- **WOMEN'S PRAYER BRUNCH** Ladies, join us for a Prayer Brunch in the TNPC Courtyard on Saturday, October 9 at 10am. We will have a short devotional, prayer time, and light refreshments.
- **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.
- **SUNDAY MORNING FLOWERS** Please consider providing flowers for worship on Sunday mornings. There is a signup calendar in the narthex.

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