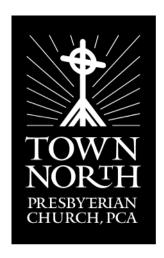
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The Week's Order of WORSHIP for THE LORD'S DAY

November 28, 2021 10:30 A.M. FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PRELUDE Lynna Harbison

ACTIVITIES & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

David Rogers, Pastor

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 138:1-2, 7-8

LEADER: I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;

PEOPLE: before the gods I sing your praise; LEADER: I bow down toward your holy temple

and give thanks to your name

for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,

PEOPLE: for you have exalted above all things

your name and your word.

LEADER: Though I walk in the midst of trouble,

you preserve my life;

PEOPLE: you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,

and your right hand delivers me.

LEADER: The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;

PEOPLE: your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.

Do not forsake the work of your hands.

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

* HYMN OF PRAISE

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.
- 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!"

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.

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

James 1:17

LEADER: Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ALL: Gracious Father, you are the source of every good and perfect gift. Yet, we struggle in giving thanks. Forgive us for hearts that have grown cold in thankfulness. Forgive us for treasuring the gifts above the Giver. Cause our lives to be transformed by your incredible generosity for us, even giving up your Son so that we would be redeemed. 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

John 3:16-17

LEADER:

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

* SONG OF RESPONSE

Ensemble & Congregation

My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness

- 1 My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who bore my pain; who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again; who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me in his light, and wrote his law of righteousness with pow'r upon my heart.
- 2 My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who walks beside; who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly; whose ev'ry promise is enough for ev'ry step I take, sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.
- 3 My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who reigns above, whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose ev'ry thought is love.

 For ev'ry day I have on earth is given by the King; so I will give my life, my all, to love and follow him.

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

David Rogers, Pastor

To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glory, great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the lifegate that we may go in.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he has done!

- 2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood! To ev'ry believer the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.
- 3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

* SCRIPTURE READING

David Rogers, Pastor

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

David Billingslea, Campus Minister for RUF-I at UTD

Always?

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Please remain in your seat until dismissed by an usher. If you would like to receive the elements in your seat, please raise your hand and a server will come to you.

Grape juice is in the purple cups in the center of the tray. Wine is in the clear cups around the outside of the tray. The matzo bread is gluten free.

MEDITATION IN SONG

Ensemble & Congregation

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Chorus

We will feast in the house of Zion. We will sing with our hearts restored. "He has done great things," we will say together. We will feast and weep no more.

1 We will not be burned by the fire, he is the Lord our God.We are not consumed by the flood, upheld, protected, gathered up.

Chorus

2 In the dark of night, before the dawn, my soul be not afraid.For the promised morning, O how long, O God of Jacob be my strength.

Chorus

3 Ev'ry vow we've broken and betrayed, you are the faithful one.
And from the garden to the grave, bind us together; bring shalom.

Chorus

* GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Doxology (Hymn 731)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

- 1 Rejoice, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks, and sing; your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
 - Refrain

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

- 2 Bright youth and snow-crowned age, strong men and maidens meek, raise high your free, exulting song; God's wondrous praises speak.
- 3 With all the angel choirs, with all the saints on earth, pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rapture, noblest mirth!

- 4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go, from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe.
- 5 At last the march shall end, the wearied ones shall rest; the pilgrims find their Father's house, Jerusalem the blest.
- 6 Then on, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks, and sing; your glorious banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

* 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.

POSTLUDE Lynna Harbison

SERMON NOTES

Always?

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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Next Week		

Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:19-22 Preacher: David Rogers, Pastor

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ACTIVITIES & ANNºUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY	Officers Prayer for the Congregation—Admin Rm 103	12:00 p.m.
	Youth Group—Youth Room, Admin Bldg	5:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	Wednesday Night Prayer—by Zoom	7:00 p.m.
	Youth Midweek Meetup—Online	7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY	Men's Bible Study—Admin Rm 103	6:30 p.m.

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

LIVESTREAM AUDIO ACCESS

- 1. Go to www.tnpc.org
- 2. Click on the box that says: "Livestream Audio".

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS PRAYER TEA — December 11th at 2:00pm in Fellowship Hall. See invitations in the Narthex or your church mailbox for more details.

FOR THE NATIONS REFUGEE ORGANIZATION CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITY — There are two ways to help this year: Giving gifts or volunteering in the Christmas store on December 11th. You can purchase a gift from the FtNRO Amazon wishlist (which ships directly to FtNRO) or you can bring coats, shoes, or toys you have purchased to Kelly Rogers by November 29. See All Church Email for more information.

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.

SUPPORTING OUR MERCY MINISTRY — Your gracious donations, specified "Deacons Fund," allow our Deacons to bring financial relief to members and others in need.

Fiscal Year 2022

Totals through November 21, 2021

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

General Fund Income\$ 320,658Designated Giving\$ 84,255Total Expenses\$ 419,809

Net Surplus or (Deficit) \$ (14,896)

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