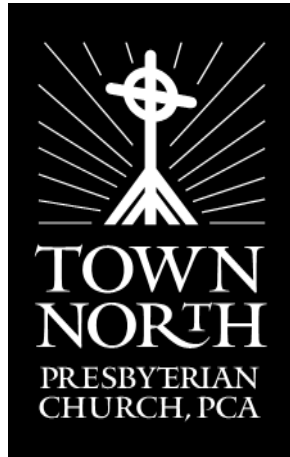


*Town North is a community of disciples  
making disciples of Jesus.*



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

*December 19, 2021 10:30 A.M.  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

REFLECTION

***“In this way does one, whom God has placed in common life with other Christians, learn what it means to have brothers. ‘Brothers in the Lord,’ as Paul calls his congregation (Philippians 1:14). One is a brother to another only through Jesus Christ. I am a brother to another person through what Jesus Christ did for me and to me; the other person has become a brother to me through what Jesus Christ did for him. This fact that we are brothers only through Jesus Christ is of immeasurable significance. Not only the other person who is earnest and devout, who comes to me seeking brotherhood, must I deal with in fellowship. My brother is rather that other person who has been redeemed by Christ...What determines our brotherhood is what that man is by reason of Christ.”***

*-Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Life Together: The Classic Exploration of Christian Community, HarperCollins, 2013 reprint, 25.*

PRELUDE

*Lynna Harbison*

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

ACTIVITIES & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Wayne Bowman, Elder

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

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 98:2-4, 6*

LEADER: The LORD has made known his salvation;

**PEOPLE: he has revealed his righteousness  
in the sight of the nations.**

LEADER: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness  
to the house of Israel.

**PEOPLE: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

LEADER: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

**PEOPLE: break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

LEADER: With trumpets and the sound of the horn

**PEOPLE: make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE

*Hymn 203 (vv 1-3)*

*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

1 Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King;  
peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!”  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with th’angelic host proclaim,  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

**Refrain**

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King.”

2 Christ, by highest heav’n adored,  
Christ the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold him come,  
offspring of the Virgin’s womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
hail th’incarnate Deity,  
pleased as man with men to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

3 Hail the heav’n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
ris’n with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that man no more may die,  
born to raise the sons of earth,  
born to give them second birth.

\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

*from Confessions of Sin and Assurances of Pardon by Rev. Bobby G. Griffith, Jr.*

**ALL:** Lord Jesus, in this season we are reminded that you became flesh and dwelt among humanity with perfect love for God and perfect love for neighbor. You entered into this world and the lives of others to bring light and life. We confess that, at times, we have neglected you and others. We confess that we have not entered into the lives of others in love. We repent of these things and come to you in confidence, knowing your steadfast love for us endures forever. In the name of Christ, we pray, 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 1:14, 3:16*

**LEADER:** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

## \* HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Hymn 207 (vv 1-3)*

### ***Good Christian Men, Rejoice***

1 Good Christian men, rejoice,  
with heart and soul and voice;  
give ye heed to what we say:  
Jesus Christ is born today;  
earth and heav'n before him bow,  
and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today!  
Christ is born today!

3 Good Christian men, rejoice,  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave:  
Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all  
to gain his everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save!  
Christ was born to save!

2 Good Christian men, rejoice,  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye hear of endless bliss:  
Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He hath opened heaven's door,  
and man is blessed evermore.  
Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born for this!

\* CONFSSION OF FAITH *Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 35, 36*

LEADER: What does it mean that Jesus “was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary”?

ALL: **That the eternal Son of God,  
who is and remains true and eternal God,  
took to himself,  
through the working of the Holy Spirit,  
from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary,  
a truly human nature  
so that he might also become David’s true descendant,  
like his brothers and sisters in every way  
except for sin.**

LEADER: How does the holy conception and birth of Christ benefit you?

ALL: **He is our mediator and, in God’s sight,  
he covers with his innocence and perfect holiness  
my sinfulness in which I was conceived.**

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE

*David Rogers, Pastor*

\* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD’S WORD

*Hymn 218 (vv. 1-5)*

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

1 Angels, from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o’er all the earth;  
ye who sang creation’s story,  
now proclaim Messiah’s birth:

**Refrain**

Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn King.

2 Shepherds in the fields abiding,  
watching o’er your flocks by night,  
God with man is now residing,  
yonder shines the infant Light:

3 Sages, leave your contemplations,  
brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great Desire of nations;  
ye have seen his natal star:

4 Saints before the altar bending,  
watching long in hope and fear,  
suddenly the Lord, descending,  
in his temple shall appear:

5 All creation, join in praising  
God the Father, Spirit, Son;  
evermore your voices raising  
to th’eternal Three in One:

\* SCRIPTURE READING

*Wayne Bowman, Elder*

***1 Thessalonians 5:25-28***

Brothers, pray for us.

<sup>26</sup> Greet all the brothers with a holy kiss.

<sup>27</sup> I put you under oath before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers.

<sup>28</sup> The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

*David Rogers, Pastor*

***"Grace Through Family"***

\* RESPONDING IN SONG

*Ensemble & Congregation*

***In Christ Alone***

- 1 In Christ alone my hope is found;  
he is my light, my strength, my song;  
this cornerstone, this solid ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all—  
here in the love of Christ I stand.
  
- 2 In Christ alone, who took on flesh,  
fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones he came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
the wrath of God was satisfied;  
for ev'ry sin on him was laid—  
here in the death of Christ I live.
  
- 3 There in the ground his body lay,  
light of the world by darkness slain;  
then bursting forth in glorious day,  
up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory,  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
for I am his and he is mine—  
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

*(Continued...)*

4 No guilt in life, no fear in death—  
this is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,  
can ever pluck me from his hand;  
till he returns or calls me home—  
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

\* BENEDICTION

*1 Thessalonians 5:28*

PASTOR: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

POSTLUDE

*Lynna Harbison*



## ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Wednesday Night Prayer—by Zoom	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Church Office Closed—Christmas Extended Holiday	
	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service—Sanctuary	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	Merry Christmas!	

*Church activity calendar is available on-line at [www.tnpc.org/events](http://www.tnpc.org/events)*

### LIVESTREAM AUDIO ACCESS

1. Go to [www.tnpc.org](http://www.tnpc.org)
2. Click on the box that says: “Livestream Audio”.

**THE FLOWERS TODAY** — *“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!” Luke 2:14 ESV* - Joyous Christmas greetings from the Cox Family!

**COMMUNION** — Will be celebrated next Sunday morning, December 26. Please prepare your hearts and minds and relationships to approach the LORD’s table.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE** — Join us this Friday, December 24 at 5:00pm, for a Christmas Eve candlelight service. Please note the earlier start time from previous years.

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES HELD** — Next Sunday, December 26, 2021 and the following Sunday, January 2, 2022.

**TNPC ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING** — Mark your calendars for our annual meeting and officer election to be held Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 7:00pm.

**FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP** — Please sign up in the narthex to provide flowers for Sunday morning worship. Arrangements start at \$63. Contact Judy Dawson (214-384-9729) for more information.

**YEAR-END GIVING** — Just a reminder that all gifts and offerings need to be in the church office by end of day or postmarked no later than Friday, December 31st in order to be deductible on your 2021 tax return. These donations will be included on your 2021 giving statement. Unless otherwise specified, all gifts will be credited to the General Fund.

#### **Fiscal Year 2022**

#### **Totals through December 12, 2021**

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

<b>General Fund Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>373,724</b>
<b>Designated Giving</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>89,625</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>460,741</b>
<b>Net Surplus or (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,608</b>

#### **Give through PCA-Foundation**

Go to:  
[tnpc.org/giving](http://tnpc.org/giving)

and follow  
instructions



#### **Give through PayPal**

Go to:

[paypal.me/tnpcgive](https://paypal.me/tnpcgive)

or

Send to:

[give@tnpc.org](mailto:give@tnpc.org)



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Brothers & Sisters of Town North,

Our annual congregation meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 19, 2022 (7:00pm)** in the Worship Center at Town North.

Please prayerfully consider the qualifications for Elder and Deacon given in 1 Timothy 3:1-13 and prepare yourself to vote at the meeting.

Each man has been nominated by the congregation, trained, and examined according to the qualifications for office. If elected, each officer will serve a three-year term (January 2021 – January 2024) except for Wayne Bowman. Wayne has asked to serve a one-year term.

**The men nominated are:**

Office of Elder:

**Wayne Bowman (1 year)**

**David Hitt**

**David Schlimme**

Office of Deacon:

**Mark Poovey**

**David Zeiger**

In Christ,

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