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



The Week's Order of ORSHIP THE LORD'S DAY

January 2, 2022 10:30 A.M.

REFLECTION

"He (the Lord) puts an instinct into the weakest things to rely upon something stronger than themselves for support. The vine stays itself upon the elm, and the weakest creatures often have the strongest shelters. The consciousness of the church's weakness makes her willing to lean on her beloved, and to hide herself under his wing."

-Richard Sibbes, <u>The Bruised Reed</u>.

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 Rogers, Pastor

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

from Revelation 4-5

- LEADER: Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!
- PEOPLE: Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.
 LEADER: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
 - to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!
- PEOPLE: To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!

* 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!
- 2 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.
- 3 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.
- 4 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

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q&A 1

LEADER: What is the chief end of man?

ALL: Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty and merciful God, we have strayed from your ways like ALL: lost sheep. We have desired your compassion, but often rejected your correction. We have desired to have you as our shepherd, but most often want to go our own way. O God, have mercy upon us. Restore those who regret their sin and come to you for forgiveness, according to your promises in Jesus your Son. Lord Jesus, lead us that we may follow you in truth, and holiness, and humility, to the glory of your holy name. 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

LEADER: He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

* SONG OF RESPONSE

Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed

1 Alas, and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sov'reign die? Would he devote that sacred head for such a worm as I? Was it for sins that I had done he groaned upon the tree? Amazing pity, grace unknown, and love beyond degree

Chorus

My God, why would you shed your blood, so pure and undefiled. to make a sinful one like me your chosen, precious child?

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

2 Well might the sun in darkness hide and shut his glories in, when Christ, the mighty Maker, died for man, the creature's, sin. Thus might I hide my blushing face while his dear cross appears, dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt my eyes to tears.

Chorus (x 2)

David Rogers, Pastor

Ensemble & Congregation

1 Peter 2:24-25

LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Ensemble & Congregation

Speak, O Lord

- Speak, O Lord, as we come to you, to receive the food of your Holy Word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness; that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.
- 2 Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility. Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity. Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority. Words of pow'r that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.
- 3 Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us. Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on your promises; and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory.

* SCRIPTURE READING

David Rogers, Pastor

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³ And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—⁴ and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. ⁵ On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses—⁶ though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth; but I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. ⁷ So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹ But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰ For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions,

and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

Imad Aubrey, Pastor to Lebanon and the Middle East

Boast In Your Weakness

* RESPONDING IN SONG

Hymn 345 (vv 1-4)

Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

 Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God; he whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode: on the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose? With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

- 2 See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love, well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove: who can faint, while such a river ever flows their thirst t'assuage? grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.
- 3 Round each habitation hov'ring, see the cloud and fire appear for a glory and a cov'ring, showing that the Lord is near: thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day, safe they feed upon the manna which he gives them when they pray.
- 4 Savior, if of Zion's city
 I, through grace, a member am,
 let the world deride or pity,
 I will glory in thy name:
 fading is the worldling's pleasure,
 all his boasted pomp and show;
 solid joys and lasting treasure
 none but Zion's children know.

* BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26 (NIV)

PASTOR: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Lynna Harbison

SERMON NOTES

Boast In Your Weakness

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Next Week: Preacher: David Rogers, Pastor

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ACTIVITIES & ANNºUNCEMENTS

MONDAY	Church Office Closed—New Year's Holiday	
WEDNESDAY	Wednesday Night Prayer—by Zoom	7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY	Men's Bible Study—Admin Rm 103	6:30 p.m.
SATURDAY	Prayer Team Meeting	10:00 a.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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NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES — Today, 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.
- **INQUIRER'S CLASS** If you would like to learn more about Town North or becoming a member, join our Inquirer's Class that will begin on January 9 during the Sunday school hour in Christian Ed Bldg, Room 200-201. Contact Pastor Rogers for more information at david.rogers@tnpc.org.
- **LEBANON PROJECT** To support Pastor Imad Aubrey's ministry in Lebanon, please make gifts payable to Town North Presbyterian Church with "Lebanon Project" on the memo line.

COVENANT CLUBHOUSE — Catechism instruction for children 4-years old through 6th grade will resume on Sunday, January 16, 5:00-6:30pm.

Please register your child using this QR code:



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