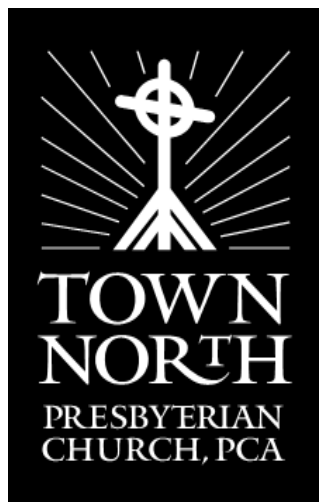


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making disciples of Jesus.*



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

August 7, 2022 10:30 A.M.

REFLECTION

“God was so precious to my soul that the world with all its enjoyments appeared vile. I had no more value for the favor of men than for pebbles.”

-David Brainerd, *The Works of Jonathan Edwards* (vol. 2), “Brainerd’s Life and Diary,” Banner of Truth Trust, 1986, p. 324.

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

Psalms 33:1, 18-22

LEADER: Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!
Praise befits the upright.

PEOPLE: **Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,**

LEADER: that he may deliver their soul from death
and keep them alive in famine.

PEOPLE: **Our soul waits for the LORD;
he is our help and our shield.**

LEADER: For our heart is glad in him,
because we trust in his holy name.

PEOPLE: **Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,
even as we hope in you.**

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

* HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn 92 (vv. 1-4)

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and pow'r are great;
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

2 Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing;
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he,
Lord Sabbaoth his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

3 And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

4 That Word above all earthly pow'rs,
no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

1 Samuel 15:22

LEADER: And Samuel said,
"Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices,
as in obeying the voice of the LORD?
Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice,
and to listen than the fat of rams."

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ALL: O Lord Most High, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We are often more concerned about approval and acceptance from other people than from you. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Isaiah 53:3-5

LEADER: 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 RESPONSE

Ensemble & Congregation

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

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| 1 | Come behold the wondrous myst'ry,
in the dawning of the King.
He, the theme of heaven's praises,
robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness,
now the light of life has come!
Look to Christ, who condescended,
took on flesh to ransom us. | 3 | Come behold the wondrous myst'ry:
Christ the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners
hangs the Lamb in victory!
See the price of our redemption,
see the Father's plan unfold,
bringing many sons to glory:
grace unmeasured, love untold! |
| 2 | Come behold the wondrous myst'ry:
he the perfect Son of Man,
in his living, in his suffering,
never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam,
come to save the hell-bound man,
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
of the law; in him we stand. | 4 | Come behold the wondrous myst'ry:
slain by death, the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain him;
praise the Lord, he is alive!
What a foretaste of deliv'rance,
how unwavering our hope.
Christ in power resurrected,
as we will be when he comes. |

* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Ensemble & Congregation

Speak, O Lord

- 1 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

Wayne Bowman, Elder

1 Samuel 15

And Samuel said to Saul, "The LORD sent me to anoint you king over his people Israel; now therefore listen to the words of the LORD. ² Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'I have noted what Amalek did to Israel in opposing them on the way when they came up out of Egypt. ³ Now go and strike Amalek and devote to destruction all that they have. Do not spare them, but kill both man and woman, child and infant, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.'"

⁴ So Saul summoned the people and numbered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand men on foot, and ten thousand men of Judah. ⁵ And Saul came to the city of Amalek and lay in wait in the valley. ⁶ Then Saul said to the Kenites, "Go, depart; go down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them. For you showed

kindness to all the people of Israel when they came up out of Egypt.” So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites. ⁷ And Saul defeated the Amalekites from Havilah as far as Shur, which is east of Egypt. ⁸ And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive and devoted to destruction all the people with the edge of the sword. ⁹ But Saul and the people spared Agag and the best of the sheep and of the oxen and of the fattened calves and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them. All that was despised and worthless they devoted to destruction.

¹⁰ The word of the LORD came to Samuel: ¹¹ “I regret that I have made Saul king, for he has turned back from following me and has not performed my commandments.” And Samuel was angry, and he cried to the LORD all night. ¹² And Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning. And it was told Samuel, “Saul came to Carmel, and behold, he set up a monument for himself and turned and passed on and went down to Gilgal.” ¹³ And Samuel came to Saul, and Saul said to him, “Blessed be you to the LORD. I have performed the commandment of the LORD.” ¹⁴ And Samuel said, “What then is this bleating of the sheep in my ears and the lowing of the oxen that I hear?” ¹⁵ Saul said, “They have brought them from the Amalekites, for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen to sacrifice to the LORD your God, and the rest we have devoted to destruction.” ¹⁶ Then Samuel said to Saul, “Stop! I will tell you what the LORD said to me this night.” And he said to him, “Speak.”

¹⁷ And Samuel said, “Though you are little in your own eyes, are you not the head of the tribes of Israel? The LORD anointed you king over Israel. ¹⁸ And the LORD sent you on a mission and said, ‘Go, devote to destruction the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are consumed.’ ¹⁹ Why then did you not obey the voice of the LORD? Why did you pounce on the spoil and do what was evil in the sight of the LORD?” ²⁰ And Saul said to Samuel, “I have obeyed the voice of the LORD. I have gone on the mission on which the LORD sent me. I have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and I have devoted the Amalekites to destruction. ²¹ But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the best of the things devoted to destruction, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal.” ²² And Samuel said,

“Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices,
as in obeying the voice of the LORD?
Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice,
and to listen than the fat of rams.

²³ For rebellion is as the sin of divination,
and presumption is as iniquity and idolatry.
Because you have rejected the word of the LORD,
he has also rejected you from being king.”

²⁴ Saul said to Samuel, “I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment

of the LORD and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice.
²⁵ Now therefore, please pardon my sin and return with me that I may bow before the LORD.” ²⁶ And Samuel said to Saul, “I will not return with you. For you have rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD has rejected you from being king over Israel.” ²⁷ As Samuel turned to go away, Saul seized the skirt of his robe, and it tore. ²⁸ And Samuel said to him, “The LORD has torn the kingdom of Israel from you this day and has given it to a neighbor of yours, who is better than you. ²⁹ And also the Glory of Israel will not lie or have regret, for he is not a man, that he should have regret.” ³⁰ Then he said, “I have sinned; yet honor me now before the elders of my people and before Israel, and return with me, that I may bow before the LORD your God.” ³¹ So Samuel turned back after Saul, and Saul bowed before the LORD.

³² Then Samuel said, “Bring here to me Agag the king of the Amalekites.” And Agag came to him cheerfully. Agag said, “Surely the bitterness of death is past.” ³³ And Samuel said, “As your sword has made women childless, so shall your mother be childless among women.” And Samuel hacked Agag to pieces before the LORD in Gilgal.

³⁴ Then Samuel went to Ramah, and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. ³⁵ And Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD regretted that he had made Saul king over Israel.

APPLYING GOD’S WORD

David Rogers, Pastor

“Rejection of the Self-Seeking King”

* RESPONDING IN SONG

Hymn 642 (vv 1-5)

Be Thou My Vision

- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
- 3 Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul’s shelter, thou my high tow’r:
raise thou me heav’nward, O Pow’r of my pow’r.

(Continued...)

4 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

5 High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of 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

ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY	Worship — <i>Worship Center</i>	10:30 a.m.
	Visitors Lunch — <i>Fellowship Hall</i>	12:00 p.m.
	Youth Group — <i>Admin Bldg</i>	5:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	Prayer — <i>Admin Rm 103</i>	7:00 p.m.
	Youth Midweek Meetup — <i>Admin Bldg Youth Room</i>	7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY	Men's Bible Study — <i>Admin Rm 103</i>	6:30 p.m.
FRIDAY	North Texas Presbytery Meeting Worship — <i>Worship Center</i>	7:00 p.m.
SATURDAY	North Texas Presbytery Meeting — <i>Worship Center</i>	8:00 a.m.

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THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING — are given by Matt and Bethany Willis in celebration of their 6th wedding anniversary and with praise for the blessing their daughter Kodi is to their family.

VISITORS LUNCH — Join us for lunch today immediately after worship in the Fellowship Hall. Visitors are especially welcome!

COMMUNION — Will be celebrated next Sunday morning, August 14. Prepare your hearts and minds and relationships to approach the LORD's table.

PRAYER FOR MISSIONARIES DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR — In place of our Adult Sunday School class next Sunday (August 14), we will gather in strategic prayer for our missionaries. Please plan to join us at 9am in the CE Building Adult Sunday School classroom.

COMMUNICANTS' CLASS — This is the first step for our covenant children to be admitted to the Lord's Table. A parents' meeting will be held on August 28 in the Fellowship Hall, immediately after worship. Please contact Graham Clark with any questions at graham.clark@tnpc.org.

COVENANT CLUBHOUSE — Will resume on September 11. Registration details will follow.

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE—FRIDAY, AUGUST 12—7:00 PM—Town North will host the meeting of the North Texas Presbytery on Friday-Saturday, August 12-13. We begin our meeting with WORSHIP on Friday evening, and we invite you to join us as we worship and celebrate the Lord's Supper.

Fiscal Year 2023

Totals through July 31, 2022

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

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