

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



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

*September 11, 2022 10:30 A.M.*

REFLECTION

***“God is the highest good of the reasonable creature. The enjoyment of him is our proper; and is the only happiness with which our souls can be satisfied. To go to heaven, fully to enjoy God, is infinitely better than the most pleasant accommodations here. Better than fathers and mothers, husbands, wives, or children, or the company of any, or all earthly friends. These are but shadows; but the enjoyment of God is the substance. These are but scattered beams; but God is the sun. These are but streams; but God is the fountain. These are but drops, but God is the ocean.”***

-Jonathan Edwards, The Works of Jonathan Edwards, Vol. 17: Sermons and Discourses, 1730-1733.

***“All pains and pleasures we have known on earth are early initiations in the movements of that dance: but the dance itself is strictly incomparable with the sufferings of this present time.”***

-C. S. Lewis, The Problem of Pain, HarperCollins Publishers, 1940.

PRELUDE

*Lynna Harbison*

ACTIVITIES & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*David Hitt, Elder*

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

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Revelation 19 & 21*

LEADER: Hallelujah!

For the Lord our God  
the Almighty reigns.

**PEOPLE: Let us rejoice and exult  
and give him the glory.**

LEADER: Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man.  
He will dwell with them, and they will be his people,  
and God himself will be with them as their God.

**PEOPLE: He will wipe away every tear from their eyes,  
and death shall be no more,  
neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore,  
for the former things have passed away.**

LEADER: Behold, the Lord is making all things new.

**PEOPLE: Amen!**

\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

\* HYMN OF PRAISE

*Hymn 345 (vv 1-4)*

*Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken*

1 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.

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.**

\* SONG OF CONFESSION OF SIN

*Ensemble & Congregation*

***God, Be Merciful to Me (Psalm 51)***

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| 1 God, be merciful to me,<br>on thy grace I rest my plea;<br>plenteous in compassion thou,<br>blot out my transgressions now;<br>wash me, make me pure within,<br>cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.      | 3 Gracious God, my heart renew,<br>make my spirit right and true.<br>Cast me not away from thee,<br>let thy Spirit dwell in me;<br>thy salvation's joy impart,<br>steadfast make my willing heart.            |
| 2 My transgressions I confess,<br>grief and guilt my soul oppress;<br>I have sinned against thy grace<br>and provoked thee to thy face;<br>I confess thy judgment just,<br>speechless, I thy mercy trust. | 4 Sinners then shall learn from me,<br>and return, O God, to thee.<br>Savior all my guilt remove,<br>and my tongue shall sing thy love;<br>touch my silent lips, O Lord,<br>and my mouth shall praise accord. |

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

*1 Peter 1:3-5*

LEADER: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Hymn 80 (vv. 1-4)*

***Lord, with Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee***

- 1 Lord, with glowing heart I'd praise thee  
for the bliss thy love bestows,  
for the pard'ning grace that saves me,  
and the peace that from it flows.  
Help, O God, my weak endeavor;  
this dull soul to rapture raise:  
thou must light the flame, or never  
can my love be warmed to praise.

*(Continued...)*

- 2 Praise, my soul, the God that sought thee,  
wretched wand'rer far astray;  
found thee lost, and kindly brought thee  
from the paths of death away.  
Praise, with love's devoutest feeling,  
him who saw thy guilt-born fear,  
and, the light of hope revealing,  
bade the blood-stained cross appear.
- 3 Praise thy Savior God that drew thee  
to that cross, new life to give,  
held a blood-sealed pardon to thee,  
bade thee look to him and live.  
Praise the grace whose threats alarmed thee,  
roused thee from thy fatal ease;  
praise the grace whose promise warmed thee,  
praise the grace that whispered peace.
- 4 Lord, this bosom's ardent feeling  
vainly would my lips express:  
low before thy footstool kneeling,  
deign thy suppliant's pray'r to bless.  
Let thy love, my soul's chief treasure,  
love's pure flame within me raise;  
and, since words can never measure,  
let my life show forth thy praise.

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*David Hitt, Elder*

\* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

*Hymn 600 (vv. 1-4)*

***He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought***

1 He leadeth me: O blessed thought!  
O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,  
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

3 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,  
nor ever murmur nor repine;  
content, whatever lot I see,  
since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

**Refrain**

He leadeth me, he leadeth me;  
by his own hand he leadeth me:  
his faithful foll'wer I would be,  
for by his hand he leadeth me.

4 And when my task on earth is done,  
when, by thy grace, the vict'ry's won,  
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,  
since God through Jordan leadeth me.

2 Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom,  
sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,  
by waters calm, o'er troubled sea,  
still 'tis his hand that leadeth me.

***Revelation 21:1-7***

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup> And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup> And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. <sup>7</sup> The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

APPLYING GOD’S WORD

*Rev. Dr. Mark McDowell,  
Executive Director, RTS Dallas*

***“A Tale of Two Cities: Babylon and Jerusalem”***

\* RESPONDING IN SONG

*Ensemble & Congregation*

***On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand***

- 1 On Jordan’s stormy banks I stand,  
and cast a wishful eye  
to Canaan’s fair and happy land,  
where my possessions lie.
  
- 2 All o’er those wide extended plains,  
shines one eternal day;  
there God, the Son, forever reigns  
and scatters night away.

*(Continued...)*

**Chorus**

I am bound (I am bound),  
I am bound (I am bound),  
I am bound for the Promised Land.  
I am bound (I am bound),  
I am bound (I am bound),  
I am bound for the Promised Land.  
and in his bosom rest.

3 No chilling winds nor pois'nous breath  
can reach that healthful shore,  
sickness, sorrow, pain and death  
are felt and feared no more.

**Chorus**

4 When shall I reach that happy place  
and be forever blessed;  
when shall I see my Father's face,  
and in his bosom rest.

**Chorus (x 2)**

\* CLOSING PRAYER

*David Hitt, Elder*

POSTLUDE

*Lynna Harbison*

# SERMON NOTES

*“A Tale of Two Cities: Babylon and Jerusalem”*

*Revelation 21:1-7*

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## ***Next Week:***

Text: *1 Peter 1:1-12*

Preacher: David Rogers, Pastor

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### ***Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken***

Words: John Newton, 1779. Music: Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797. Public Domain.

### ***God Be Merciful to Me***

Words: *The Psalter*, 1912; From *Psalms 51:1-15*. Music: Christopher Miner, 1997. Tune © 1997 Christopher Miner Music.

### ***He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!***

Words: Joseph H. Gilmore, 1862; alt. Music: William B. Bradbury, 1864. Public Domain.

### ***Lord, with Glowing Heart P'd Praise Thee***

Words: Francis Scott Key, 1817. Music: based on a Gregorian chant; Arr.: Lowell Mason, 1839. Public Domain.

### ***On Jordan's Stormy Banks***

Words: Samuel Stennett, 1787. Music: Christopher Miner, 1997. Tune © 1997 Christopher Miner Music.

## ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>Worship—Worship Center</b> <b>Covenant Clubhouse—Fellowship Hall</b> <b>Youth Group Meeting—Admin Youth Room</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b> <b>5:00 p.m.</b> <b>5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Ladies’ Morning Bible Study—CE Rm 200</b> <b>Deacon Meeting</b> <b>Ladies’ Evening Bible Study—CE Rm 200</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> <b>6:00 p.m.</b> <b>6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Prayer—Admin Rm 103</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Men’s Bible Study—Admin Rm 103</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>

*Church activity calendar is available online 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”.

**COMMUNION NEXT SUNDAY** — Instead of celebrating communion today, we will celebrate next Sunday morning, September 18. Prepare your hearts and minds and relationships to approach the LORD’s table.

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY** — Join us Tuesdays at 9:30am or 6:30pm as we spend the year studying the book of Isaiah. Child care is available for the morning sessions. Register in the Narthex or email: [Bonlee\\_Rawley@hotmail.com](mailto:Bonlee_Rawley@hotmail.com). Books are available for \$12.

**COVENANT CLUBHOUSE** — Catechism training for children ages 4 through 6th grade will resume this evening from 5pm-6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Register here>>>:



**TNPC 50TH ANNIVERSARY** — Worship and celebration of God’s faithfulness, Saturday, November 5, 4pm-7pm. For more information and RSVP:



#### **Fiscal Year 2023**

#### **Totals through September 4, 2022**

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

<b>General Fund Income</b>	<b>\$ 100,349</b>
<b>Designated Giving</b>	<b>\$ 35,485</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 342,826</b>
<b>Net Surplus or (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ (206,992)</b>

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