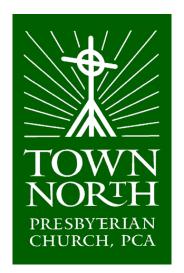
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The Week's Order of WORSHIP for THE LORD'S DAY

October 2, 2022 10:30 A.M.

REFLECTION

"Whisper words of truth in my heart [Lord], for you alone speak truth...while I withdraw to my secret cell and sing you hymns of love, groaning with grief that I cannot express as I journey on my pilgrimage. Yet I shall remember the heavenly Jerusalem and my heart shall be lifted up towards that holy place, Jerusalem my country, Jerusalem my mother. And I shall remember you are her Ruler, you who give her light, you her Father...you who are her constant Joy...because you alone are Goodness itself, the sovereign Good, the true Good."

-Augustine, <u>Confessions</u>, Book 12, Section 16, R. S. Pine-Coffin translation, Penguin Books, 1961, p. 293.

PRELUDE

Rob Anderson & 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 103:1-5, 15-18, 22

LEADER: Bless the LORD, O my soul,

and all that is within me,

bless his holy name!

PEOPLE: Bless the LORD, O my soul,

and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the pit,

who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

who satisfies you with good

so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

LEADER: As for man, his days are like grass;

he flourishes like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,

and its place knows it no more.

PEOPLE: But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to

everlasting on those who fear him,

Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!

* HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn 53 (vv 1-5)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
 O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
 All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
 join me in glad adoration.
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee! Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee; ponder anew what the Almighty will do, if with his love he befriend thee.
- 4 Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee, decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief, spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!
- 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen, sound from his people again; gladly fore'er we adore him.

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

1 Peter 1:14-15

LEADER: As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former

ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your

conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious God, we confess the ways we have been conformed to ALL: this world and its values.

> Forgive us for not loving you with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength.

Forgive us for not loving our neighbor as ourselves.

Grant us eyes of faith to long for the blessings that we have in

Christ and the life of the world to come. 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

1 Peter 1:16-19

LEADER: And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn 253 (vv 1-3, 5)

There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

- 1 There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins; and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains: lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains; and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.
- 2 The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day: and there have I, as vile as he. washed all my sins away: washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away: and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away.

(Continued...)

- 3 E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flowing wounds supply, redeeming love has been my theme. and shall be till I die: and shall be till I die. and shall be till I die; redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.
- 5 Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood shall never lose its pow'r, till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more: be saved to sin no more. be saved to sin no more; till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.

* CONFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

LEADER: People of God, what do we believe?

ALL: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,

> Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God begotten of his Father before all worlds. God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made:

who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,

and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;

He suffered and was buried: and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

David Rogers, Pastor

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

- 1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy pow'rful hand; Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through; strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer, be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
 Death of death, and hell's Destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side; songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.

* SCRIPTURE READING

David Schlimme, Elder

1 Peter 1:13-25

Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being soberminded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵ but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶ since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." ¹⁷ And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸ knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹ who through him

are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

²² Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³ since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴ for

"All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, 25 but the word of the Lord remains forever."

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

LEADER: The grass withers, the flower fades,

but the word of our God will stand forever.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

David Rogers, Pastor

"Are you living as a person in exile?"

* RESPONDING IN SONG

Congregation

A Pilgrim and a Stranger

I A pilgrim and a stranger,
I journey here below;
far distant is my country,
the home to which I go.
Here I must toil and travail,
oft weary and oppressed,
but there my God shall lead me
to everlasting rest.

(Continued...)

- 2 I've met with storms and danger e'en from my early years, with enemies and conflicts, with fighting and with fears.

 There's nothing here that tempts me to wish a longer stay, so I must hasten forward, no halting or delay.
- 3 So I must hasten forward—thank God, the end will come! This land of my sojourning is not my destined home. The everlasting city, Jerusalem above, this evermore abideth, the home of light and love.
- 4 There I shall dwell forever, no more a parting guest, with all thy blood-bought children in everlasting rest, the pilgrim toils forgotten, the pilgrim conflicts o'er, all earthly griefs behind me, eternal joys before.

* 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

SERMON NOTES

"Are you living as a person in exile?"

1 Peter 1:13-25

Next Week:	
Preacher: Rev. Dr. Sinclair Ferguson	
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Words: Joachim Neander, 1680 (Based on Psalm 103); Tr.: Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt. 1990. Music: Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665; Arr.: Praxis Pietatis Melica, 1668. Public Domain.	Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah Words: William Williams, 1745; St. 1 tr.: Peter Williams, 1771; St. 2-3 tr.: William Williams, 1772. Music: John Hughes, 1907. Public Domain.
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SUNDAY	Worship—Worship Center	10:30 a.m
	Visitors Lunch—Fellowship Hall	12:00 p.m
	Covenant Clubhouse—Fellowship Hall	5:00 p.m
	Youth Group—Admin Youth Room	5:00 p.m
TUESDAY	Ladies' Morning Bible Study—CE Rm 200	9:30 a.m
	Session Meeting	6:00 p.m
	Ladies' Evening Bible Study—CE Rm 200	6:30 p.m
WEDNESDAY	Prayer—Admin Rm 103	7:00 p.m
THURSDAY	Men's Bible Study—Admin Rm 103	6:30 p.m
SATURDAY	Men's Leader Development Class—Admin Rm 103	8:00 a.m
	Women's Prayer Brunch—Fellowship Hall	10:00 a.m

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- 1. Go to www.tnpc.org
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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, October 9. Prepare your hearts and minds and relationships to approach the LORD's table.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ON EPHESIANS — Gather for a time of teaching with Dr. Greg Beale on Sunday mornings at 9am in the CE Bldg Rooms 205-206.

LIFE CHAIN — This afternoon, join members of Town North at the corner of Campbell and Plano Roads from 2pm-3:30pm to unite in prayer and repentance against legalized abortion. Contact Cheryl Marvin if you would like more information.

WOMEN'S PRAYER BRUNCH — TNPC Women will gather to hear a short devotional and to pray in the Fellowship Hall at 10am next Saturday, October 8. All women are invited.

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



DR. SINCLAIR FERGUSON — Will worship with us and preach God's Word next Sunday, October 9.

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