

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



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

*November 6, 2022 10:30 A.M.*

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

*Exodus 33:6-7; from Psalm 116*

LEADER: "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."

**PEOPLE: I love the LORD, because he has heard  
my voice and my pleas for mercy.**

LEADER: Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;  
our God is merciful.

**PEOPLE: I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call on the name of the LORD.**

**ALL: Praise the LORD!**

\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***To God Be the Glory***

1 To God be the glory, great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the lifegate that we may go in.

**Refrain**

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he has done!

2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;  
the vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.

3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer and higher and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

*Proverbs 28:13*

LEADER: Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper,  
but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Psalms 51:1-4, 10, 12, 15*

ALL: **Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin!  
For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.  
Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you may be justified in your words  
and blameless in your judgment.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with a willing spirit.  
O Lord, open my lips,  
and my mouth will declare your praise.  
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

*Ephesians 2:4-7*

LEADER: But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

## \* SONG OF RESPONSE

*Ensemble & Congregation*

### ***His Mercy Is More***

- 1 What love could remember no wrongs we have done?  
Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum.  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore.  
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.
  
- 2 What patience would wait as we constantly roam?  
What Father so tender is calling us home?  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.  
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

### **Chorus**

Praise the Lord,  
His mercy is more.  
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn.  
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

- 3 What riches of kindness he lavished on us.  
His blood was the payment, his life was the cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.  
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

### **Chorus (x 2)**

## PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*David Rogers, Pastor*

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

*Westminster Larger Catechism Q&A 165*

LEADER: What is Baptism?

**ALL: Baptism is a sacrament of the New Testament, wherein Christ hath ordained the washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, to be a sign and seal of ingrafting into himself, of remission of sins by his blood, and regeneration by his Spirit; of adoption, and resurrection unto everlasting life; and whereby the parties baptized are solemnly admitted into the visible church, and enter into an open and professed engagement to be wholly and only the Lord's.**

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP VOWS

*Ailing Hua*

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

## \* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

*Hymn 77 (vv 1-3, 5)*

### *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (Psalm 103)*

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| 1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,<br>to his feet your tribute bring;<br>ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,<br>who, like me his praise should sing?<br>Alleluia! Alleluia!<br>Praise the everlasting King. | 3 Father-like, he tends and spares us;<br>well our feeble frame he knows;<br>in his hands he gently bears us,<br>rescues us from all our foes.<br>Alleluia! Alleluia!<br>Widely as his mercy goes.  |
| 2 Praise him for his grace and favor<br>to our fathers in distress;<br>praise him, still the same forever,<br>slow to chide and swift to bless.<br>Alleluia! Alleluia!<br>Glorious in his faithfulness.           | 5 Angels, help us to adore him;<br>you behold him face to face;<br>sun and moon, bow down before him,<br>dwellers all in time and space.<br>Alleluia! Alleluia!<br>Praise with us the God of grace. |

\* SCRIPTURE READING

*Rev. Dr. Bryan Chapell,  
Stated Clerk of the PCA*

***Romans 12:1-2***

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

*Rev. Dr. Bryan Chapell,  
Stated Clerk of the PCA*

***"The Power of Mercy"***

\* RESPONDING IN SONG

*Hymn 457 (vv 1-4)*

***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing***

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| <p>1 Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing,<br/>tune my heart to sing thy grace;<br/>streams of mercy, never ceasing,<br/>call for songs of loudest praise.<br/>Teach me some melodious sonnet,<br/>sung by flaming tongues above;<br/>praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,<br/>mount of God's unchanging love.</p> | <p>3 O to grace how great a debtor<br/>daily I'm constrained to be;<br/>let that grace now, like a fetter,<br/>bind my wand'ring heart to thee.<br/>Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—<br/>prone to leave the God I love:<br/>here's my heart, O take and seal it,<br/>seal it for thy courts above.</p> |
| <p>2 Here I raise my Ebenezer;<br/>hither by thy help I'm come;<br/>and I hope, by thy good pleasure,<br/>safely to arrive at home.<br/>Jesus sought me when a stranger,<br/>wand'ring from the fold of God:<br/>he, to rescue me from danger,<br/>interposed his precious blood.</p>                            | <p>4 O that day when freed from sinning,<br/>I shall see thy lovely face;<br/>clothed then in blood-washed linen<br/>how I'll sing thy sovereign grace.<br/>Come, my Lord, no longer tarry,<br/>take my ransom'd soul away;<br/>send thine angels now to carry<br/>me to realms of endless day.</p>    |

\* BENEDICTION

*2 John 1:3*

PASTOR: Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love. Amen.

POSTLUDE

*Lynna Harbison*

# SERMON NOTES

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*“The Power of Mercy”*

*Romans 12:1-2*

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***Next Week:***

Text: *Luke 2:25-52*

Preacher: Rev. Dr. David Gibson, Minister of Trinity Church in Aberdeen, Scotland

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***To God Be the Glory***

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***Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven***

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***His Mercy Is More***

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***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing***

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## ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>Prayer for Worship—CE Rm 201</b> <b>Sunday School for all ages—CE Bldg</b> <b>Worship—Worship Center</b> <b>Covenant Clubhouse—Fellowship Hall</b> <b>Youth Group—Admin Bldg Upstairs</b>	<b>8:15 a.m.</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</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>Session Meeting</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> <b>6:00 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—Fellowship Hall</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>Women's Prayer Retreat—Fellowship Hall</b> <b>Ministry Leaders Meeting—Admin Rm 103</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b> <b>9:00 a.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".

**THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING** — Are given in celebration of Town North Presbyterian Church's 50 years of dedication and commitment to serving the gospel message and spreading the love of Christ.

**COMMUNION** — Will be celebrated next Sunday morning, November 13. Prepare your hearts and minds and relationships to approach the LORD's table.

**TOWN NORTH CHRISTMAS CHOIR** — There's still time to join the choir! Rehearsal is at 1pm today in the worship center. For more information: [Andrew.Cies@tnpc.org](mailto:Andrew.Cies@tnpc.org).

**TNPC WOMEN'S PRAYER RETREAT** — We'll gather for food, fellowship, and time devoted to prayer this Saturday, November 12, 8:30am-12:30pm in Fellowship Hall. RSVP to Julie Bridgeforth: [juliebridgeforth@gmail.com](mailto:juliebridgeforth@gmail.com).

**RUF-INTERNATIONAL AT UTD THANKSGIVING DINNER** — Saturday, November 19, 5:30-8:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Welcome international students with an American Thanksgiving dinner, games, and friendships! Everyone can participate! Signup is required: <https://bit.ly/3FFX4UR>.

**THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE** — On Wednesday, November 23 at 6:30pm, join us as we celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday by giving thanks to God!

**THANKSGIVING PLANS?** — If you do not have plans for Thanksgiving, David and Kelly Rogers invite you to celebrate with them. RSVP to [kellyrogers102090@gmail.com](mailto:kellyrogers102090@gmail.com) or 469-371-1904.

### Fiscal Year 2023

#### Totals through October 30, 2022

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

<b>General Fund Income</b>	<b>\$ 235,016</b>
<b>Designated Giving</b>	<b>\$ 66,140</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 554,071</b>
<b>Net Surplus or (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ (252,915)</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](http://paypal.me/tnpcgive)

or

Send to:

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



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**NOMINATION FORM FOR DEACON or TRUSTEE**

PLEASE READ the following guidelines before making your nomination:

1. **Based on TNPC by-laws, the list of men qualified as candidates for elder or deacon is shown below. PLEASE only nominate men found on this list.**  
*(Please refer to the BACK OF THIS SHEET – “Election of Elders and Deacons at TNPC – Frequently Asked Questions” – for an explanation of the process for electing leaders.)*

**-Joel Aguilar (Elder)**

**-Andrew Carlson (Deacon)**

2. **Please ASK the candidate if he is willing to serve in this capacity.**
3. Those elected to the office of elder or deacon serve three year terms and must be re-nominated by the congregation prior to re-election to a succeeding term.
4. You must be a member in good standing to nominate a candidate for the office.
5. Please read 1 Timothy 3:1-13 and Titus 1:5-9 prior to making your nomination to ensure that the man you nominate meets the qualifications for Deacon.
6. Do not nominate your spouse or anyone related to you by blood or marriage.
7. Please place this form in the box provided in the foyer by **November 13, 2022.**

I nominate the following male member of TNPC as a candidate for Office or Trustee:

**Name of Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please give your reasons for nominating this person. *(Use back of page if needed.)*

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I have endeavored to follow the guidelines above in making this nomination.

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Signature

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Date

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Print your name



## **Election of Elders & Deacons at TNPC**

### *Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)*

The Session is firmly committed to making every effort to ensure transparency and openness in the officer nomination and election process. In an effort to foster this openness, we are publishing this list of questions and answers as we approach the election of officers at the annual congregational meeting on **January 18, 2023**.

#### **1. Where is the process for the election officers at TNPC defined?**

*Answer:* Two documents define the process. The first is the *Book of Church Order* (BCO) of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), Chapter 24. You can find this document on-line at: <https://www.pcaac.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/BCO-2019-with-bookmarks-for-website.pdf>. The second is found in the **By-Laws of TNPC**, Article V, Sections 5a, 6a, and 7. (A copy of this document can be obtained at the TNPC office.)

#### **2. How does the BCO define the process for elders and deacons?**

*Answer:* The BCO specifies that at such times deemed appropriate by the Session, communicant members of the congregation will be asked to submit names of active male members who meet the qualifications specified in I Timothy 3 and Titus 1. Those nominees are to receive instruction in the qualifications and work of the office. Each nominee is then examined by the Session in five areas: 1) his Christian experience and character as measured by the standards set out in I Timothy 3 and Titus 1; 2) his knowledge of Bible content; 3) his knowledge of the system of doctrine & government held by the PCA; 4) the duties of his office; 5) and his willingness to assent to the questions required of ordination. Those men who go through training, and are qualified by the Session in these five areas, are reported to the congregation at least 30 days prior to the election by the congregation. At the election, by secret ballot, those receiving more than 50% of the votes are elected to three year or shorter terms depending on the vacancies in the various classes. The BCO goes on to say that the moderator of the meeting should attempt to dissuade the majority from prosecuting the election of a man receiving a bare majority unless they insist on their right to do so.

#### **3. How do the TNPC By-Laws refine the process defined by the BCO?**

*Answer:* The TNPC By-Laws refine the process by breaking it down into two discrete steps. They do this by combining the BCO requirements of open nomination of any male member and the training into a single first step. Then, in the second step those men who have been trained and have been qualified by the Session, per the BCO requirements, are reported to the congregation.

#### **4. When do these two steps take place?**

*Answer:* According to our By-Laws, the first step is to take place in January of each year. Those men who have not previously served in an office are nominated, and a Leadership Training Course is provided. After the training, the Session (following the BCO above) examines these men to determine whether they meet the 5 qualifications for office. The list of those qualified nominees, and those who have previously served as Officers and been approved by the Session, are then submitted to the congregation for nomination. The list of those nominated is then presented to the congregation in writing no later than December 15.

#### **5. When does the congregation vote on the final slate of officer candidates?**

*Answer:* The names of those men qualified for office, and nominated by the congregation, will be put on the ballot to be voted on at the annual congregational meeting in January.