

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



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

November 13, 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

from Psalm 73

LEADER: Truly God is good to Israel,
to those who are pure in heart.

PEOPLE: **Whom have I in heaven but you?**

And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.

My flesh and my heart may fail,

but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

LEADER: Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!

PEOPLE: **For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised!**

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Only a Holy God

- 1 Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?
Who else could make every king bow down?
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?
Only a holy God.
- 2 What other beauty demands such praises?
What other splendor outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice?
Only a holy God.

Chorus

Come and behold him,
the one and the only.
Cry out, sing “holy;”
forever a holy God.
Come and worship the holy God.

- 3 What other glory consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated?
Only a holy God.

Chorus

- 4 Who else could rescue me from my failing?
Who else would offer his only Son?
Who else invites me to call him Father?
Only a holy God.
Only my holy God!

Chorus (x 2)

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

Matthew 10:34-39

LEADER: “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a person’s enemies will be those of his own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ALL: **Almighty God, we confess that we often love our family and friends more than we love you.
There are times when we value allegiance to family and friends more highly than we value allegiance to you.
Forgive us, and make us a people whose love for you surpasses all other loves. 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 *Romans 8:31b-32, 38-39*

LEADER: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?
For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

* SONG OF RESPONSE *Ensemble & Congregation*

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

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| <p>1 How deep the Father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure,
that he should give his only Son
to make a wretch his treasure!
How great the pain of searing loss;
the Father turns his face away,
as wounds which mar the Chosen One,
bring many sons to glory.</p> <p>2 Behold the man upon a cross,
my sin upon his shoulders;
ashamed I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there
until it was accomplished;
his dying breath has brought me life—
I know that it is finished.</p> | <p>3 I will not boast in anything,
no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,
his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart:
his wounds have paid my ransom.</p> |
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PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

David Rogers, Pastor

O for a Heart to Praise My God

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| 1 O for a heart to praise my God,
a heart from sin set free;
a heart that's sprinkled with the blood
so freely shed for me. | 4 A heart in ev'ry thought renewed,
and full of love divine;
perfect and right and pure and good —
a copy, Lord, of thine. |
| 2 A heart resigned, submissive, meek,
my great Redeemer's throne;
where only Christ is heard to speak,
where Jesus reigns alone. | 5 Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart,
come quickly from above;
write thy new name upon my heart,
thy new best name of love. |
| 3 A humble, lowly, contrite heart,
believing, true and clean,
which neither life nor death can part
from him that dwells within. | |

* SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:25-52

Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶ And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷ And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸ he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

²⁹ "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation

³¹ that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel."

³³ And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴ And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵ (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

³⁶ And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷ and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ And coming up at that very hour she began to give

thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹ And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

⁴¹ Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³ And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴ but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵ and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." ⁴⁹ And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹ And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

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

"The Son and the Sword"

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Grape juice is in the purple cups in the center of the tray. Wine is in the clear cups around the outside of the tray. The matzo bread is gluten free.

Please hold the elements until everyone is served. Used cups may be placed in the baskets in the narthex after the service.

* RESPONDING IN SONG

Hymn 642 (vv 1-2, 4-5)

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.

- 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

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

“The Son and the Sword”

Luke 2:25-52

Next Week:
Text: *1 Peter 3:8-22*
Preacher: David Rogers, Pastor

Only a Holy God
Words and Music: Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson, Dustin Smith, Rich Thompson. © 2016 CityAlight Music.

How Deep the Father’s Love for Us
Words and Music: Stuart Townend. © 1995 Thankyou Music.

O for a Heart to Praise My God
Words: Charles Wesley, 1742. Music: Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829. Public Domain.

Be Thou My Vision
Words: Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th cent. Tr. By Mary E. Byrne, 1905. Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912. Music: Traditional Irish melody. Arr. by David Evans, 1927. Music arr. © 1927 from the Revised Church Hymnary.

ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY	Prayer for Worship—CE Rm 201 Sunday School for all ages—CE Bldg Worship—Worship Center Covenant Clubhouse—Fellowship Hall Youth Group—Admin Bldg Upstairs	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.
TUESDAY	Ladies' Morning Bible Study—CE Rm 200 Deacon Meeting Ladies' Evening Bible Study—CE Rm 200	9:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	Prayer—Admin Rm 103 Youth Midweek Meetup—Admin Bldg	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY	Men's Bible Study—Fellowship Hall	7:00 p.m.
SATURDAY	RUF-I UTD Thanksgiving Dinner—Fellowship Hall	5:30 p.m.

Church activity calendar is available online at www.tnpc.org/events

LIVESTREAM AUDIO ACCESS

1. Go to www.tnpc.org
2. Click on the box that says: "Livestream Audio".

RUF-INTERNATIONAL AT UTD THANKSGIVING DINNER — This 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!

CHRISTMAS LESSONS & CAROLS — Sunday, December 11, 6:30pm. Join us as we celebrate Christ's birth through Scripture Reading and Song. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share!

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 or 469-371-1904.

SUPPORTING OUR MERCY MINISTRY — Your generous donations, specified "Mercy Fund," allow our Deacons to bring financial relief to members and others in need.

Fiscal Year 2023

Totals through November 6, 2022

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

General Fund Income	\$ 250,855
Designated Giving	\$ 67,540
Total Expenses	\$ 592,290
Net Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ (273,895)

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Go to: tnpc.org/giving

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instructions



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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.)*

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

Signature

Date

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?

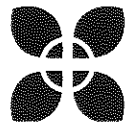
Answer: The TNPC By-Laws refine the process by breaking it down into two discrete steps. They do this by combining the BCO requirements of open nomination of any male member and the training into a single first step. Then, in the second step those men who have been trained and have been qualified by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



METROCREST

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 5, 2022

TO THE SESSION & PEOPLE OF TOWN NORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dearest Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On behalf of the people of Metrocrest Presbyterian Church, we want to extend our heartfelt congratulations on the anniversary of Town North's fiftieth year of ministry. While we share your gratitude and praise for God's faithfulness to you, we have special reason to thank Him for His faithfulness through you.

In the late 1980's, while Town North was still relatively young, your congregation began to think and pray about the possibility of planting a PCA church in the Northwest suburbs of Dallas. Your Pastor Dave Clelland gave invaluable leadership and encouragement. With care and gospel vision, you focused on the growing communities of Carrollton, Farmers Branch, Addison, and Coppell (known then and now as the Metrocrest).

On October 8, 1989, your church's Associate Pastor Ron Dunton and a launch team from Town North began meeting publicly at Trinity Mills Village Shopping Center in Carrollton. God granted us growth, new friends from the area joined us, and on June 20, 1993, Metrocrest Presbyterian Church was admitted to the North Texas Presbytery as a particular church.

Today, thirty-three years after Metrocrest was launched with Town North's selfless and generous support, we want to acknowledge our sincere gratitude and love for all that Town North has done in our behalf. Thank you!

Our prayer is that God will continue to bless Town North, that He will bestow wisdom and discernment upon your Session and Board of Deacons, and that He will so equip you with His Spirit that you will remain focused, as you always have been, on bringing glory to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

With love in His Name,

THE SESSION OF METROCREST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Teaching Elder Bill Lovell

Ruling Elder Bill Camp

Ruling Elder John Fowler

Ruling Elder Paul Hartgrove

Ruling Elder Larry Perry