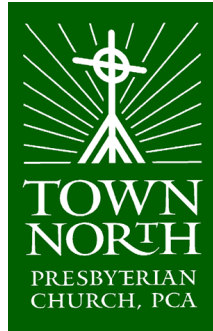


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making disciples of Jesus.*



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

November 20, 2022 10:30 A.M.

REFLECTION

"...the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice."

-Martin Luther King, Jr., *Remaining Awake Through a Great Revolution*,
message delivered at the National Cathedral, Washington, D.C., on 31 March 1968.

PRELUDE

Rob Anderson & Lynna Harbison

ACTIVITIES & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Andrew Cies, Pastor

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 34

LEADER: I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

PEOPLE: **The LORD is near to the brokenhearted
and saves the crushed in spirit.**

LEADER: Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

PEOPLE: **The LORD redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.**

ALL: **We will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in our mouths.**

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

* HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn 95 (vv 1-4)

Though Troubles Assail Us

- 1 Though troubles assail us and dangers affright,
though friends should all fail us and foes all unite,
yet one thing secures us, whatever betide,
the promise assures us, "The Lord will provide."
- 2 The birds, without garner or storehouse, are fed;
from them let us learn to trust God for our bread.
His saints what is fitting shall ne'er be denied
so long as 'tis written, "The Lord will provide."
- 3 When Satan assails us to stop up our path,
and courage all fails us, we triumph by faith.
He cannot take from us, though oft he has tried,
this heart-cheering promise, "The Lord will provide."
- 4 No strength of our own and no goodness we claim;
yet, since we have known of the Savior's great name,
in this our strong tower for safety we hide:
the Lord is our power, "The Lord will provide."

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

1 Peter 3:9

LEADER: Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless,
for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing.

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 3:18

LEADER: For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous,
that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made
alive in the spirit,

* CONFESSION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1

LEADER: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**ALL: That I am not my own,
but belong—
body and soul,
in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has delivered me from the tyranny of the devil.
He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven;
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.
Because I belong to him,
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
also assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.**

* SONG OF RESPONSE

Ensemble & Congregation

Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me

1 What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer.
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom,
my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,
for my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: "all is mine!"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

2 The night is dark, but I am not forsaken;
for by my side, the Savior, he will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing;
for in my need, his power is displayed.

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me.
Through the deepest valley, he will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

(Continued...)

3 No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven;
the future sure, the price it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
and he was raised to overthrow the grave.

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated.
Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: "I am free!"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

4 With every breath I long to follow Jesus;
for he has said that he will bring me home.
And day by day I know he will renew me;
until I stand with joy before the throne.

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus.
All the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
"Yet not I, but through Christ in me!"

When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
"Yet not I, but through Christ in me,
yet not I, but through Christ in me!"

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

David Rogers, Pastor

* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn 521 (vv. 1-4)

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

1 My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

3 His oath, his covenant, his blood
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay.

Chorus

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne.

2 When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.

1 Peter 3:8-22

⁸ Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. ⁹ Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. ¹⁰ For

“Whoever desires to love life
and see good days,
let him keep his tongue from evil
and his lips from speaking deceit;
¹¹ let him turn away from evil and do good;
let him seek peace and pursue it.
¹² For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their prayer.
But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

¹³ Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵ but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil.

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ because they formerly did not obey, when God’s patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹ Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

"How should Christians respond to attacks?"

* RESPONDING IN SONG

Ensemble & Congregation

When Trials Come

- 1 When trials come, no longer fear,
for in the pain, our God draws near
to fire a faith worth more than gold,
and there his faithfulness is told;
and there his faithfulness is told.

- 2 Within the night, I know your peace;
the Breath of God brings strength to me
and new each morning mercies flow,
as treasures of the darkness grow;
as treasures of the darkness grow.

- 3 I turn to wisdom not my own,
for ev'ry battle you have known.
My confidence will rest in you;
your love endures, your ways are good;
your love endures, your ways are good.

- 4 When I am weary with the cost,
I see the triumph of the cross.
So, in its shadow I shall run,
till he completes the work begun;
till he completes the work begun.

- 5 One day all things will be made new;
I'll see the hope you called me to
And in your kingdom paved with gold,
I'll praise your faithfulness of old;
I'll praise your faithfulness of old.

* BENEDICTION

1 Peter 5:10-11

PASTOR: And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Lynna Harbison

SERMON NOTES

“How should Christians respond to attacks?”

1 Peter 3:8-22

Next Week:

Text: *1 Peter 4:1-6*

Preacher: Andrew Cies, Pastor

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ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY	Prayer for Worship—CE Rm 201	8:15 a.m.
	Sunday School for all ages—CE Bldg	9:00 a.m.
	Worship—Worship Center	10:30 a.m.
	Officers' Prayer for the Congregation—Admin Rm 103	12:00 p.m.
	Covenant Clubhouse—Fellowship Hall	5:00 p.m.
	Youth Group—Admin Bldg Upstairs	5:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	Thanksgiving Eve Service—Worship Center	6:30 p.m.
THURSDAY	Thanksgiving Holiday—Church Office Closed	
FRIDAY	Thanksgiving Extended Holiday—Church Office Closed	

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THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING — Are given by Dick and Judy Dawson in celebration of their 53rd wedding anniversary and in thanksgiving to God for His faithfulness to us through the ministries of Town North.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL CANCELLED NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27 — Sunday School classes are cancelled next Sunday. We will gather to Pray for Worship at 9:30am (Christian Ed Building, Room 200-201).

COMMUNION — Will be celebrated next Sunday morning, November 27. Prepare your hearts and minds and relationships to approach the LORD’s table.

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 for the reception that will follow!

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.

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Totals through November 13, 2022

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

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