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



November 27, 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)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Carlson Family

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 98:1-2, 4

LEADER: Oh sing to the LORD a new song,

for he has done marvelous things!

PEOPLE: His right hand and his holy arm

have worked salvation for him.

LEADER: The LORD has made known his salvation;

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

PEOPLE: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

## O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.

## Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

2 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height, in ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe.

- 3 O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny; from depths of hell thy people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
- 4 O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.
- 5 O come, thou Key of David, come and open wide our heav'nly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.

## CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

from 1 Peter 4:2

LEADER: Live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God.

## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ALL: Merciful God, you created us in your image to do your will.

We confess that we have sinned against you.

We have often followed the passions of our own hearts rather than doing your will.

O Lord, forgive us. Through your Son Jesus, make us more and more into people who do your will in joyful obedience.

### 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

Galatians 2:20

LEADER: I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

## In Christ Alone

- 1 In Christ alone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my song; this cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My comforter, my all in all—here in the love of Christ I stand.
- 2 In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
  This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save.
  Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied; for ev'ry sin on him was laid—here in the death of Christ I live.
- 3 There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain; then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again! And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me; for I am his and he is mine—bought with the precious blood of Christ.
- 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death—
  this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
  from life's first cry to final breath,
  Jesus commands my destiny.
  No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
  can ever pluck me from his hand;
  till he returns or calls me home—
  here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

David Rogers, Pastor

## \* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn 644 (vv 1-5)

## May the Mind of Christ My Savior

- 1 May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day, by his love and pow'r controlling all I do and say.
- 2 May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour, so that all may see I triumph only through his pow'r.
- 3 May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything, that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.

- 4 May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea; him exalting, self abasing, this is victory.
- 5 May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win, and may they forget the channel, seeing only him.

## \* SCRIPTURE READING

David Hitt, Elder

## 1 Peter 4:1-6

Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, <sup>2</sup> so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God. <sup>3</sup> For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry. <sup>4</sup> With respect to this they are surprised when you do not join them in the same flood of debauchery, and they malign you; <sup>5</sup> but they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. <sup>6</sup> For this is why the gospel was preached even to those who are dead, that though judged in the flesh the way people are, they might live in the spirit the way God does.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

Andrew Cies. Pastor

"Living for the Will of God"

## \* CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

LEADER: People of God, what do you believe?

ALL: We believe in God the Father Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth.

We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended into hell

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### 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 252 (vv 1-4)

## When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God: all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

(Continued...)

- 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down: did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

## \* 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**

# "Living for the Will of God" 1 Peter 4:1-6

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## Next Week:

Text: 1 Peter 4:7-11

Preacher: David Rogers, Pastor

## $O\ Come,\ O\ Come\ Emmanuel$

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## **ACTIVITIES & ANNºUNCEMENTS**

SUNDAY	Prayer for Worship—CE Rm 201	9:30 a.m.
	Worship—Worship Center	10:30 a.m.
	Youth Group—Admin Bldg Upstairs	5:00 p.m.
TUESDAY	Ladies' Morning Bible Study—CE Rm 200	9:30 a.m.
	Ladies' Evening Bible Study—CE Rm 200	6:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	Prayer—Admin Rm 103	7:00 p.m.
	Youth Midweek Meetup—Admin Bldg Upstairs	7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY	Men's Bible Study—Fellowship Hall	7:00 p.m.

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

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FREE CHRISTMAS DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS BY J. C. RYLE — In an effort to help you have a Christ-centered Christmas we encourage you to take a <u>FREE COPY</u> of the booklet <u>25 Readings for Advent:</u> <u>The Coming of the King</u> (One per family). The booklet is located in the foyer, and includes 25 short daily readings which you can read December 1-25. We pray it will help you focus on Christ this Christmas. Enjoy!

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS PRAYER TEA — Women and youth girls are encouraged to join us in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, December 10 at 1pm. We will have a time of prayer and a cookie exchange. RSVP to Elizabeth Olles (ElizabethOlles@yahoo.com). Childcare is available by contacting TNPCnursery@gmail.com by December 3.

CHRISTMAS LESSONS & CAROLS — Sunday, December 11, 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. 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!

## Fiscal Year 2023

Totals through November 20, 2022

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

General Fund Income \$ 289,880 Designated Giving \$ 68,815 Total Expenses \$ 659,729

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