

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



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

December 4, 2022 10:30 A.M.
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

REFLECTION

"We are taught that all the gifts we possess have been bestowed by God and entrusted to us on condition that they be distributed for our neighbor's benefit."

-John Calvin, *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, Book 3, Chapter 7, Section 5.

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)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Clark Family

* CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 136

LEADER: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

PEOPLE: **Give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.**

LEADER: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

PEOPLE: **to him who alone does great wonders,
for his steadfast love endures forever.**

LEADER: It is he who remembered us in our low estate,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

PEOPLE: **and rescued us from our foes,
for his steadfast love endures forever.**

ALL: **Give thanks to the God of heaven,
for his steadfast love endures forever.**

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

* HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn 196 (vv 1-4)

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art,
dear Desire of ev'ry nation,
joy of ev'ry longing heart.

2 Joy to those who long to see thee,
Dayspring from on high, appear;
come, thou promised Rod of Jesse,
of thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing
news, glad tidings of a birth:
"Go to him, your praises bringing;
Christ the Lord has come to earth."

3 Come to earth to taste our sadness,
he whose glories knew no end;
by his life he brings us gladness,
our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number,
born within a cattle stall;
this the everlasting wonder,
Christ was born the Lord of all.

4 Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

1 John 3:16-18

LEADER: By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ALL: **Most Merciful God, we confess our sin before you. We love ourselves more than we love one another. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We treasure independence, fullness, and comfort. God of Grace, empower us in the love of Christ that we might respond to you and one another in love and service. 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 John 4:7-12

LEADER: Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn 535 (vv 1-3)

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!

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| 1 O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
rolling as a mighty ocean
in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me,
is the current of thy love;
leading onward, leading homeward,
to thy glorious rest above. | 3 O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Love of ev'ry love the best:
'tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
and it lifts me up to glory,
for it lifts me up to thee. |
| 2 O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Spread his praise from shore to shore;
how he loveth, ever loveth,
changeth never, nevermore;
how we watches o'er his loved ones,
died to call them all his own;
how for them he intercedeth,
watcheth o'er them from the throne. | |

LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL: Our Father who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name.
 Thy kingdom come.
 Thy will be done
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread,
 and forgive us our debts,
 as we forgive our debtors,
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 forever. Amen.**

* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Ensemble & Congregation

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

- 1 Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
breathe new life into my willing soul;
bring the presence of the risen Lord,
to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your Word to come alive in me;
give me faith for what I cannot see.
Give me passion for your purity;
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me.

- 2 Holy Spirit, come abide within;
may your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least;
gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace;
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

- 3 Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
giving life to all that God has made.
Show your power once again on earth,
cause your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;
lead us on the road of sacrifice,
that in unity the face of Christ
will be clear for all the world to see.

* SCRIPTURE READING

David Rogers, Pastor

1 Peter 4:7-11

The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. ⁸ Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹ whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

David Rogers, Pastor

"Love One Another"

* RESPONDING IN SONG

Hymn 585 (vv 1-3, 5-6)

Take My Life, and Let It Be

- 1 Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

- 2 Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

- 3 Take my voice, and let me sing,
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

(Continued...)

5 Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take my self, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

* BENEDICTION

Hebrews 13:20-21

PASTOR: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Lynna Harbison

ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY	Prayer for Worship — <i>CE Rm 201</i>	8:15 a.m.
	Sunday School for all ages — <i>CE Building</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Worship — <i>Worship Center</i>	10:30 a.m.
	Youth Group — <i>Admin Bldg Upstairs</i>	5:00 p.m.
TUESDAY	Session Meeting	6:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	Prayer — <i>Admin Rm 103</i>	7:00 p.m.
	Youth Midweek Meetup — <i>Admin Bldg Upstairs</i>	7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY	Men's Bible Study — <i>Fellowship Hall</i>	7:00 p.m.
SATURDAY	Women's Christmas Prayer Tea — <i>Fellowship Hall</i>	1:00 p.m.
	Youth Group Christmas Party — <i>Fellowship Hall</i>	7:00 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".

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 **FREE COPY** of the booklet ***25 Readings for Advent: The Coming of the King*** (One per family). The booklet is located in the foyer, and includes 25 short daily readings which you can read December 1-25. If you didn't receive a copy last week – it's **NOT TOO LATE** to get a copy and begin this week! We pray it will help you focus on Christ this Christmas. Enjoy!

COMMUNION — Will be celebrated next Sunday morning, December 11. Prepare your hearts and minds and relationships to approach the LORD's table.

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

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!

FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP 2023 — Sign up sheet for Flowers for Sunday Worship in 2023 is now available in the narthex. Minimum price is \$72. For more information, contact Judy Dawson 214-384-9729.

YEAR-END GIVING — Just a reminder that all gifts and offerings need to be in the church office by the end of day or postmarked no later than Friday, December 30, to be included on your 2022 giving statement and deductible on your 2022 tax return. Unless you specify otherwise, we will credit your gift to the General Fund.

Fiscal Year 2023

Totals through November 27, 2022

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

General Fund Income	\$ 302,931
Designated Giving	\$ 70,440
Total Expenses	\$ 660,856
Net Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ (287,485)

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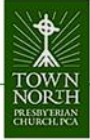
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TOWN NORTH
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

Brothers & Sisters of Town North,

Our annual congregation meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at 6:30pm – at the Worship Center**. At this meeting we will vote on those who have been nominated to the offices of Elder and Deacon. Each man has been nominated by the congregation, trained, and examined according to the qualifications for office. If elected, each Officer will serve a three-year term (February 2023 – January 2026).

We ask you to prayerfully consider the qualifications for Elder and Deacon listed in 1 Timothy 3:1-3 and Titus 1:5-9, and prepare yourself to vote at the congregation meeting. Each man receiving a majority will be voted into office.

The men nominated, trained, and examined for office are:

Office of Elder:

Joel Aguilar

Wayne Bowman (1-year)

Office of Deacon:

David Brugger

Andrew Carlson

Current Trustees:

Craig Jeffery (Term ends 2024)

Walter Kurth (Term ends 2024)

Earl Smith (Term ends 2024)