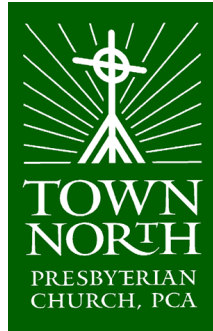


*Town North is a community of disciples  
making disciples of Jesus.*



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

*December 25, 2022 10:30 A.M.*

*CHRISTMAS DAY*

REFLECTION

***“Even in human organizations, a person cannot be an officer until he is first a member. Christ could not be a Redeemer of the human race unless he was first of all a member of the human race. Since sin and ruin came by man, redemption must come by man too.”***

-Johannes G. Vos, *The Westminster Larger Catechism: A Commentary*, Ed. G. I. Williamson, New Jersey: P&R Publishing, 2002, 93.

PRELUDE

*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

*Psalm 2:6-12*

LEADER: “As for me, I have set my King  
on Zion, my holy hill.”

PEOPLE: **I will tell of the decree:  
The LORD said to me, “You are my Son;  
today I have begotten you.**

*(Continued...)*

LEADER: Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,  
and the ends of the earth your possession.

PEOPLE: **You shall break them with a rod of iron  
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."**

LEADER: Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
be warned, O rulers of the earth.

PEOPLE: **Serve the LORD with fear,  
and rejoice with trembling.**

LEADER: Kiss the Son,  
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.

PEOPLE: **Blessed are all who take refuge in him.**

\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

\* HYMN OF PRAISE

*Hymn 203 (vv. 1-3)*

***Hark! The Herald Angels Sing***

1 Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King;  
peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with th'angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

**Refrain**

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King."

2 Christ, by highest heav'n adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold him come,  
offspring of the Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
hail th'incarnate Deity,  
pleased as man with men to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

3 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
ris'n with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that man no more may die,  
born to raise the sons of earth,  
born to give them second birth.

## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

**ALL:**       **Eternal God, before whose face the generations rise and pass away, you formed us in your image and willed us to live before you in peace and love. We confess we are not the people you created or called us to be; we have not loved you with our whole heart or our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us our sin, O God, and create in us a new and willing spirit, so that in our living, we may serve you, and in our dying, enter the joy of your presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

*Hebrews 2:17-18*

**LEADER:** Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

## \* HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Hymn 230 (vv 1-3)*

### ***Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor***

- 1 Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor,  
all for love's sake becamest poor;  
thrones for a manger didst surrender,  
sapphire-paved courts for stable floor.  
Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor,  
all for love's sake becamest poor.
  
- 2 Thou who art God beyond all praising,  
all for love's sake becamest man;  
stooping so low, but sinners raising,  
heav'n-ward by thine eternal plan.  
Thou who art God beyond all praising,  
all for love's sake becamest man.
  
- 3 Thou who art love beyond all telling,  
Savior and King, we worship thee.  
Emmanuel, within us dwelling,  
make us what thou wouldst have us be.  
Thou who art love beyond all telling,  
Savior and King, we worship thee.

\* CONFESSION OF FAITH *Westminster Larger Catechism Q&A 39 (Modern English)*

LEADER: Why did the mediator have to be human?

ALL: **The mediator had to be human so that he might improve human nature, obey the law, suffer and make intercession for us in our own nature, and know first hand what human infirmities feel like; and so that we might be adopted as sons and have comfort and access with boldness to the throne of grace.**

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*David Rogers, Pastor*

\* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

*Hymn 207 (vv. 1-3)*

***Good Christian Men, Rejoice***

1 Good Christian men, rejoice,  
with heart and soul and voice;  
give ye heed to what we say:  
Jesus Christ is born today;  
earth and heav'n before him bow,  
and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today!  
Christ is born today!

3 Good Christian men, rejoice,  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave:  
Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all  
to gain his everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save!  
Christ was born to save!

2 Good Christian men, rejoice,  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye hear of endless bliss:  
Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He hath opened heaven's door,  
and man is blessed evermore.  
Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born for this!

\* SCRIPTURE READING

*David Rogers, Pastor*

***Hebrews 2:5-18***

For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. <sup>6</sup> It has been testified somewhere,

“What is man, that you are mindful of him,  
or the son of man, that you care for him?

<sup>7</sup> You made him for a little while lower than the angels;  
you have crowned him with glory and honor,

<sup>8</sup> putting everything in subjection under his feet.”

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing

outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. <sup>9</sup> But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

<sup>10</sup> For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. <sup>11</sup> For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, <sup>12</sup> saying,

“I will tell of your name to my brothers;  
in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.”

<sup>13</sup> And again,

“I will put my trust in him.”

And again,

“Behold, I and the children God has given me.”

<sup>14</sup> Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup> and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. <sup>16</sup> For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. <sup>17</sup> Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup> For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

**LEADER:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**PEOPLE:** **Thanks be to God.**

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

*David Rogers, Pastor*

*“The Greater Adam”*

## 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 195 (vv 1-4)*

#### *Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come*

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| 1 Joy to the world! The Lord is come:<br>let earth receive her King;<br>let every heart prepare him room,<br>and heav'n and nature sing,<br>and heav'n and nature sing,<br>and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.        | 3 No more let sins and sorrows grow,<br>nor thorns infest the ground;<br>he comes to make his blessings flow<br>far as the curse is found,<br>far as the curse is found,<br>far as, far as the curse is found. |
| 2 Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns:<br>let men their songs employ;<br>while fields and floods,<br>rocks, hills, and plains<br>repeat the sounding joy,<br>repeat the sounding joy,<br>repeat, repeat the sounding joy. | 4 He rules the world with truth and grace,<br>and makes the nations prove<br>the glories of his righteousness<br>and wonders of his love,<br>and wonders of his love,<br>and wonders, wonders of his love.     |

### \* 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

<b>SUNDAY</b>	Prayer for Worship— <i>CE Rm 201</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Worship— <i>Worship Center</i>	10:30 a.m.
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Church Office Closed</b> — <i>Christmas Extended Holiday</i>	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Prayer— <i>Admin Rm 103</i>	7:00 p.m.

*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”.

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES (ADULTS, YOUTH, OR CHILDREN)**— There will be no Sunday School Classes on Sunday, January 1 and January 8.

**ALL CHURCH WORK DAY** — Saturday, January 7, 10am. All members are invited to help remove the old miniblinds from the campus in preparation for new ones. Questions? Contact Mark Poovey at [mark.poovey@tnpc.org](mailto:mark.poovey@tnpc.org) or any deacon.

**TNPC ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING** — Mark your calendars for our annual meeting and officer election to be held Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 6:30pm.

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

**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 at 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 December 18, 2022**

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

<b>General Fund Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>382,435</b>
<b>Designated Giving</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>79,530</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>746,682</b>
<b>Net Surplus or (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(284,717)</b>

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