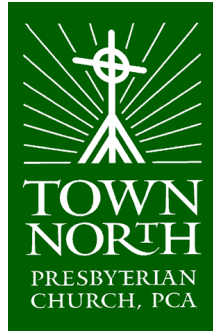


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making disciples of Jesus.*



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

January 1, 2023 10:30 A.M.

PRELUDE

Lynna Harbison

ACTIVITIES & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

David Schlimme, Elder

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 98:1-4

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: **He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.**

LEADER: All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

PEOPLE: **Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

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

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

**ALL: Almighty and merciful God, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the desires of our own hearts. We have broken your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. 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

Ephesians 1:3-10

LEADER: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

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!”

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.

Refrain

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

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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

David Schlimme, Elder

1 Samuel 2:1-10

And Hannah prayed and said,
“My heart exults in the LORD;
my horn is exalted in the LORD.
My mouth derides my enemies,
because I rejoice in your salvation.
² “There is none holy like the LORD:
for there is none besides you;
there is no rock like our God.

³ Talk no more so very proudly,
let not arrogance come from your mouth;
for the LORD is a God of knowledge,
and by him actions are weighed.
⁴ The bows of the mighty are broken,
but the feeble bind on strength.
⁵ Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,
but those who were hungry have ceased to hunger.
The barren has borne seven,
but she who has many children is forlorn.
⁶ The LORD kills and brings to life;
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.
⁷ The LORD makes poor and makes rich;
he brings low and he exalts.
⁸ He raises up the poor from the dust;
he lifts the needy from the ash heap
to make them sit with princes
and inherit a seat of honor.
For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's,
and on them he has set the world.
⁹ "He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness,
for not by might shall a man prevail.
¹⁰ The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces;
against them he will thunder in heaven.
The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;
he will give strength to his king
and exalt the horn of his anointed."

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

David Schlimme, Elder

* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn 94 (vv 1-4, 6)

How Firm A Foundation

- 1 How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

- 2 "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

(Continued...)

- 3 “When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.”
- 4 “When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.”
- 6 “The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”

* SCRIPTURE READING

Andrew Cies, Pastor

Luke 1:46-56

And Mary said,

- “My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸ for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.
For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
⁴⁹ for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
⁵⁰ And his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;
⁵² he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;
⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵ as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

⁵⁶ And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

"A New Song for 2023"

* RESPONDING IN SONG

Hymn 57 (vv 1-4)

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul (Psalm 146)

1 Hallelujah, praise Jehovah,
O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises
of my God through all my days.
Put no confidence in princes,
nor for help on man depend;
he shall die, to dust returning,
and his purposes shall end.

3 Food he daily gives the hungry,
sets the mourning pris'ner free,
raises those bowed down with anguish,
makes the sightless eye to see.
Well Jehovah loves the righteous,
and the stranger he befriends,
helps the fatherless and widow,
judgment on the wicked sends.

2 Happy is the man that chooses
Israel's God to be his aid;
he is blessed whose hope of blessing
on the Lord his God is stayed.
Heav'n and earth the Lord created,
seas and all that they contain;
he delivers from oppression,
righteousness he will maintain.

4 Hallelujah, praise Jehovah,
O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises
of my God through all my days.
Over all God reigns forever,
through all ages he is King;
unto him, your God, O Zion,
joyful hallelujahs sing.

* BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

PASTOR: The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Lynna Harbison

SERMON NOTES

“A New Song for 2023”

Luke 1:46-56

Next Week:

Text: *1 Peter 5:6-14*

Preacher: David Rogers, Pastor

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

Words: Isaac Watts, 1719; Based on Psalm 98. Music: George Frederick Handel, 1742; Arr: Lowell Mason, 1836. Public Domain.

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Words: Charles Wesley, 1739, 1753; alt. Music: Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, 1840; Arr: William H. Cummings, 1856. Public Domain.

How Firm a Foundation

Words: Rippon’s *Selection of Hymns*, 1787; alt.; Mod. Music: Traditional American melody; Found in J. Funk’s *A Compilation of Genuine Church Music*, 1832. Public Domain.

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul

Words: based on Psalm 146; from *The Psalter*, 1912; Mod. Music: based on Gregorian chant; Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839. Public Domain.

ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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| SUNDAY | Prayer for Worship— <i>CE Rm 201</i> | 9:30 a.m. |
| | Worship— <i>Worship Center</i> | 10:30 a.m. |
| MONDAY | Church Office Closed — <i>New Year's Day Holiday</i> | |
| WEDNESDAY | Prayer— <i>Admin Rm 103</i> | 7:00 p.m. |
| SATURDAY | All Church Work Day — <i>meet in Fellowship Hall</i> | 10:00 a.m. |

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

LIVESTREAM AUDIO ACCESS

1. Go to www.tnpc.org
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NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES (ADULTS, YOUTH, OR CHILDREN)— There will be no Sunday School Classes next Sunday, January 8.

COMMUNION — Will be celebrated next Sunday morning, January 8. Prepare your hearts and minds and relationships to approach the LORD's table.

ALL CHURCH WORK DAY — This Saturday, January 7 at 10am in Fellowship Hall. All members are invited to help remove the old miniblinds from the campus in preparation for new ones. For more information, contact Mark Poovey at mark.poovey@tnpc.org or any deacon.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY — Join us Tuesdays at 9:30am or 6:30pm, beginning January 17, as we spend the rest of the year studying the book of Isaiah. Newcomers, please contact Bonlee: Bonlee_Rawley@hotmail.com for information. Zoom video is available in the mornings.

TNPC ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING — Mark your calendars for our annual meeting and officer election to be held Wednesday, January 18 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.

Fiscal Year 2023

Totals through December 25, 2022

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

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| General Fund Income | \$ 480,893 |
| Designated Giving | \$ 102,925 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 789,921 |
| Net Surplus or (Deficit) | \$ (206,103) |

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