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



January 15, 2023 10:30 A.M.

## REFLECTION

## "It was also necessary that He should become man, that he might unite us to Himself; for we have no access to God, except we become the friends of Christ; and how can we be so made, except by a brotherly union?"

-John Calvin, <u>Calvin's Commentaries</u>, vol. 10, Jeremiah, Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2003 reprint, p. 145.

PRELUDE

Rob Anderson & Lynna Harbison

Psalm 36:7-10

ACTIVITIES & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH	Andrew Cies, Pastor
(Please sign, pass & return the black attendance pad at the en	nd of the aisle)

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER:	How precious is your steadfast love, O God!		
	The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.		
<b>PEOPLE:</b>	They feast on the abundance of your house,		
	and you give them drink from the river of your delights.		
LEADER:	For with you is the fountain of life;		
	in your light do we see light.		
<b>PEOPLE:</b>	EOPLE: Oh, continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your righteousness to the upright of heart!		

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#### \* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

#### \* HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn 38 (vv 1-3)

### Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

- Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
- 2 Unresting, unhasting and silent as light, nor wanting, no wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all praise we would render; O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

#### CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

LEADER: Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for that which does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this; be shocked, be utterly desolate, declares the LORD, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.

## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ALL: O Lord God, you have shown us you are the source of life. But we have often tried to find meaning and vitality elsewhere, pursuing occupations, recreations, and possessions instead of you. Now, we turn to you in repentance through your Son, Jesus, the source of life and forgiveness. Teach us to find the fullness for all of our needs in Him alone. 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.

Jeremiah 2:11-13

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PEACE WITH GOD

LEADER: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. Amen.

## \* HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn 55 (vv 1-3)

John 1:14, 16

## To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glory, great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the lifegate that we may go in.

## Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he has done!

- 2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood! To ev'ry believer the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.
- 3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

## \* CONFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

LEADER: People of God, what do we believe?

ALL: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God begotten of his Father before all worlds. God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried;

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and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Tyler David DiSibio Covenant child of Stephen & Erica

## PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

David Rogers, Pastor

## \* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Ensemble & Congregation

## Jesus, Lover of My Soul

- Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly, while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high; hide me, O my Savior hide, till life's storm is past, safe into the haven guide, receive my soul at last.
- 2 Other refuge have I none, I helpless hang on thee; leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me! All my trust on thee is stayed, all help from thee I bring; cover my defenseless head in the shadow of thy wing.
- 3 Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find; raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind. Just and holy is thy name; I am all unrighteousness; false and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace.
- 4 Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin; let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within; thou of life the fountain art, let me take of thee; spring thou up within my heart, for all eternity.

Wayne Bowman, Elder

### John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

<sup>9</sup> The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup> (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me."") <sup>16</sup> For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord. **PEOPLE:** Thanks be to God.

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

"From His Fullness, We Receive"

David Rogers, Pastor

#### \* RESPONDING IN SONG

#### Ensemble & Congregation

#### To Christ, the Lord, Let Every Tongue

 To Christ, the Lord, let ev'ry tongue, its noblest tribute bring.
 When he's the subject of the song, who can refuse to sing?
 Survey the beauties of his face, and on his glories dwell; think of the wonder of his grace, and all his triumphs tell.

2 He saw me plunged in deep distress; he fled to my relief.
For me he bore the shameful cross and carried all my grief.
His hand a thousand blessings pours upon my guilty head:
his presence gilds my darkest hours, and guards my sleeping bed.

3 To him I owe my life and breath and all the joys I have;
he makes me triumph over death and saves me from the grave.
To Heaven the place of his abode, he brings my weary feet;
shows me the glories of my God, and makes my joy complete.

4 Since from his bounty I receive such proofs of love divine, had I a thousand hearts to give, Lord, they would all be thine. A thousand men could not compose a worthy song to bring; yet your love is a melody, our hearts can't help but sing!

#### \* BENEDICTION

John 1:14, 16

PASTOR: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. Amen.

#### POSTLUDE

Lynna Harbison

# **SERMON NOTES**

"From His Fullness, We Receive"

John 1:1-18

*Next Week:* Text: *John 1:19-28* Preacher: David Rogers, Pastor

#### Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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To Christ, the Lord, Let Every Tongue

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# ACTIVITIES & ANNºUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY	<b>Prayer for Worship</b> — <i>CE Rm 201</i>	8:15 a.m.
	Sunday School for all ages	9:00 a.m.
	Worship—Worship Center	10:30 a.m.
TUESDAY	Ladies' Morning Bible Study—CE Rm 201	9:30 a.m.
	Ladies' Evening Bible Study—CE Rm 201	6:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	<b>TNPC Annual Congregation Meeting</b> —Worship Center	6:30 p.m.
THURSDAY	Men's Bible Study—Admin Rm 103	7:00 p.m.

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**COMMUNION** — We will be celebrating communion next Sunday morning, January 22. Prepare your hearts and minds and relationships to approach the LORD's table.

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

**TNPC ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING** — We will hold our annual meeting and officer election this Wednesday (January 18) at 6:30pm in the Worship Center.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — Thursdays beginning this week, January 19 at 7:00pm in Admin Bldg, Rm 103. We will study Matthew. Contact Pastor Cies at andrew.cies@tnpc.org for more information.

**INQUIRER'S CLASS** — If you would like to learn more about Town North or becoming a member, join our Inquirer's Class on January 22 during the Sunday school hour in the Christian Ed Bldg, Room 200-201. Contact Pastor Rogers for more information at david.rogers@tnpc.org.

VISITOR LUNCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED — We need a few additional volunteers to help serve during our February 5 visitor lunch. Please contact DeAnne Schlimme at dschlimme64@gmail.com if you are able to help.

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