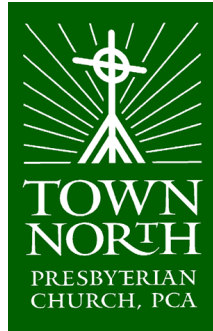


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making disciples of Jesus.*



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

January 22, 2023 10:30 A.M.

REFLECTION

“Look for yourself and you will find in the long run only hatred, loneliness, despair, rage, ruin and decay. But look for Christ and you will find Him, and with Him everything else thrown in.”

-C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*, chapter 11, “The New Men,” Collier Books, 1960, p. 190.

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)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 40:3-5, John 1:14

LEADER: A voice cries:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

PEOPLE: **Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.**

(Continued...)

LEADER: And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

PEOPLE: **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.**

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

* HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn 4 (vv 1-2, 4-6)

All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

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| 1 All praise to God, who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of wonders, pow'r, and love,
the God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul he fills,
the God who every sorrow stills.
To God all praise and glory! | 5 Ye who confess Christ's holy name,
to God give praise and glory!
Ye who the Father's pow'r proclaim,
to God give praise and glory!
All idols underfoot be trod,
the Lord is God! The Lord is God!
To God all praise and glory! |
| 2 What God's almighty pow'r hath made
his gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning dawn or evening shade
his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
within the kingdom of his might,
lo, all is just and all is right.
To God all praise and glory! | 6 Then come before his presence now
and banish fear and sadness;
to your Redeemer pay your vow
and sing with joy and gladness:
Though great distress my soul befell,
the Lord, my God, did all things well.
To God all praise and glory! |
| 4 The Lord forsaketh not his flock,
his chosen generation;
he is their refuge and their rock,
their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand
he leads his own, his chosen band.
To God all praise and glory! | |

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ALL: O most great, most just and gracious God, you are of purer eyes than to see injustice and sin, but you have promised mercy through Jesus Christ to all who repent and believe in him. We confess that we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. We have neglected your holy worship. We have not sought your kingdom first. Have mercy on us, most merciful Father! In your Son is our salvation. In your promises our hope.

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 Timothy 2:5-6

LEADER: For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn 165 (vv 1-4)

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

- 1 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name, all victorious, of Jesus extol;
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.
- 2 God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
and still he is nigh— his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.
- 3 Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.
- 4 Then let us adore, and give him his right,
all glory and pow'r, and wisdom and might,
all honor and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing for infinite love.

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

David Rogers, Pastor

* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Ensemble & Congregation

Show Us Christ

- 1 Prepare our hearts, O God.
Help us to receive.
Break the hard and stony ground,
help our unbelief.
Plant your Word down deep in us;
cause it to bear fruit.
Open up our ears to hear,
lead us in your truth.

(Continued...)

Chorus

Show us Christ, show us Christ.
O God, reveal your glory,
through the preaching of your Word;
until every heart confesses, "Christ is Lord!"

2 Your Word is living light
upon our darkened eyes.
Guards us through temptations,
makes the simple wise.
Your Word is food for famished ones,
freedom for the slave;
riches for the needy soul.
Come speak to us today.

Chorus

Bridge (x 3)

Where else can we go, Lord?
Where else can we go?
You have the words of eternal life.

Chorus

* SCRIPTURE READING

David Schlimme, Elder

John 1:19-28

And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" ²⁰ He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." ²¹ And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." ²² So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³ He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."

²⁴ (Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) ²⁵ They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" ²⁶ John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, ²⁷ even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." ²⁸ These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

“John’s Testimony of Himself”

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

Ensemble & Congregation

Behold the Lamb

- 1 Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
slain for us: and we remember
the promise made that all who come in faith
find forgiveness at the cross.
So, we share in this bread of life,
and we drink of his sacrifice,
as a sign of our bonds of peace
around the table of the King.
- 2 The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ,
torn for you: eat and remember
the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,
paid the price to make us one.
So, we share in this bread of life,
and we drink of his sacrifice,
as a sign of our bonds of love
around the table of the King.
- 3 The blood that cleanses ev’ry stain of sin,
shed for you: drink and remember
he drained death’s cup that all may enter in
to receive the life of God.
So, we share in this bread of life,
and we drink of his sacrifice,
as a sign of our bonds of grace
around the table of the King.
- 4 And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
to respond and to remember
our call to follow in the steps of Christ
as his body here on earth.
As we share in his suffering,
we proclaim: “Christ will come again!”
And we’ll join in the feast of heav’n
around the table of the King.

* 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

SERMON NOTES

“John’s Testimony of Himself”

John 1:19-28

Next Week:

Text: *John 1:29-34*

Preacher: David Rogers, Pastor

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ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY	Prayer for Worship—CE Rm 201 8:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages 9:00 a.m. Worship—Worship Center 10:30 a.m. Covenant Clubhouse—Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m. Youth Group—Admin Upstairs 5:00 p.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	Prayer—Admin Rm 103 7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY	Men's Bible Study—Admin Rm 103 7:00 p.m.

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

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — Thursdays at 7:00pm in Admin Bldg, Rm 103. We will study the book of 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, there is still time to join the class during the Sunday school hour in the Christian Ed Bldg, Room 200-201. Contact Pastor Rogers for more information at david.rogers@tnpc.org.

LADIES' PRAYER BRUNCH — Ladies, join us for a devotional, time in prayer, and refreshments on Saturday, February 11 at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall. RSVP by February 8 to Barb Cole: barbjcole1958@gmail.com or 214-244-2951.

Fiscal Year 2023

Totals through January 15, 2023

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

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Total Expenses	\$ 981,035
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