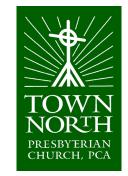
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February 12, 2023 10:30 A.M.

REFLECTION

"If we do not have some knowledge by faith of the glory of Christ here and now, it means that we have no real desire for His presence in heaven."

-John Owen, Meditation on the Glory of Christ, 1684, chapter 7.

PRELUDE

ACTIVITIES & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER:	My heart overflows with a pleasing theme;
	I address my verses to the king;
	my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.
PEOPLE:	Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.
	The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;
	you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.
LEADER:	Therefore God, your God, has anointed you
	with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;
	your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.
PEOPLE:	I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;
	therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

Lynna Harbison

Andrew Cies, Pastor

from Psalm 45

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* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

* SONG OF PRAISE

Ensemble & Congregation

Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in his hands?
 Who has numbered ev'ry grain of sand?
 Kings and nations tremble at his voice.
 All creation rises to rejoice.

Chorus

Behold our God, seated on his throne. Come, let us adore him! Behold our King, nothing can compare. Come, let us adore him!

2 Who has given counsel to the Lord?Who can question any of his words?Who can teach the One who knows all things?Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?

Chorus

3 Who has felt the nails upon his hands, Bearing all the guilt of sinful man? God eternal humbled to the grave, Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

Chorus

Bridge (x 3)Men: You will reign forever.Women: Let your glory fill the earth.Men: You will reign forever.Women: Let your glory fill the earth.

Chorus

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

based on Psalm 139

ALL: O LORD, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. Forgive me for my sinful thoughts and desires. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Forgive me for the harmful things I have done. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether. Forgive me for the hurtful words and lies which I have spoken. Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting! 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

LEADER: But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

* SONG OF RESPONSE

Ensemble & Congregation

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above

 I have a strong and perfect plea,
 A great High Priest whose name is "Love,"
 who ever lives and pleads for me.
 My name is graven on his hands,
 my name is written on his heart;
 I know that while in heav'n he stands
 no tongue can bid me thence depart,
 no tongue can bid me thence depart.

(Continued...)

Titus 3:4-7

- 2 When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within, Upward I look and see Him there who made an end to all my sin. Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free; for God the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me, to look on Him and pardon me.
- 3 Behold Him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness; The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace! One with himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood; My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God, with Christ, my Savior and my God.

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICER Elder: Wayne Bowman

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 28:10-17

Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹ And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. ¹² And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! ¹³ And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. ¹⁴Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. ¹⁵ Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶ Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it." ¹⁷ And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

David Rogers, Pastor

* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

- 1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone; as you have sought, so let me seek your erring children lost and lone.
- 2 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious things you do impart; and wing my words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.
- 3 O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow in kindling thought and glowing word your love to tell, your praise to show.
- 4 O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will and when and where; until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.

* SCRIPTURE READING

Wayne Bowman, Elder

John 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷ Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸ Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." ⁴⁹ Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰ Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹ And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

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

Hymn 561 (vv 1-4)

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

David Rogers, Pastor

"Jesus: The True Ladder We Need"

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 693 (vv 1-3)

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
 O what a foretaste of glory divine!
 Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
 born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

- 2 Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
- 3 Perfect submission, all is at rest,I in my Savior am happy and blest;watching and waiting, looking above,filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

* BENEDICTION

Jude 1:24-25 (NIV)

PASTOR: To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

POSTLUDE

Lynna Harbison

SERMON NOTES

"Jesus: The True Ladder We Need"

John 1:43-51

Next Week: Text: *John 2:1-12* Preacher: David Rogers, Pastor

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ACTIVITIES & ANNºUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY	Prayer for Worship — <i>CE Rm 201</i>	8:15 a.m.
	Sunday School for all ages— <i>CE Bldg</i>	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.
WEDNESDAY	Prayer—Admin Rm 103	7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY	Men's Bible Study—Admin Rm 103	7:00 p.m.

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

LIVESTREAM AUDIO ACCESS

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VISITOR LUNCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED — Our March Visitor Lunch, on March 5, still needs a few volunteers to serve. If you are willing to help, please contact DeAnne Schlimme at dschlimme64@gmail.com.

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 available in the narthex. Minimum price is \$72. For more information, contact Judy Dawson at 214-384-9729.

MEN'S LEADER DEVELOPMENT CLASS — Pastor Rogers will begin a class Saturday, February 25 at 8:00-10:00am in the Admin Bldg, Rm 103. All men are invited to attend. The class will discuss spiritual leadership in the church and details regarding church leadership at TNPC and in the Presbyterian Church in America. We will meet two Saturdays per month through September. For more information, contact Pastor Rogers at david.rogers@tnpc.org.

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