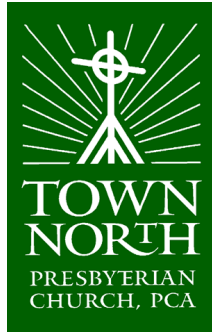


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making disciples of Jesus.*



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

March 12, 2023 10:30 A.M.

REFLECTION

“To be born again is, as it were, to enter upon a new existence, to have a new mind, a new heart, new views, new principles, new tastes, new affections, new likings, new dislikings, new fears, new joys, new sorrows, new love to things once hated, new hatred to things once loved, new thoughts of God, and ourselves, and the world, and the life to come, and salvation.”

-J. C. Ryle, Regeneration, sermon on John3:3

PRELUDE

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

from Psalm 99

LEADER: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

PEOPLE: **The LORD is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.**

LEADER: Let them praise your great and awesome name!
Holy is he!

PEOPLE: **Exalt the LORD our God;
worship at his footstool!
Holy is he!**

ALL: **Exalt the LORD our God,
and worship at his holy mountain;
for the LORD our God is holy!**

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

* HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn 100 (vv 1-4)

Holy! Holy! Holy!

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

Psalm 24:3-5

LEADER: Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?
He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to what is false
and does not swear deceitfully.
He will receive blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ALL: **O Lord, have mercy on us, for we are ashamed of our sins. Grant us your grace, for we feel helpless before our old nature. Forgive our sins for the sake of the Lord Jesus because he paid for them in our place, and he intercedes for us even now. Cleanse us from our secret faults, and empower us to live justly, to love mercy, and walk humbly before you. 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

John 3:14-15

LEADER: And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn 252 (vv 1-4)

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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| 1 When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride. | 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down:
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown? |
| 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ my God:
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood. | 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all. |

OLD TESTAMENT READING

David Rogers, Pastor

Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵ And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." ⁶ Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷ And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸ And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." ⁹ So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

David Rogers, Pastor

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

- 1 Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
breathe new life into my willing soul;
bring the presence of the risen Lord,
to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your Word to come alive in me;
give me faith for what I cannot see.
Give me passion for your purity;
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me.
- 2 Holy Spirit, come abide within;
may your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least;
gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace;
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.
- 3 Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
giving life to all that God has made.
Show your power once again on earth,
cause your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;
lead us on the road of sacrifice,
that in unity the face of Christ
will be clear for all the world to see.

John 3:1-15

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." ³Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not

receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

David Rogers, Pastor

“Jesus Tells Us Earthly Things, So We Can Experience Heavenly Things”

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

Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me

1 What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer.
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom,
my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,
for my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: “all is mine!”
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

2 The night is dark, but I am not forsaken;
for by my side, the Savior, he will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing;
for in my need, his power is displayed.

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me.
Through the deepest valley, he will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

(Continued...)

3 No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven;
the future sure, the price it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
and he was raised to overthrow the grave.

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated.
Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: "I am free!"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

4 With every breath I long to follow Jesus;
for he has said that he will bring me home.
And day by day I know he will renew me;
until I stand with joy before the throne.

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus.
All the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
"Yet not I, but through Christ in me!"

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"Yet not I, but through Christ in me,
yet not I, but through Christ in me!"

* 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

“Jesus Tells Us Earthly Things, So We Can Experience Heavenly Things”

John 3:1-15

Next Week:

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Preacher: Imad Aubrey, Pastor to Lebanon and the Middle East

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ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY	Prayer for Worship—Worship Center	8:15 a.m.
	Sunday School for all ages—CE Bldg	9:00 a.m.
	Worship—Worship Center	10:30 a.m.
	Youth Group—Admin Bldg	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.
	Deacon Meeting	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.
SATURDAY	Women’s Prayer Team Meeting—Admin Rm 103	10:00 a.m.

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MEN’S LEADER DEVELOPMENT CLASS — It’s not too late to join. 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 (david.rogers@tnpc.org).

LEBANON FUND REMINDER — Town North is not accepting gifts for the Lebanon Project. To support the Lebanon Ministry, contributions should be made directly to MEHR with a note indicating the gift is for Lebanon Project.

PREACHING AND TEACHING CONFERENCE — Seminary professors Dr. Greg Beale and Dr. Ben Gladd will teach methods of interpretation for the New Testament use of the Old Testament on Friday, April 28, 8:00am-9:00pm at The Hope Center in Plano. This conference will be beneficial for anyone who preaches or teaches the Scripture. QR Code >>>>>



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Totals through March 5, 2023

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

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