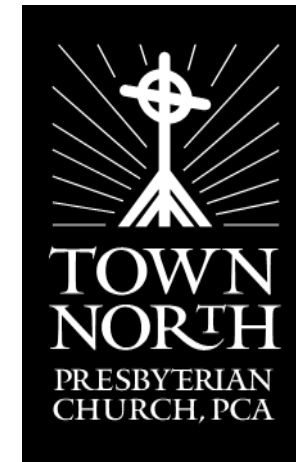


*Town North is a community of disciples  
making disciples of Jesus.*



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

*October 1, 2023*

## WELCOME TO TOWN NORTH!

We are thankful that the Lord brought you to worship with us today! We know that there are no accidents, and God brought you here to enjoy him in worship this morning.

## CHILDREN

Here at Town North, we take great joy in inviting children of all ages to join in our worship service alongside their parents. Crying and noisy children are welcome!

Feel free to use our cry room located in the back of the sanctuary or step out into the narthex if you need to take a short break.

Children's Activity Clipboards are available in the narthex for coloring or taking notes during the worship service. Please return the clipboard and crayons to the shelf after the service.

Nursery is available for children up to 3 years old on the first floor in the Christian Education Building.

## CONNECT WITH US

Please sign, pass & return the black attendance pad at the end of the aisle, indicating your attendance with us this morning.

## REFLECTION

**“There is nothing attractive about the gospel to the natural man; the only man who finds the gospel attractive is the man who is convicted of sin.”**

-Oswald Chambers, *The Oswald Chambers Devotional Reader: 52 Weekly Themes*, ed. Oliver Nelson Books, 1990.

## PRELUDE

*Lynna Harbison*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Graham Clark, Youth Director*

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\* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 92:1-4*

LEADER: It is good to give thanks to the LORD,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

PEOPLE: **to declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
and your faithfulness by night,**

LEADER: to the music of the lute and the harp,  
to the melody of the lyre.

PEOPLE: **For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;  
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**

\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

\* HYMN OF PRAISE

*Hymn 32—Great Is Thy Faithfulness (vv. 1-3)*

1. Great is thy faith - ful-ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
2. *Sum-mer and win - ter and spring-time and har - vest,*  
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;  
*sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove,*  
thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;  
*join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness*  
strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
*to thy great faith - ful-ness, mer - cy, and love.*  
bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

**REFRAIN**

Great is thy faith - ful-ness! Great is thy faith - ful-ness! Morn - ing by  
morn - ing new mer - cies I see: all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro -  
vid - ed— Great is thy faith - ful-ness, Lord, un - to me!

Words: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923. Music: William M. Runayn, 1923.  
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CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

***John 14:1***

LEADER: “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.”

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.*

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

***based on Mark 9:24***

**ALL: Lord,  
we believe; help our unbelief!  
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***Ephesians 2:8-10***

LEADER: For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE

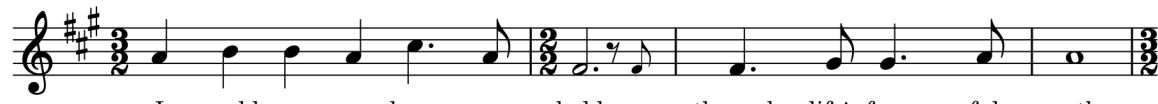
*He Will Hold Me Fast*



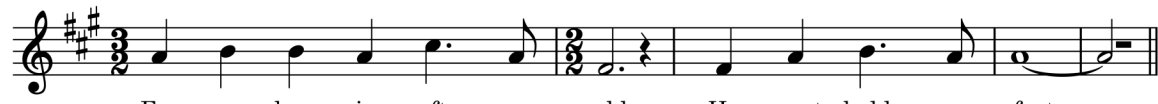
1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast.  
 2. *Those He saves are His de-light, Christ will hold me fast.*  
 3. For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me fast.



When the tempt - er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.  
*Pre - cious in His ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.*  
 Jus - tice will be sat - is - fied, He will hold me fast.

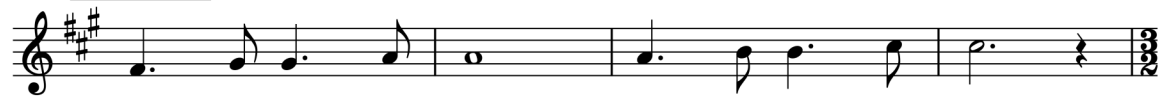


I could ne - ver keep my hold through life's fear - ful path  
*He'll not let my soul be lost His prom - is - es shall last*  
 Raised with Him to end - less life, He will hold me fast.



For my love is oft - en cold He must hold me fast.\_\_\_\_  
*Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.\_\_\_\_*  
 'Till our faith is turned to sight, When he comes at last.\_\_\_\_

**CHORUS**



He will hold me fast He will hold me fast



For my Sa - vior loves me so He will hold me fast.

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\* CONFESSION OF FAITH

*Westminster Confession of Faith—Chapter 14  
 Of Saving Faith, section 1—Modern English Version*

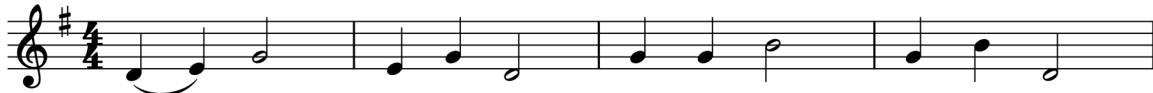
**ALL:** The grace of faith, by which the elect are enabled to believe to the saving of their souls, is the work of the Spirit of Christ in their hearts, and is ordinarily produced through the ministry of the Word. This faith is increased and strengthened by the same means, and also by the administration of the sacraments and prayer.

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*David Rogers, Pastor*

\* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

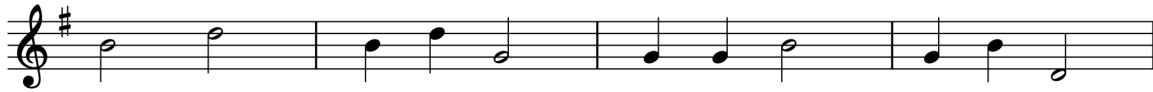
*Hymn 94—How Firm a Foundation (vv.1-4, 6)*



1. How firm a foun-da - tion, you saints of the Lord,  
 2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis-mayed;  
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,  
 4. "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
 6. "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose,



is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent Word!  
 for I am your God, and will still give you aid;  
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;  
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply;  
 I will not, I will not de - sert to his foes;



What more can he say than to you he has said,  
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
 for I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless,  
 the flame shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
 that soul, though all hell should en - dea - vor to shake,



to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.  
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.  
 I'll ne - ver, no ne - ver, no ne - ver for - sake."

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

\* SCRIPTURE READING

Wayne Bowman, Elder

*Romans 1:16-17*

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. <sup>17</sup> For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

LEADER: This is the Word of the LORD.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

David Rogers, Pastor

*"Not Ashamed"*

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\* RESPONDING IN SONG

*By Faith*



1. By faith we see the hand of God;  
 2. By faith our fathers roamed the earth  
 3. By faith the prophets saw a day  
 4. By faith the church was called to go;  
 5. By faith this mountain shall be moved



In the light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign  
*with the pow'r of His pro - mise in their hearts*  
 when the longed for Mess - i - ah would a - ppear  
*in the pow'r of the Spi - rit to the lost;*  
 and the pow'r of the gos - pel shall pre - vail;



In the lives of those who prove His faith - ful - ness;  
*of a Ho - ly Ci - ty built by God's own hand:*  
 with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death  
*To de - li - ver cap - tives and to preach good news,*  
 for we know in Christ all things are poss - i - ble



who walk by faith and not by sight.  
*a place where peace and jus - tice* reign.  
 and rise tri - um - phant from the grave.  
*in ev - 'ry cor - ner of the* earth.  
 for all who call u - pon His name.

CHORUS



We will stand as child - ren of the pro - mise; We will



fix our eyes on Him, our soul's re-ward. Till the race is fin-ished and the



work is done; We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

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\* BENEDICTION

***Romans 15:13***

PASTOR: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Amen.

POSTLUDE

*Lynna Harbison*