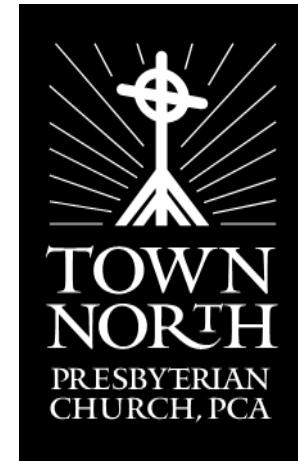


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making disciples of Jesus.*



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

October 22, 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.

OFFERINGS

Giving is an act of worship. We return a portion of what we have to our Heavenly Father to demonstrate we are not our own, but belong, body and soul, to Him. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

Please deposit your offerings in the designated boxes in the Narthex or online through the PCA Foundation using this QR code:



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REFLECTION

“God’s holy wrath is poured out on what He hates because it damages and destroys what He loves.”

-Sinclair Ferguson, *Union with Christ: Life-Transforming Implications*, 2014
Desiring God Conference.

PRELUDE

Lynna Harbison

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

David Rogers, Pastor

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 97:1-7, 12

LEADER: The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!

PEOPLE: **Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his
throne.**

LEADER: Fire goes before him
and burns up his adversaries all around.

PEOPLE: **His lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.**

LEADER: The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,
before the Lord of all the earth.

PEOPLE: **The heavens proclaim his righteousness,
and all the peoples see his glory.**

LEADER: All worshipers of images are put to shame,
who make their boast in worthless idols;
worship him, all you gods!

PEOPLE: **Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!**

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

* SONG OF PRAISE

Ancient of Days

1. Though the na - tions rage, king - doms rise and fall,
2. Though the dread of night ov - er - whelms my soul,
3. Though I may not see what the fu - ture brings,

there is still one King reign - ing o - ver all.
he is here with me, I am not a - lone.
I will watch and wait for the Sa - viour King.

So I will not fear for this truth re - mains:
Oh his love is sure, and he knows my name,
Then my joy com - plete, stand - ing face to face

that my God is the An - cient of Days.
for my God is the An - cient of Days.
in the pre - sence of the An - cient of Days.

CHORUS

None a - bove him, none be - fore him, all of time in his hands.
For his throne, it shall re - main and ev - er stand.
All the pow - er, all the glo - ry, I will trust in his name.
For my God is the An - cient of Days.

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CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

Romans 1:25

LEADER: ...they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! 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.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ALL: **Almighty God, you have every right to be angry with us.
By our sin, we have exchanged your truth for a lie.
We have served ourselves, our careers, our hobbies and many other interests in this world more than we have served you. We have not honored you as God, or given thanks to you as we ought.
Forgive us, as we as we look only to your Son Jesus to release us from our bondage to the idols we have created.
And make us to walk in righteousness before you.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Colossians 1:13-14

LEADER: He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

* SONG OF RESPONSE

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery



1. Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, in the dawn - ing of the King.
 2. Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry: he the per - fect Son of Man,
 3. Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry: Christ the Lord up - on the tree.
 4. Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry: slain by death, the God of life.



He, the theme of heav-en's prais - es, robed in frail hu-man-i - ty.
 in his liv - ing in his suf - f'ring, nev - er trace nor stain of sin.
 In the stead of ru - ined sin - ners hangs the Lamb in vic - tor - y!
 But no grave could e'er re - strain him; praise the Lord, he is a - live!



In our long - ing, in our dark - ness, now the light of life has come!
 See the true and bet - ter A - dam, come to save the hell-bound man,
 See the price of our re - demp - tion, see the Fath - er's plan un - fold,
 What a fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance, how un - wav - er - ing our hope.



Look to Christ who con-de - scend - ed, took on flesh to ran-som us.
 Christ the great and sure ful - fill - ment of the law; in Him we stand.
 bring-ing man - y sons to glor - y: grace un - meas - ured, love un - told!
 Christ in pow - er re-sur - rect - ed, as we will be when he comes.

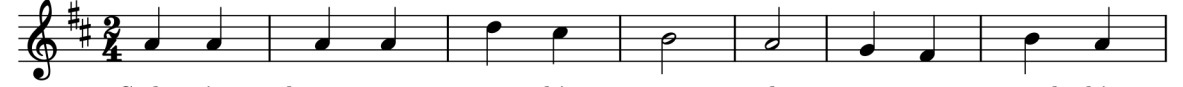
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PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

David Rogers, Pastor

* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn 66—God Is Known among His People (vv. 1-4)



1. God is known a - mong his peo - ple, ev - ery mouth his
 2. Ex - cel - lent and glo - rious are you, with your tro - phies
 3. When from heav'n your sen - tence sound - ed, all the earth in
 4. Vow and pay un - to Je - ho - vah, him your God for -



prais - es fill; from of old he has e - stab - lished
 from the fray; you have slain the might - y war - riors,
 fear was still, while to save the meek and low - ly
 ev - er own; all men, bring your gifts be - fore him,



his a - bode on Zi - on's hill; there he broke the
 wrapped in sleep of death are they; when your an - ger
 God in judg - ment wrought his will; e'en the wrath of
 wor - ship him, and him a - lone; might - y kings o -



sword and ar - row, bade the noise of war be still.
 once is ris - en, who can stand in that dread day?
 man shall praise you, your de - signs it shall ful - fil.
 bey and fear him, princ - es bow be - fore his throne.

Words: from Psalm 76, The Psalter, 1912; alt. 1990, mod.
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* SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 1:18-25

Joel Aguilar, Elder

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. ¹⁹ For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰ For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. ²¹ For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Claiming to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

²⁴ Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, ²⁵ because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

LEADER: This is the Word of the LORD.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

APPLYING GOD’S WORD

David Rogers, Pastor

“The Wrath of God Revealed”

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 642—Be Thou My Vision (vv. 1-5)



1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. *Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;*
 3. Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight;
 4. *Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,*
 5. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me Lord;
 be thou my dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light,
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!



thou my best thought by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther, I thy true son;
 thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r:
thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
 raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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* BENEDICTION

Andrew Cies, Pastor

Galatians 1:3-5

PASTOR: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Lynna Harbison