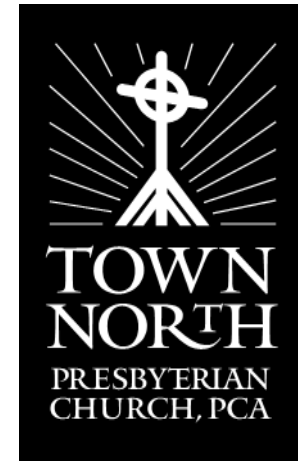


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making disciples of Jesus.*



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

May 19, 2024

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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PRELUDE

Lynna Harbison

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Graham Clark, Youth Pastor

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Graham Clark, Youth Pastor

Psalm 33:1-3, 18-22

LEADER: Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous!
Praise befits the upright.

PEOPLE: Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre;
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!

LEADER: Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

PEOPLE: Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,

LEADER: that he may deliver their soul from death
and keep them alive in famine.

PEOPLE: Our soul waits for the Lord;
he is our help and our shield.

LEADER: For our heart is glad in him,
because we trust in his holy name.

PEOPLE: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,
even as we hope in you.

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Graham Clark, Youth Pastor

* HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn 92—A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our
 3. And though this world, with de - vils filled, should
 4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no

bul - wark nev - er fail - ing; our help - er he a -
 striv - ing would be los - ing; were not the right man
 threat - en to un - do us, we will not fear, for
 thanks to them, a - bid - eth; the Spir - it and the

mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For
 on our side, the man of God's own choos - ing. Dost
 God hath willed his truth to tri - umph through us. The
 gifts are ours through him who with us sid - eth. Let

still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us
 ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus it is
 prince of dark - ness grim, we trem - ble not for
 goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al -

woe; his craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cru - el
 he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name, from age to age the
 him; his rage we can en - dure, for lo! his doom is
 so; the bod - y they may kill: God's truth a - bid - eth

hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 still; his king - dom is for - ev - er.

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CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

Graham Clark, Youth Pastor

Psalm 130

ALL: **Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!**
O Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!
If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness,
that you may be feared.
I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.

LEADER: O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.
And he will redeem Israel
from all his iniquities.

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.

1 Peter 1:3-7

LEADER: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn 32—Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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!

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Romans 8:18-25

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³ And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Lord's My Shepherd (Psalm 23)

1. The Lord's my shep - herd; I will lack noth - ing.
 2. Al - though I trav - el through death's dark val - ey,
 3. You've set my ta - ble where foes are watch - ing;

He makes me lie - down in pas - tures green.
 no threat or dan - ger there will I fear,
 my head a - noint - ed, my cup you've filled.

He leads by calm streams, and he re - vives me;
 since you will al - ways stay close be - side me;
 Such love and good - ness through life pur - sue me;

he guides in right ways for his name's sake.
 your rod and staff give com - fort to me.
 I'll live for - ev - er in the Lord's house.

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“God’s Remedy for Suffering”

Blank musical staff lines for applying God's word to the hymn.

* RESPONDING IN SONG

Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death

1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ a - lone, Christ a -
 2. *What truth can calm the trou - bled soul? God is good, God is*
 3. Un - to the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, he lives; Christ, he

lone. What is our on - ly con - fi - dence? That our souls to him be -
good. Where is his grace and good-ness known? In our great Re-deem-er's
 lives!" And what re - ward will hea - ven bring? Ev - er - last - ing life with

long. Who holds our days with - in his hand? What comes, a -
blood. Who holds our faith when fears a - rise? Who stands a -
 him. There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and

part from his com - mand? And what will keep us to the
bove the storm - y trial? Who sends the waves that bring us
 death will be de - stroyed, and we will feast in end - less

end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.
nigh un - to the shore, the rock of Christ?
 joy, when Christ is ours for - ev - er - more.

CHORUS

O sing ha - le - lu - jah! Our hope springs e - ter - nal; O sing ha - le -

lu - jah! Now and ev - er we con - fess: Christ our hope in life and death.

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* BENEDICTION

Andrew Cies, Associate Pastor

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

Next Week:

TEXT: *Romans 8:26-27*

PREACHER: David Rogers, Senior Pastor
