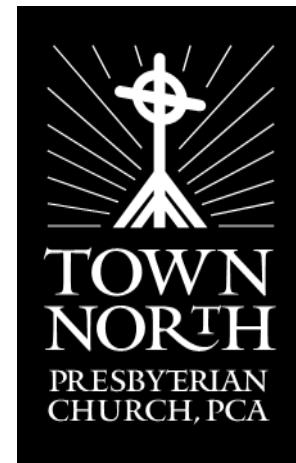


*Town North is a community of disciples
making disciples of Jesus.*



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

January 4, 2026

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

David Schlimme, Elder

* CALL TO WORSHIP

David Schlimme, Elder

Psalm 16:5-6; 9-11

LEADER: The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

PEOPLE: **The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**

LEADER: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.
For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.

PEOPLE: **You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

David Schlimme, Elder

* HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn 4—All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

1. All praise to God, who reigns a - bove, the God of all
 2. What God's al - might y pow'r hath made his gra - cious mer -
 3. I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, O hear
 4. The Lord for - sak eth not his flock, his cho - sen gen -
 6. Then come be - fore his pre - sence now and ba - nish fear

cre - a - tion, the God of won - ders, pow'r, and love,
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing dawn or eve - ning shade
 my call - ing! For death he gave me life in - deed
 er - a - tion; he is their ref - uge and their rock,
 and sad - ness; to your Re - deem - er pay your vow

the God of our sal - va - tion! With heal - ing balm
 his watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth; with - in the king -
 and kept my feet from fall - ing. For this my thanks
 their peace and their sal - va - tion. As with a moth -
 and sing with joy and glad - ness: Though great dis - tress

my soul he fills, the God who ev - ery sor - row stills.
 dom of his might, lo, all is just and all is right.
 shall end - less be; O thank him, thank our God with me.
 er's ten - der hand he leads his own, his cho - sen band.
 my soul be - fell, the Lord, my God, did all things well.

To God all praise and glo - ry!
 To God all praise and glo - ry!

Words: Johann J. Schütz, 1675. Tr. by Frances E. Cox, 1864.
 Music: MIT FREUDEN ZART, Bohemian Brethren's *Gesangbuch*, 1566. Public Domain.

CALL TO CONFSSION OF SIN

David Schlimme, Elder

Colossians 3:1-4

LEADER:

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

CORPORATE CONFSSION OF SIN

ALL:

Almighty God,
 you chose us to be recipients
 of your greatest mercies.
 You have freed us from the penalty of our sin
 and have given to us the gift of eternal life
 in Christ Jesus our Lord.
 Yet we have allowed sin to reign in our bodies
 and control the way we live.
 Empower us to live what we believe:
 That Christ died for our sins,
 and by faith we are now dead to sin.
 That as Christ was raised from death,
 we have been raised to new life in him
 by your glorious power.
 This we ask for Jesus' sake
 and for your glory. 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 FORGIVENESS

David Schlimme, Elder

John 3:16-17

LEADER:

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn 460—Amazing Grace!

1. A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound—
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
 3. Thro' man - y dan - gers, to snare,
 4. The Lord has prom - ised to me,
 5. And when this flesh and heart shall fail,
 6. When we've been there ten thou - sand years,

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 I how 'tis he I we've once pre grace will shall no was cious has my pos less cious lost, did brought shield sess days but that me and with to now grace safe por in sing am ap thus tion the God's found, pear far, be, veil praise

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 I be - home. en - dures. and be - peace. be - gun.

Words: St. 1-5, John Newton, 1779; St. 6, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790.
 Music: AMAZING GRACE, Traditional American Melody; Arr.: Edwin O. Excell, 1900. Public Domain.

TESTIMONY OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

*David & Kelly Rogers
MTW Missionaries to Malawi*

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

David Schlimme, Elder

* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn 94—How Firm a Foundation

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

David Schlimme, Elder

John 11:1-44

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent to him, saying, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” ⁴ But when Jesus heard it he said, “This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”

⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶ So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” ⁸ The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?” ⁹ Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. ¹⁰ But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.” ¹¹ After saying these things, he said to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.” ¹² The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.” ¹³ Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus has died, ¹⁵ and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” ¹⁶ So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

¹⁷ Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰ So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” ²³ Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴ Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” ²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷ She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of

God, who is coming into the world.”

²⁸ When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” ²⁹ And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. ³⁴ And he said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵ Jesus wept. ³⁶ So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸ Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³ When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” ⁴⁴ The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

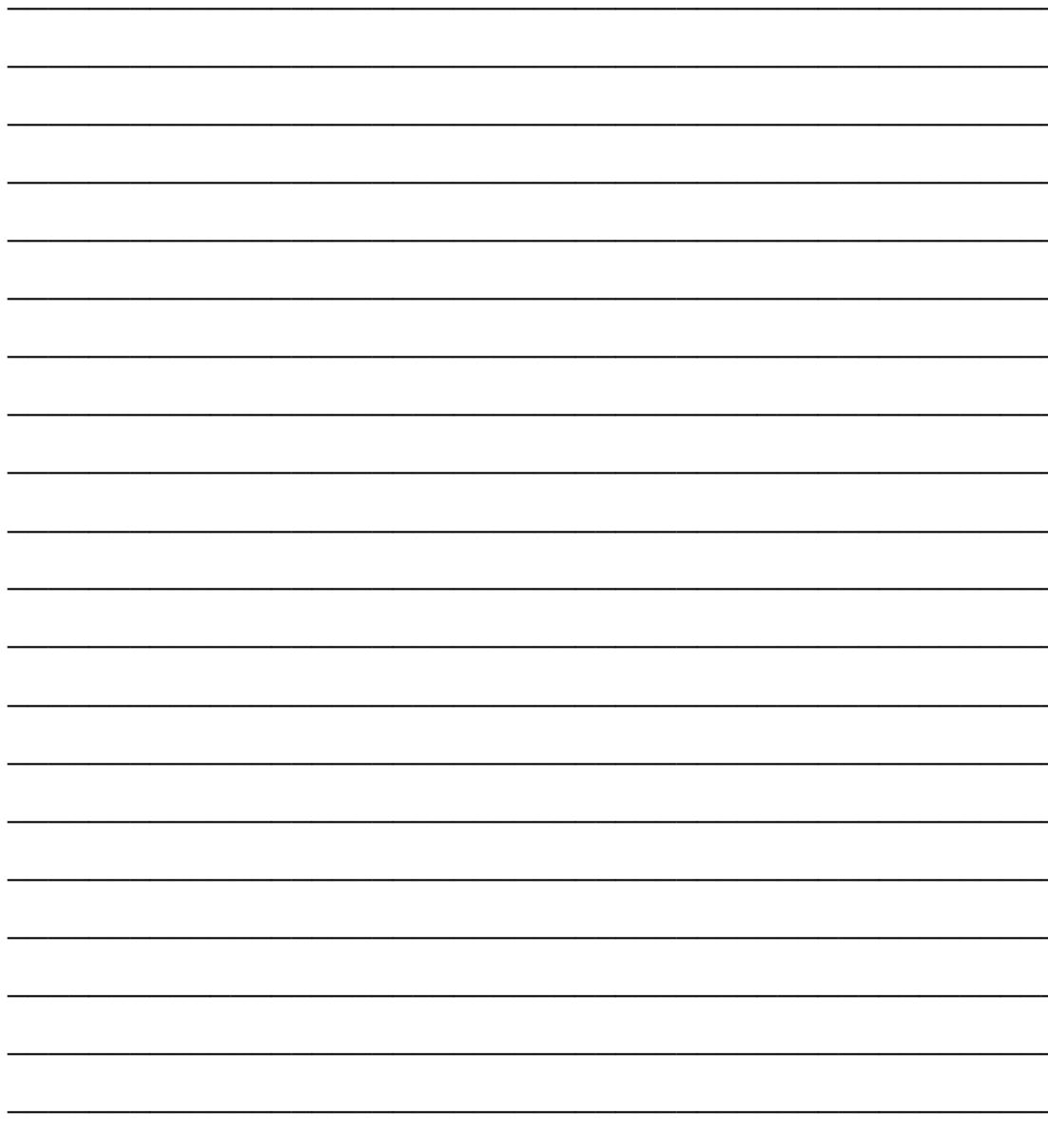
LEADER: This is the Word of the LORD.
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

Andrew Cies, Associate Pastor

"A Matter of Life and Death"

John 11:1-44



* RESPONDING IN SONG

Hymn 498—Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

1. Je - sus! what a Friend for sin - ners! Je - sus! lov - er
 2. Je - sus! what a strength in weak - ness! Let me hide my -
 3. Je - sus! what a help in sor - row! While the bil - lows
 4. Je - sus! what a guide and keep - er! While the tem - pest
 5. Je - sus! I do now re - ceive him, more than all in

of self my soul; friends may fail me, foes some - as -
 in in him; tempt - ed, tried, and heart some - times -
 o'er me roll, e - ven when my heart is
 still is high, storms a - bout me, night o'er -
 him I find; he hath grant - ed me for -

sail fail - me, he, my Sav - ior, makes me whole.
 break - ing, he, my strength, my vic - t'ry wins.
 takes me, he, my com - fort, helps my soul.
 give - ness, I am pi - lot, hears my cry.
 mine.

REFRAIN

Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior! Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Friend!
 Sav - ing, help - ing, keep - ing, lov - ing, he is with me to the end.

Words: J. Wilbur Chapman, 1910.
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* BENEDICTION

Andrew Cies, Associate Pastor

Jude 1:24-25

PASTOR: Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Lynna Harbison

Next Week:

TEXT: *John 11:45-57*

PREACHER: Andrew Cies, Associate Pastor
