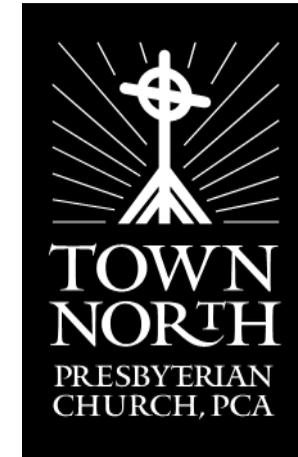


*Town North is a community of disciples  
making disciples of Jesus.*



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

*March 8, 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

*Andrew Cies, Associate Pastor*

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Andrew Cies, Associate Pastor*

### *from Psalm 73*

LEADER: Truly God is good to Israel,  
to those who are pure in heart.

PEOPLE: **But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled,  
my steps had nearly slipped.  
For I was envious of the arrogant  
when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.**

LEADER: But when I thought how to understand this,  
it seemed to me a wearisome task,  
until I went into the sanctuary of God;  
then I discerned their end.

PEOPLE: **Truly you set them in slippery places;  
you make them fall to ruin.  
How they are destroyed in a moment,  
swept away utterly by terrors!**

LEADER: You guide me with your counsel,  
and afterward you will receive me to glory.

PEOPLE: **Whom have I in heaven but you?  
And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.**

ALL: **My flesh and my heart may fail,  
but God is the strength of my heart  
and my portion forever.**

## \* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*Andrew Cies, Associate Pastor*

\* HYMN OF PRAISE

*Hymn 353—I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*



1. I love thy king - dom, Lord, the house of thine a - bode,  
 2. I love thy church, O God: her walls be - fore thee stand,  
 3. For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers as - cend;  
 4. Be - yond my high - est joy I prize her heav'n - ly ways,  
 5. Je - sus, thou Friend di - vine, our Sav - ior and our King,  
 6. Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zi - on shall be giv'n



the church our blest Re - deem - er saved with his own pre - cious blood.  
*clear as the ap - ple of thine eye, and grav - en on thy hand.*  
 to her my cares and toils be giv'n, till toils and cares shall end.  
*her sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, her hymns of love and praise.*  
 thy hand from ev - 'ry snare and foe shall great de - liv - 'rance bring.  
*the bright - est glo - ries earth can yield, and bright - er bliss of heav'n.*

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CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

*Andrew Cies, Associate Pastor*

***Matthew 10:26-31***

LEADER: “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ALL: Lord, our hearts are restless. We are gripped with worry and fear for ourselves, our loved ones, and our world. We confess that we have failed to trust your perfect love for us. When we see evil in the world we are often filled with worry and anger. We find ourselves questioning your sovereignty over these events and your faithfulness to your people. Forgive us for our sins of unbelief, doubting your power and perfect care for us. Remind us again, that though we walk through many dark valleys, the Lord Jesus is with us. Teach us to look ahead to his return, when all evil will be defeated and we will dwell with him forever. In his name we pray, 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

*Andrew Cies, Associate Pastor*

***Romans 8:31-32, 38-39***

LEADER: What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

\* SONG OF RESPONSE

*Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me*

1. What gift of grace is Je - sus, my Re - dee - mer. There is no  
 2. *The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en. For, by my*  
 3. No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en. The fu - ture  
 4. *With ev - 'ry breath I long to fol - ow Je - sus. For he has*

more for hea - ven now to give. He is my joy, my righ - teous - ness, and  
*side, the Sav - ior he will stay. I lab - or on in weak - ness and re -*  
 sure, the price it has been paid. For Je - sus bled and suff - ered for my  
*said that he will bring me home. And day by day, I know he will re -*

free - dom, my stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less peace.  
*joic - ing, for in my need, his pow - er is dis - played.*  
 par - don, and he was raised to ov - er - throw the grave.  
*new me, un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne.*

To this I hold, my hope is on - ly Je - sus. For my  
*To this I hold, my Shep - herd will de - fend me through the*  
 To this I hold, my sin has been de - fea - ted. Je - sus  
*To this I hold, my hope is on - ly Je - sus. All the*

life is wholl - y bound to his. Oh how strange and di - vine, I can  
*deep - est vall - ey he will lead. Oh the night has been won, and I*  
 now and ev - er is my plea. Oh the chains are re - leased, I can  
*glo - ry ev - er - more to him. When the race is com - plete, still my*

sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
*shall ov - er - come! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.*  
 sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
*lips shall re - peat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me.*

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PSALTER READING

*David Schlimme, Elder*

*Psalm 78:1-8*

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;  
 incline your ears to the words of my mouth!  
 I will open my mouth in a parable;  
 I will utter dark sayings from of old,  
 things that we have heard and known,  
 that our fathers have told us.  
 We will not hide them from their children,  
 but tell to the coming generation  
 the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might,  
 and the wonders that he has done.  
 He established a testimony in Jacob  
 and appointed a law in Israel,  
 which he commanded our fathers  
 to teach to their children,  
 that the next generation might know them,  
 the children yet unborn,  
 and arise and tell them to their children,  
 so that they should set their hope in God  
 and not forget the works of God,  
 but keep his commandments;  
 and that they should not be like their fathers,  
 a stubborn and rebellious generation,  
 a generation whose heart was not steadfast,  
 whose spirit was not faithful to God.

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*David Schlimme, Elder*

\* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

*I Cannot Tell*



1. I can - not tell why he whom an - gels wor - ship  
 2. *I can - not tell how si - lent - ly he suf - fered*  
 3. I can - not tell how he will win the na - tions,  
 4. *I can - not tell how all the lands shall wor - ship*



should come in flesh as proph - ets long fore - told,  
*as with his peace he graced this place of tears,*  
 how he will claim his earth - ly her - i - tage,  
*when at his bid - ding ev - ery storm is stilled,*



or why the Shep - herd longs to save the wan - der - ers  
*or how his heart up - on the cross was bro - ken,*  
 how sat - is - fy the needs and as - pi - ra - tions  
*or who can say how great the ju - bi - la - tion*



and bring them back re - joic - ing to the fold.  
*the crown of pain to three and thir - ty years.*  
 of east and west, of sin - ner and of sage.  
*when all our hearts with love for him are filled.*



But this I know, that he was born of Ma - ry  
*But this I know, he heals the bro - ken - heart - ed,*  
 But this I know, all flesh shall see his glo - ry,  
*But this I know, the skies will thrill with rap - ture,*



when Beth-lehem's man - ger was his on - ly home,  
*and stays our sin and calms our lurk - ing fear,*  
 and he shall reap the har - vest he has sown,  
*and count - less voic - es then will join to sing,*



and that he lived at Naz - a - reth and la - bored,  
*and lifts the bur - den from the hea - vy - la - den,*  
 and some glad day his sun will shine in splen - dor,  
*and earth to heaven, and heaven to earth will an - swer:*



and so the prom - ised Sav - ior of the world is come.  
*for still the suf - fering Sav - ior of the world is here.*  
 when he, the ris - en Sav - ior of the world is known.  
*"At last the liv - ing Sav - ior of the world is King!"*

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\* PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR COMMUNION

*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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THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Paul Gibson, Senior Pastor*

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. Please place used cups in the appropriate receptacles in the narthex after the service.

\* 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

*Paul Gibson, Senior Pastor*

***2 Corinthians 13:14***

PASTOR: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

POSTLUDE

*Lynna Harbison*

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***Next Week:***

PREACHER: *Paul Gibson, Senior Pastor*

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