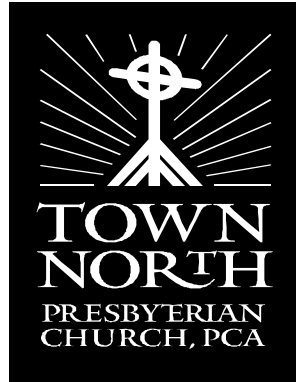


*Town North is a community of disciples  
making disciples of Jesus.*



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

*November 22, 2020 10:30 A.M.*

REFLECTION

*“...When I was your age, I lived in a bed, racked with polio. I asked myself every day, ‘Where is God? Where is God? Where is God?’ God never came. It wasn’t God who saved me—it was medicine. Reason is my prophet and it tells me that as a watch stops, so we die. It’s the end. If the watch doesn’t work properly, it must be fixed here and now by us...”*

-Yann Martel, *Life of Pi*, Mariner Books, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, New York: 2001, p. 28.

PRELUDE

*Lynna Harbison*

*(Church elders will be available in the front to pray personally with anyone during the prelude)*

ACTIVITIES & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*Pastor Andrew Cies*

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 146; 1 Corinthians 1:27-29*

PASTOR: Praise the LORD!  
Praise the LORD, O my soul!

PEOPLE: **I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

PASTOR: God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;

PEOPLE: **God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.**

PASTOR: Put not your trust in princes,  
in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

PEOPLE: **Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the LORD his God.**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE

*Congregation*

***Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus!***

<sup>1</sup>  
Hail, thou once despised Jesus!  
Hail, thou Galilean King!  
Thou didst suffer to release us,  
thou didst free salvation bring.  
Hail, thou agonizing Savior,  
bearer of our sin and shame!  
By thy merits we find favor,  
life is given thro' thy name.

<sup>2</sup>  
Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,  
all our sins were on thee laid;  
by almighty love anointed,  
thou hast full atonement made.  
All thy people are forgiven,  
thro' the virtue of thy blood;  
opened is the gate of heaven,  
peace is made 'twixt man and God.

<sup>3</sup>  
Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory,  
there forever to abide;  
all the heav'nly hosts adore thee,  
seated at thy Father's side.  
There for sinners thou art pleading,  
there thou dost our place prepare;  
ever for us interceding,  
till in glory we appear.

<sup>4</sup>  
Worship, honor, pow'r, and blessing,  
thou art worthy to receive;  
loudest praises, without ceasing,  
meet it is for us to give.  
Help, ye bright angelic spirits,  
bring your sweetest, noblest lays;  
help to sing our Savior's merits,  
help to chant Immanuel's praise.

\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

## CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

*Isaiah 1:18*

PASTOR: “Come now, let us reason together,” says the LORD:  
“though your sins are like scarlet,  
they shall be as white as snow;  
though they are red like crimson,  
they shall become like wool.”

## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

**ALL: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. 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 AND PEACE WITH GOD

*Isaiah 53:2b-5*

PASTOR: He had no form or majesty that we should look at him,  
and no beauty that we should desire him.  
He was despised and rejected by men,  
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;  
and as one from whom men hide their faces  
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.  
Surely he has borne our griefs  
and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed him stricken,  
smitten by God, and afflicted.  
But he was pierced for our transgressions;  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with his wounds we are healed.

***Amazing Grace!***

Amazing grace!—how sweet the sound—  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
his Word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be,  
as long as life endures.

And when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
and mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess within the veil  
a life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we've first begun.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

*Westminster Shorter Catechism Q&A 27*

PASTOR: Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist?

ALL: **Christ's humiliation consisted in his being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.**

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*Pastor David Rogers*

***Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery***

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry,  
in the dawning of the King.  
He, the theme of heaven's praises,  
robed in frail humanity.  
In our longing, in our darkness,  
now the light of life has come!  
Look to Christ, who condescended,  
took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry:  
he the perfect Son of Man,  
in his living, in his suff'ring,  
never trace nor stain of sin.  
See the true and better Adam,  
come to save the hell-bound man,  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment  
of the law; in him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry:  
Christ the Lord upon the tree.  
In the stead of ruined sinners  
hangs the Lamb in victory!  
See the price of our redemption,  
see the Father's plan unfold,  
bringing many sons to glory:  
grace unmeasured, love untold!

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry:  
slain by death, the God of life.  
But no grave could e'er restrain him;  
praise the Lord, he is alive!  
What a foretaste of deliv'rance,  
how unwavering our hope.  
Christ in power resurrected,  
as we will be when he comes.

***Judges 7:1-8***

Then Jerubbaal (that is, Gideon) and all the people who were with him rose early and encamped beside the spring of Harod. And the camp of Midian was north of them, by the hill of Moreh, in the valley.

<sup>2</sup>The LORD said to Gideon, “The people with you are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hand, lest Israel boast over me, saying, ‘My own hand has saved me.’ <sup>3</sup> Now therefore proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, ‘Whoever is fearful and trembling, let him return home and hurry away from Mount Gilead.’” Then 22,000 of the people returned, and 10,000 remained.

<sup>4</sup> And the LORD said to Gideon, “The people are still too many. Take them down to the water, and I will test them for you there, and anyone of whom I say to you, ‘This one shall go with you,’ shall go with you, and anyone of whom I say to you, ‘This one shall not go with you,’ shall not go.” <sup>5</sup> So he brought the people down to the water. And the LORD said to Gideon, “Every one who laps the water with his tongue, as a dog laps, you shall set by himself. Likewise, every one who kneels down to drink.” <sup>6</sup> And the number of those who lapped, putting their hands to their mouths, was 300 men, but all the rest of the people knelt down to drink water. <sup>7</sup> And the LORD said to Gideon, “With the 300 men who lapped I will save you and give the Midianites into your hand, and let all the others go every man to his home.” <sup>8</sup> So the people took provisions in their hands, and their trumpets. And he sent all the rest of Israel every man to his tent, but retained the 300 men. And the camp of Midian was below him in the valley.

APPLYING GOD’S WORD

*Rev. David Rogers*

***“My Own Hand Has Saved Me”***

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

THE LORD’S SUPPER

*(Please hold the elements until everyone is served.  
Please place used cups in baskets in the narthex after the service.)*

***The Power of the Cross***

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day:  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten then  
nailed to a cross of wood.

**Chorus**

This, the pow'r of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us;  
took the blame, bore the wrath—  
we stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain written on your face,  
bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed  
crowning your bloodstained brow.

**Chorus**

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath  
quakes as its Maker bows his head.  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life;  
“Finished!” the vict'ry cry.

**Chorus**

Oh to see my name written in the wounds,  
for through your suff'ring I am free.  
Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live,  
won through your selfless love.

**Final Chorus**

This, the pow'r of the cross:  
Son of God—slain for us.  
What a love! What a cost!  
We stand forgiven at the cross.

\* BENEDICTION

*1 Corinthians 1:30-31*

PASTOR: And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.” Amen.

POSTLUDE

*Lynna Harbison*





## ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

<b>SUNDAY</b>	Worship Service— <i>Sanctuary &amp; by Livestream</i>	10:30 a.m.
	Officers Prayer for the Congregation— <i>Fellowship Hall</i>	12:00 p.m.
	TNT Youth Group— <i>Outside TNPC</i>	5:00 p.m.
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Thanksgiving Eve Service— <i>Sanctuary &amp; by Livestream</i>	6:00 p.m.
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Church Office Closed— <i>Thanksgiving Day!</i>	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Church Office Closed— <i>Extended Thanksgiving Holiday</i>	

*Church activity calendar is available on-line at [www.tnpc.org/events](http://www.tnpc.org/events).*

### WORSHIP SERVICE

SANCTUARY (PUBLIC) AND BY LIVESTREAM

- ACCESS:** 1. Go to the Town North web site: [www.tnpc.org](http://www.tnpc.org)  
 2. Click on the link that says: **“Livestream Worship”**

{PUBLIC SERVICE OBSERVING COMMUNITY DISEASE (CORONAVIRUS) CONTROL GUIDELINES}

**LIFEChange OFFERING** — Last week’s total LIFEChange was \$385.00. Thanks be to God! If you did not give your LIFEChange last Sunday, you may mail your check, make your donation via *PayPal*, or scan the new TNPC-PCAF QR code below, specifying “LIFEChange”.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Outdoor Thanksgiving Day Dinner



**Thursday, November 26  
here at the church!**

**If you are interested,  
please contact Kelly at  
469-371-1904 or  
[kellyrogers102090@gmail.com](mailto:kellyrogers102090@gmail.com)**

#### THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25  
SANCTUARY 6:00 PM**

*Please join us to begin our Thanksgiving  
holiday by giving thanks to God!*

#### Christmas Cocoa, Cookies and Prayer

**December 12th  
2:00 p.m.**

Women are invited for a time of fellowship and prayer to prepare our hearts for Christmas together. We will meet in the Town North courtyard weather permitting. Please bring a chair and blanket.

*Please **RSVP** by Dec. 7 to  
Susan Jeffery at 214-293-8983  
or [csjeffery@sbcglobal.net](mailto:csjeffery@sbcglobal.net)*

**Disciple Groups, Life-on-Life, Bible Studies, and other small groups** are meeting by Zoom, in homes or at TNPC at leader & group discretion.

**Check out the new e-giving link *TNPC - PCAF* on our website!**

**\*\*Accepts ACH and CREDIT CARD donations to TNPC\*\***

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#### Fiscal Year 2021

<b>Totals through November 15, 2020</b>	
<i>(Our fiscal year starts July 1 and ends June 30)</i>	
General Fund Income	\$ 221,286
Designated Giving	\$ 49,830
Total Expenses	\$ 347,910
Net Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ (76,794)

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