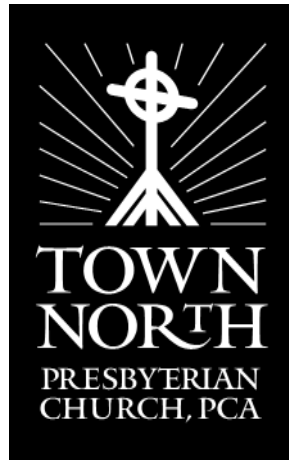


*Town North is a community of disciples  
making disciples of Jesus.*



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

*September 12, 2021 10:30 A.M.*

REFLECTION

***“Lord, help us never to expect any happiness from the world, but only in you. Let us not think that we shall be more happy by living to ourselves, for we can only be happy if employed for you, and if we desire to live in this world, may we desire only to do and suffer what you do allot us. Teach us that if we do not live a life that satisfies you, we shall not live a life that will satisfy ourselves.”***

-from “Happiness” in *The Valley of Vision*, p. 168.

PRELUDE

*Lynna Harbison*

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

ACTIVITIES & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*Andrew Cies, Pastor*

*(Please sign, pass & return the black pad at the end of the aisle)*

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 96*

LEADER: Oh sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all the earth!

PEOPLE: **Sing to the LORD, bless his name;  
tell of his salvation from day to day.**

LEADER: Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous works among all the peoples!

PEOPLE: **He will judge the world in righteousness,  
and the peoples in his faithfulness.**

\* SONG OF PRAISE

*Ensemble & Congregation*

***Our Great God***

1 Eternal God, unchanging,  
mysterious and unknown;  
your boundless love unfailing,  
in grace and mercy shown.  
Bright seraphim in endless flight  
around your glorious throne,  
they raise their voices day and night  
in praise to you alone.

3 Let ev'ry creature in the sea,  
and ev'ry flying bird,  
let ev'ry mountain, ev'ry field,  
and valley of the earth,  
let all the moons and all the stars  
in all the universe  
sing praises to the living God,  
who rules them by his Word.

**Chorus**

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!  
Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!

2 Lord, we are weak and frail  
helpless in the storm.  
Surround us with your angels,  
hold us in your arms.  
Our cold and ruthless enemy,  
his pleasure is our harm.  
Rise up, oh Lord, and he will flee  
before our Sov'reign God.

\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

*1 Peter 3:14-16*

LEADER: But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

**ALL:** Lord God, you command us to follow you unconditionally. We confess that we often fail in the face of suffering. Forgive us for our faithlessness. Grant us boldness when we are afraid and cause our hearts to honor Christ the Lord as holy. Let our lives be a witness to the powerful hope that we have in your great salvation. 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

*1 Peter 2:21-24*

**LEADER:** For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

## \* SONG OF RESPONSE

*Ensemble & Congregation*

### *Amazing Grace!*

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| 1 Amazing grace!—how sweet the sound—<br>that saved a wretch like me!<br>I once was lost, but now am found,<br>was blind but now I see.         | 4 The Lord has promised good to me,<br>his Word my hope secures;<br>he will my shield and portion be,<br>as long as life endures.                    |
| 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,<br>and grace my fears relieved;<br>how precious did that grace appear<br>the hour I first believed! | 5 And when this flesh and heart shall fail,<br>and mortal life shall cease,<br>I shall possess within the veil<br>a life of joy and peace.           |
| 3 Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares,<br>I have already come;<br>'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,<br>and grace will lead me home.   | 6 When we've been there ten thousand years,<br>bright shining as the sun,<br>we've no less days to sing God's praise<br>than when we've first begun. |

## MINISTRY MINUTE

*Imad Aubrey, Pastor to Lebanon and the Middle East*

\* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

*Hymn 654 (vv 1-3)*

***O Jesus, I Have Promised***

- 1 O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  
be thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend:  
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.
- 2 O let me feel thee near me, the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear:  
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;  
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.
- 3 O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

\* SCRIPTURE READING

*Andrew Cies, Pastor*

***1 Thessalonians 1:6-10***

And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup> so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup> For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. <sup>9</sup> For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, <sup>10</sup> and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

*Greg Beale*

***Receiving and Resounding God's Word***

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

### \* RESPONDING IN SONG

*Hymn 693 (vv 1-3)*

#### ***Blessed Assurance***

- 1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

#### **Refrain**

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

- 2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending, bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
- 3 Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

### \* BENEDICTION

*1 Thessalonians 5:23-24*

PASTOR: Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it. Amen.

### POSTLUDE

*Lynna Harbison*

# SERMON NOTES

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## *Receiving and Resounding God’s Word*

### *1 Thessalonians 1:6-10*

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***Next Week:***

*Text: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12*

Preacher: Andrew Cies, Pastor

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***Blessed Assurance***

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## ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>Covenant Clubhouse—</b> <i>TNPC Courtyard</i>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
	<b>Youth Group—</b> <i>Admin Bldg Youth Room</i>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Women’s Bible Study—</b> <i>CE Bldg Rm 200</i>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
	<b>Women’s Bible Study—</b> <i>CE Bldg Rm 200</i>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Youth Mid-Week Meet up—</b> <i>in person</i>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
	<b>Wednesday Night Prayer—</b> <i>by Zoom</i>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Men’s Bible Study—</b> <i>Admin Rm 103</i>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>Youth Group Paintball—</b> <i>Offsite</i>	<b>4:45 p.m.</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>Leadership Development Class</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>

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

### LIVESTREAM AUDIO ACCESS

1. Go to [www.tnpc.org](http://www.tnpc.org)
2. Click on the box that says: “**Livestream Audio**”.

**OVERVIEW OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION** — We are honored to have New Testament scholar Dr. G. K. Beale teaching Revelation on Saturday, September 25 at 7pm.

**SUNDAY MORNING FLOWERS** — Please consider providing flowers for worship on Sunday mornings. There is a signup calendar in the narthex.

**LEBANON PROJECT** — To support Pastor Imad Aubrey’s ministry in Lebanon, please write checks payable to Town North Presbyterian Church with “Lebanon Project” on the memo line.

**SUPPORTING OUR MERCY MINISTRY** — Your gracious donations, specified “Deacons Fund,” allow our Deacons to bring financial relief to members and others in need.

**LIFECCHANGE OFFERING** — Supports our missions efforts. To make a donation, specify “LifeChange” on your check or with your e-gift.

#### **Fiscal Year 2022**

#### **Totals through September 5, 2021**

*(Our fiscal year starts July 1 and ends June 30)*

<b>General Fund Income</b>	<b>\$ 151,513</b>
<b>Designated Giving</b>	<b>\$ 36,615</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 187,353</b>
<b>Net Surplus or (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 775</b>

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