



WE EXIST TO... GROW IN
CHRIST, LOVE LIKE CHRIST,
LIVE FOR CHRIST

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy and universal Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

HALLELUJAH FOR THE CROSS
Hymns of Grace, 287

BENEDICTION

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022

Amen.

WELCOME / PRAYER OF INVOCATION

BEHOLD OUR GOD
Hymns of Grace, 126

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

**SERMON: "RESPONSIBILITIES OF BIBLICAL
ELDERSHIP @ TVC" — 1 PETER 5:1-5**

COMMUNION

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.
On the third day He arose again.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty,

and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

JESUS, THANK YOU

Verse 1
The myst'ry of the cross I cannot comprehend,
The agonies of Calvary.
You, the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son,
Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me.

Chorus
Your blood has washed away my sin.
Jesus, thank You.
The Father's wrath completely satisfied,
Jesus, thank You.
Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table,
Jesus, thank You.

Verse 2
By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near.
Your enemy You've made Your friend.
Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace,
Your mercy and Your kindness know no end.

Bridge
Lover of my soul, I want to live for You.

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IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL
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- Giving:** If you feel led to give to the ministry of TVC, there is an offering box in the back of the sanctuary or online giving is available
- Jan 16:** Fellowship breakfast from 9-9:45 AM - please bring a dish to share
- Rooted for children ages 4 years old - 4th grade from 9-9:30 AM in the Northeast Nook
- Thrive for children in 5th grade & up from 9-9:30 AM in East Hall
- Feb 2:** Foundations classes resume with a study of the Gospel of John - classes will be held in the morning from 9:30-11 & in the evening from 6-7:30
- Feb 5:** Ice fishing day... stay tuned for more details in the coming days
- Feb 21-25:** TVC Treehouse for children ages 4 years old - 5th grade from 9:00-11:30 AM. If you are interested in helping please speak to Faith Nicewonger
- There will be 2 meetings leading up to the week of fun... Sunday, 1/16 & Sunday, 2/13 from 12-12:30 PM

JEFF NORTON:

1. Do you reaffirm your faith in Jesus Christ as your own personal Lord and Savior? **I do.**
2. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, totally trustworthy, fully inspired by the Holy Spirit, the supreme, final, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice? **I do.**
3. Do you sincerely believe that the Statement of Faith of this church contains the truth taught in the Holy Scripture? **I do.**
4. Do you promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the statements in the Statement of Faith you will on your own initiative make known to the pastor and other elders the change which has taken place in your views since your assumption of this vow? **I do.**
5. Do you subscribe to the government and discipline of Twin Villages Church? **I do.**
6. Do you promise to submit to your fellow elders in the Lord? **I do, with God's help.**
7. Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to accept the office of elder from love of God and sincere desire to promote His glory in the Gospel of Jesus Christ? **I have.**
8. Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in promoting the truths of the Gospel and the purity and peace of the Church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise to you on that account? **I do, with God's help.**
9. Will you be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as elder, whether personal or relative, private or public, and will you endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with

exemplary piety before this congregation? **I will, by the grace of God.**

10. Are you now willing to take personal responsibility in the life of this congregation as an elder to oversee the ministry and resources of the church, and to devote yourself to prayer, the ministry of the Word and the shepherding of God's flock, relying upon the grace of God, in such a way that Twin Villages Church, and the entire Church of Jesus Christ will be blessed? **I am, with the help of God.**

CONGREGATION [PLEASE STAND]:

1. Do you, the congregation of Twin Villages Church, acknowledge and publicly receive Jeff Norton as an elder, as a gift of Christ to this church? **We do.**
2. Will you love Jeff and pray for him in his ministry, and work together with him humbly and cheerfully, that by the grace of God you may accomplish the mission of the church, giving him all due honor and support in his leadership to which the Lord has called him, to the glory and honor of God? **We will.**

General Info:

TVC Kids: Backpacks filled with a note sheet, a coloring page, and snacks are available for children Pre-K – 5th grade. Note sheets are available for children in 5th – 8th grade.

We strive for family integrated worship & want to encourage parents to keep their children in the sanctuary or East Hall for worship. However, we understand that children can get restless & squirmy, so if you have to leave the service with your child, please feel free to do so. There is a kid friendly area in the downstairs Fellowship Hall, geared for children ages 0–4 years old, that can be used by families who have children that may need

to get some wiggles out. Please know that you are welcome to rejoin the service at any time.

We also offer a volunteer staffed Nursery during the sermon. We are thankful & appreciate the opportunity to serve you & your children.

Gospel Growth Communities (GGCs): GGCs are just one way you can purposefully and intentionally invest in your church family as we seek to grow in Christ, love like Christ & live for Christ. If you are interested in joining a GGC, please contact one of your elders. The Norton GGC meets Thursday evenings in Bremen. Sorterup GGC meets Wednesday evenings in Damariscotta. The Nicewonger GGC meets Sunday evenings in Nobleboro. The Holladay GGC meets Thursday evenings in Bristol.

Discussion Questions:

1. Who is God (what does this passage tell me about God's character)?
2. What has God done (how do I see God's character in action)?
3. Who am I (how does God's character and action shape how I see myself)?
4. What do I do (if I believe 1–3 how would I respond and relate to others)?

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