

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP



## NEW ST PETER'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 20, 2023

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*“Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.  
I will dwell in you and walk among you; and I will be your God,  
and you shall be My people.”*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Please be seated as we gather to sing. Congregants read the bolded text aloud.*

### GATHERING

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

*Coronation*

**All hail the power of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.**

### CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 106

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!

*Silence*

### LITURGY OF THE WORD Psalm 106

Who can utter the mighty deeds of the LORD, or declare all His praise?  
Blessed are they who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times!

**Remember us, O LORD, when You show favor to Your people; help us when You save them.**

Church, truly the LORD has saved you for His name's sake, that He might make known His mighty power through Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Therefore, we rejoice in the gladness of His nation, we glory with His inheritance. We believe His words and we shall sing His praise.**

### INVOCATION

# "All Creatures of Our God and King"

*Lasst uns erfreuen*  
 text: Francis of Assisi, ca. 1225  
 Harmony alt. Ben Weldy

1. All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us  
 2. Thou rush - ing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n a -  
 3. Thou flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for thy Lord to  
 4. And all ye men of ten - der heart, for - giv - ing oth - ers, take your  
 5. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -

sing al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou burn - ing sun with gold - en  
 - long, O\_\_\_ praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Thou ris - ing morn in praise re -  
 hear, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou fire so mas - ter - ful and  
 part, O\_\_\_ sing ye, al - le - lu - ia! Ye who long pain and sor - row  
 - ness, O\_\_\_ praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the Fa - ther, praise the

*Refrain*

beam, thou sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam,  
 - joice, ye lights of eve - ning, find a voice,  
 bright, that giv - est man both warmth and light, O\_\_\_ praise him,  
 bear, praise God and on him cast your care,  
 Son, and praise the Spir - it, three in one,

O\_\_\_ praise him, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - - - ia!

“Psalm 124 (Our Help Is in the Name of the Lord)”

Brian Franklin, 2023



1. If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, then our  
 2. Bless - ed be the Lord who's not giv - en us as prey, to the



en - e - mies would have swal - lowed us up a - live. Then the  
 tor - rents 'round us, the wa - ters that o'er us rage. Like a



flood would have swept us a - way. So now let all of God's peo - ple say!—  
 bird burst - ing forth from its cage, the snare is bro - ken, we have es - caped!



— Our help is in the name of — the Lord, the name of — the Lord, who made



heav - en — and earth! Our help is in the name of — the Lord, the



name of — the Lord, who made all of the heav - ens and earth! earth!



Why do you doubt, my soul, you of lit - tle faith? “Take heart, it — is I,” Je - sus



says to — my soul, — “Do not be a - fraid!” — Our help is in the

Gracious Father, You have called us out to follow You, pilgrims on the road with Jesus.

**Yet instead of journeying forward, we put our hand to the plow and look back. We seek a life of ease and arrival, more concerned about where we lay our head than whether we follow You. We seek a life of personal pleasure, satisfying our cravings in the wilderness, rather than denying ourselves and following Jesus. We turn back to our sin, exchanging Your immortal glory for the feeble things of this world. O LORD, we are brought low by our iniquity. Forgive us we pray.**

*Silent confession*

Beloved, God has looked upon your distress and heard your cry. He has remembered His covenant and acted according to the abundance of His steadfast love. Christ our Lord has stood in the breach, turning away the wrath of God from us, and onto Himself.

**Therefore, let us turn from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead. Praise be to God! Amen.**

A reading from Moses. God's people in the wilderness set out and make camp through the way He has made.

*Children 4-5 years of age may be dismissed to Worship Training and retrieved after the sermon for Communion.*

May the peace of the Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Please return to your seats and remain standing.*

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

*Coronation*

**O that, with yonder sacred throng, we at His feet may fall,  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all,  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!**

**CONFESSION  
OF SIN & PLEA FOR  
PARDON**

Psalms 106, Luke 9

**ASSURANCE OF  
PARDON &  
INTERCESSORY  
PRAYER**

Psalms 106,  
1 Thessalonians 1

**OLD TESTAMENT  
READING**

Numbers 9:15-23

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SHARING THE  
PEACE OF CHRIST**

**DOXOLOGY**

<sup>51</sup> When the days drew near for Him to be taken up, He set His face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup> And He sent messengers ahead of Him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for Him. <sup>53</sup> But the people did not receive Him, because His face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup> And when His disciples James and John saw it, they said, *“Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?”* <sup>55</sup> But He turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup> And they went on to another village.

<sup>57</sup> As they were going along the road, someone said to Him, *“I will follow You wherever You go.”* <sup>58</sup> And Jesus said to him, *“Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.”* <sup>59</sup> To another He said, *“Follow me.”* But he said, *“Lord, let me first go and bury my father.”* <sup>60</sup> And Jesus said to him, *“Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”* <sup>61</sup> Yet another said, *“I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.”* <sup>62</sup> Jesus said to him, *“No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”*

“On the Road with Jesus”

Luke 9.51-62

**A New Way**

**A Better Way**

THE 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 by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried;  
He descended into hell\*, the third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the  
Father Almighty;  
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*\*He descended into judgment and continued in the state of the dead until the third day.*

WORDS OF  
INSTITUTION &  
FENCING THE  
TABLE  
John 10,  
Scottish  
Communion  
Hymn (1881)

Jesus said “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish...”

**The Father, who has given them, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand.**

See here Christ’s gracious promises to His blood-bought Church, this sacred pledge and holy sign. Now applied to us at His table with bread and with wine.

**O Mighty Spirit, fill our hearts while we stand around the table of the Lord. As we feed upon this bread and wine, give us the spiritual health and comfort they afford.**

Come to the Table...

DIRECTIONS  
FOR THE TABLE

*Please wait for directions from the ushers who will guide you.*

*Those serving at the Table or leading music will be served first with their families. Ushers will then lead the rest of the congregation.*

*Grape juice is in the outer ring of the tray and wine in the center. Gluten-free is available at each table—please indicate your need.*

*Those bringing offerings and gifts may place them in the offering box as they return to their seats.*



“He Will Hold Me Fast”

Matt Merker  
text: v. 1-2 Ada Habershon, 1906  
vs. 3 Matt Merker, 2013



1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
2. Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast;  
3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;



When the tempt - er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.  
Pre - cious in His ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.  
Just - ice has been sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast.



I could nev - er keep my hold Through life's fear - ful path;  
He'll not let my soul be lost; His prom - is - es shall last;  
Raised with Him to end - less life, He will hold me fast.



For my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me fast.  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.  
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

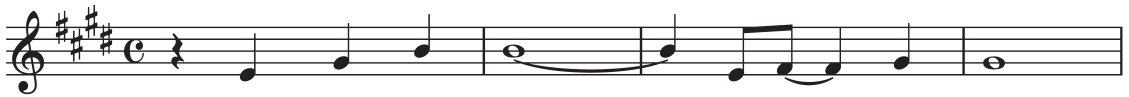
*Refrain*



*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast; For my Sav - ior loves me*



*so, He will hold me fast.*



1. We tra - vel through\_\_\_\_\_ a bar - ren land,
2. Huge sor - rows meet\_\_\_\_\_ us as we go,
3. Some - times we're tempt - ed to de - spair,
4. We trust up - on\_\_\_\_\_ the sa - cred word—



With dan - gers thick on eve - ry hand;\_  
 And dev - ils aim to o - ver - throw;\_  
 But Je - sus makes us then his care;\_  
 The oath and prom - ise of the Lord;\_



But Je - sus guides us through the vale;\_  
 But vile in - fer - nals can't pre - vail;\_  
 Though nu - merous foes our souls as - sail;\_  
 And safe - ly through each tem - pest sail;\_

[ Sing 3 times final verse



O the Chris - tian's hope can nev - er fail.\_\_\_\_  
 O the Chris - tian's hope shall nev - er fail.\_\_\_\_  
 O the Chris - tian's hope can nev - er fail.\_\_\_\_  
 O the Chris - tian's hope can nev - er fail.\_\_\_\_

“Psalm 126”

Isaac Wardell, 2011  
alt. Ben Weldy



1. Our mouths they were filled, filled with laugh - ter;  
2. The na - tions will say, “He has done great things!”



Our tongues they were loosed, loosed with joy.  
The na - tions will sing songs of joy.



Re - store us, O Lord; Re - store us, O Lord.

*Refrain*



*Al - though we are weep - ing, Lord, help us keep sow - ing*



*the seeds of your King - dom for the day You will reap — them.*



*Your sheaves we will car - ry; Lord, please do not tar - ry.*



*All those who sow weep - ing will go out with songs of — joy.*

SCATTERING  
Kenyan  
Reformed  
Prayer

Almighty God, eternal Father,

**we have sat at Your feet,  
learned from Your word,  
and eaten from Your table.  
We give You thanks and praise  
for accepting us into Your family.  
Send us out with Your blessing,  
to live and to witness for You in the power of Your Spirit,  
through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead.**

BENEDICTION  
Psalm 106

May the LORD grant you patient endurance until He gathers you from among the nations, so that you may give thanks to His holy name and glory in His praise. Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

**Come quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen.**

POSTLUDE

*Please enjoy the fellowship of believers in the lobby or outside.*

## MILE MARKER

Reflect

And He said to all, "If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it." (Luke 9:23-24)

Pray

For faith to follow Jesus on the road of discipleship.  
For love and courage to invite others on the journey.

## ABOUT NSP



In a city that pursues arrival, New St. Peter's exists to make disciples by inviting pilgrims and skeptics into life on the road with Jesus.

## CORE VALUES

Worship



Calling



Suffering



Membership



## THE ROOSTER

The rooster is a common Christian symbol, used throughout the history of the church to tell the story of St. Peter's denial of Christ on the night He was betrayed. Peter was a brash and bold disciple, and a dear friend of Jesus, but in his doubt and fear he denied his Lord three times before the rooster's crow early on that Good Friday morning. But the rooster clutches the cross, clinging to the hope of Jesus' great mercy for doubters and deniers like us. Because Jesus Christ has died as if He were the worst of doubters, the worst of deniers, we are free to cling to His cross and to follow Him on the pilgrim road. Jesus forgave and restored Peter shortly after His resurrection, and it was in the hope of this restoration that our church—New St. Peter's—was born in 2003.

[www.newstpeters.org](http://www.newstpeters.org)

## GATHERED

As a church family, we gather weekly to celebrate God's grace in worship and teach and encourage one another as we follow Jesus.

### **WEEKLY WORSHIP**

(Sundays, 10:15-11:30am)

The church is an outpost of heaven on earth, and nowhere is this more evident than in its worship. So, even on the road with Jesus, we taste home each Lord's Day in the worship gathering, as we feed on Christ through His preached word, the sacraments, fellowship, and prayer. (Matthew 11:28-29).

### **SOLD**

(Sundays, 9-9:50am, starting Sept. 10)

School of Life & Doctrine (SOLD) is our Christian education ministry for all ages. Historically, we've held this time on Sunday evenings in various places throughout the city. However, beginning in the fall of 2023, we will host SOLD on Sunday mornings at the Dallas Children's Theater, including classes for kids, youth, and adults.

### **KIDS - WORSHIP TRAINING**

(Sundays, 10:15-11:30am)

Our goal is to prepare our children in Worship Training to enter into the "big" Worship Service with their parents, better able to listen and engage with the liturgy as they grow in maturity. In Worship Training, leaders guide the children in singing, prayer, a simple liturgy, and a curriculum lesson with age-appropriate activities.

### **YOUTH - RYF**

Reformed Youth Fellowship (RYF) is our ministry to Middle School and High School students. In our dedicated teaching times the youth at New St. Peter's work through the topics of Basic Bible (Old and New Testament), Apologetics, Spiritual Disciplines, and Christian History. During the School year, we meet most regularly on Sunday mornings during SOLD, but also meet outside of that time for fellowship, encouragement, and service in both large and small groups.

## SCATTERED

When we are scattered throughout the city, we are no less the church. In our diverse neighborhoods, we want to invite disciples and skeptics to join us on the road with Jesus.

### PARISHES

In order to better equip our members for fellowship and outreach, we have organized our city into parishes. Each parish is overseen by an Elder—with assistance from the Deacons and Women’s Leadership Team—who shepherds the neighborhood group leaders in that parish.

### NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS

Our neighborhood groups meet in people’s homes at different frequencies and locations throughout the metroplex. The aim of these groups is to walk together in fellowship, prayer, and service in the community.

### MEN’S & WOMEN’S MINISTRY

There are a number of ways to get involved in men’s and women’s ministry at NSP, including Bible and book studies, discipleship and prayer groups, and special events.

### 20somethings

Anyone from college through the late 20s is welcome—both married and single! This group enjoys bi-monthly fellowship dinners in homes of different families in our church and also gets together for seasonal Bible studies and occasional celebrations.

To learn more about these ministries, scan the QR code below or visit [www.newstpeters.org](http://www.newstpeters.org)



# ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

## THIS WEEK

- **SOLD Teachers needed!** We are getting ready to kick off our fall semester of SOLD on September 10th! The children's ministry is looking for people who are interested in serving during the SOLD hour. If you are interested please contact Brittanie for more information.
- **Youth** - Plan to join us, Wednesday (8/23), from 4-6:30 p.m. at the Wiersemas for the next open house. We will have something small and simple for dinner. Other food is welcome, but please bring enough to share.

## UPCOMING

- **Men's Prayer Times** - Men's Morning Prayer meets Tuesdays from 7-8am via conference call. Contact Mark Ratliff if you're interested in joining. Men's Evening Prayer is a new group that is meeting on 2nd and 4th Thursdays at the Stratman home at 8pm. Contact Stephen Buerger to learn more.
- **Visitor's Cafe and New Members Class** - If you have been visiting and are interested in knowing more about membership, we would like to direct you to our website ([newstpeters.org/im-new](http://newstpeters.org/im-new)). Once there, scroll to the "Visitor's Cafe" button and let us know of your interest. The Cafe is scheduled for 9/10 after the service.

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## LEADERSHIP

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Brittanie Brandenburg, *Dir. of Children's Ministry*  
Jan James, *Office Administrator*

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Clayton Hagan, Ben Hillman, Andy Klein,  
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