

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP



NEW ST PETER'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 27, 2023

*“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

“Doxology”

Old Hundredth

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below:
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 30

Sing praises to the LORD, O you His saints, and give thanks to His holy name. For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime.

Silence

LITURGY OF THE WORD Psalm 30, Ephesians 4

The LORD has brought up your soul from Sheol; He has restored you to life from among those who go down to the pit.

Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning!

There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

O LORD You have turned our mourning into dancing; You have loosed our sackcloth and clothed us with gladness. We will give thanks to You forever!

INVOCATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we
also forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Nettleton, text: Robert Robinson, 1758
Harmony alt., Ben Weldy

1. Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

Teach me_ some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by_ flam - ing tongues a - bove;
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:
Prone to_ wan - der— Lord, I feel_ it— prone to_ leave the God I love:

praise thy mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

“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

O Lord, Your word urges us to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which we have been called.

Yet we so easily fall back into sin. Instead of humility, we are full of pride. We seek to make much of ourselves rather than honor You. Instead of being gentle, we are rough and cruel. We use our speech and actions to hurt others. Instead of bearing with one another in love, we fail to forgive others as we have been forgiven. Instead of being eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit, we are ready to divide over trivial preferences. In all this we have sinned. O Lord, forgive us we pray.

Silent confession

Children of God, He being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.

He has raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Thanks be to God! Amen.

A reading from the Psalms: Pilgrims on the road to Jerusalem marvel at the beauty of Christian unity.

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.

“Doxology”

Old Hundredth

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below:
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

**CONFESSION
OF SIN & PLEA FOR
PARDON**
Ephesians 4

**ASSURANCE OF
PARDON**
Ephesians 2

**OLD TESTAMENT
READING**
Psalm 133

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SHARING THE
PEACE OF CHRIST**

DOXOLOGY

¹ I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

“Reformed Catholicity”

Ephesians 4.1-6

Organic Unity

Reformed catholicity

Institutional Humility

**OFFERINGS
& ALMS**
MICAHA 6,
2 CORINTHIANS 8

So may our abundance of joy overflow in a wealth of generosity through Jesus Christ our Lord. He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you?

To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God, knowing the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for our sake He became poor so that we by His poverty might become rich.

**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.

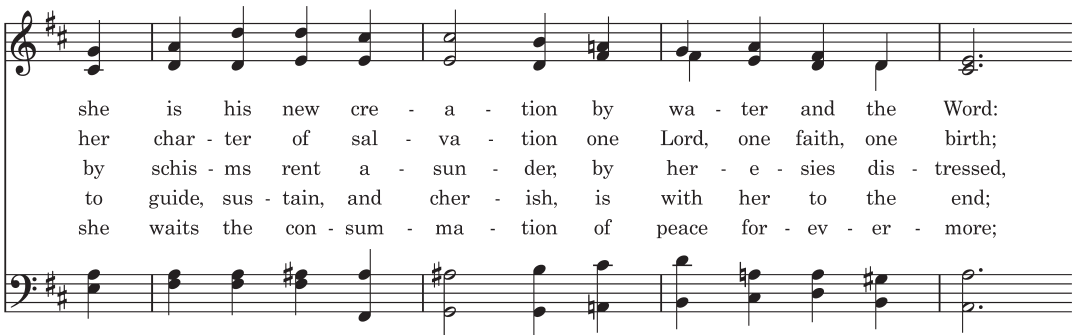
*Those bringing offerings and gifts may place them in the offering box as they return to their seats
Men and women from the leadership teams will be down front to pray with anyone who has need.*

“The Church’s One Foundation”

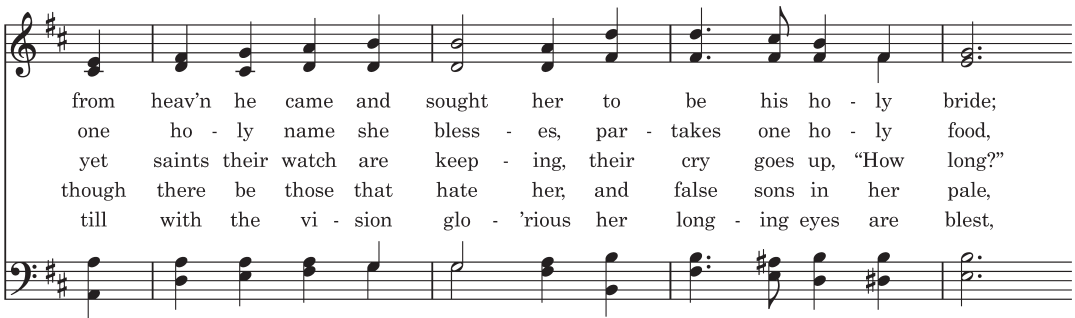
Aurelia
text: Samuel J. Stone, 1866



1. The church - 's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
4. The church shall nev - er per - ish! Her dear Lord to de - fend,
5. 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word:
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth;
by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end;
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;



from heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,
till with the vi - sion glo - 'rious her long - ing eyes are blest,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
a - gainst or foe or trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.
and the great church vic - to - 'rious shall be the church at rest.

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

Wondrous Love
text: American folk hymn
arr. Ben Weldy



1. What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what
2. When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
3. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! _____ What won - drous love is
I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down; _____ when I was sink - ing
God and to the Lamb, I will sing; _____ to God and to the
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; _____ and when from death I'm



this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my
down be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
Lamb, who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul! _____
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul! _____
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing! _____
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on! _____

“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”

Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Jordan Kauflin,
Matt Merker, Matt Papa, 2020
arr. Ben Weldy



1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ a - lone, Christ a - lone.
2. What truth can calm the trou - bled soul? God is good, God is good.
3. Un - to the grave, what shall we sing? “Christ, he lives!” “Christ, He lives!”



What is our on - ly con - fi - dence? That our souls to him be - long.
Where is his grace and good - ness known? In our great Re - deem - er's blood.
And what re - ward will heav - en bring? Ev - er - last - ing life with him.



Who holds our days with - in his hand? What comes, a - part from his com -
Who holds our faith when fears a - rise? who stands a - bove the storm - y
There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and death will be de -



- mand? And what will keep us to the end? The love of
trial? Who sends the waves that bring us nigh Un - to the
- stroyed, And we will feast in end - less joy, When Christ is

Refrain



Christ, in which we stand. _____
shore, the rock of Christ? _____ O sing ha - le - lu - ia! Our
ours for - ev - er - more. _____



hope springs e - ter - nal; O sing ha - le - lu - ia! Now and



ev - er we con - fess Christ our hope in life and death.

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
Ephesians 3

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever.

Come quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen.

POSTLUDE

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

MILE MARKER

Reflect

“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You have sent Me.” (John 17.20-21)

Pray

For the organic unity of the Christian church
For humility in our engagement with other Christians
For the Lord to use our unity in our witness in the city

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

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

- **20somethings** - Join us for dinner at the Franklins, Friday, September 1 at 6:00 pm.
- **SOLD Teachers needed!** The children's ministry is looking for people who are interested in serving during the SOLD hour. Contact Brittanie for more information.
- **Youth Kick-off** - Plan to join us, Saturday (9/2), from 5-7:30 p.m. at the Wiersemas for our fall kick-off. Dinner will be provided.
- **Youth Parent Meeting** - Join us next Sunday in the Gables room starting at 9:15am.

UPCOMING

- **New Neighborhood Group** - A new Neighborhood Group is starting in the West Dallas Parish. Led by the McEwens and the Parkers, this group plans to meet on Friday evenings. The kick-off meeting will be September 8 at 6:30pm for a bring-your-own-dinner fellowship. For more info go to newstpeters.org/groups.
- **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). 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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