

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP



## NEW ST PETER'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 10, 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

"God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory"

*Ode to Joy*

**God, all nature sings Thy glory, and Thy works proclaim Thy might;  
Ordered vastness in the heavens, ordered course of day and night;  
Beauty in the changing seasons, beauty in the storming sea;  
All the changing moods of nature praise the changeless Trinity.**

### CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 45

Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, you survivors of the nations!

*Silence*

### LITURGY OF THE WORD Isaiah 45

"Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.

**By myself I have sworn; from my mouth has gone out in righteousness a word that shall not return:**

"To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance."

**Only in the LORD shall all Israel be justified, and only in the LORD shall we glory.**

### 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.**

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

Nicaea  
Reginald Heber, 1768-1826  
alt. Ben Weldy

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord— God Al - might - y!  
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord— God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.  
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

"Psalm 146 (Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah!)"

Darwin Jordan  
text: William Kirkpatrick



1. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise;
2. Hap - py is the man that choos - es, Is - rael's God to be his aid;
3. Food He dai - ly gives the hun - gry, Sets the mourn - ing pris - 'ner free,
4. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise;



I will sing the glor - 'ous prais - es, Of my God thru all my days.  
He is blest whose hope of bless - ing On the Lord his God is stayed.  
Rais - es those bowed down with an - guish, Makes the sight - less eyes to see.  
I will sing the glor - 'ous prais - es, Of my God thru all my days.



Put no con - fi - dence in princ - es, Nor for help on man de - pend;  
Heav'n and earth the Lord cre - a - ted, Seas and all that they con - tain;  
Well Je - ho - vah loves the right - eous, And the stran - ger He be - friends,  
O - ver all God reigns for - ev - er, Thru all ag - es He is King;



He shall die, to dust re - turn - ing, And his pur - pos - es shall end.  
He de - liv - ers from op - pres - sion, Right - eous - ness He will main - tain.  
Helps the fa - ther - less and wid - ow, Judg - ment on the wick - ed sends.  
Un - to Him, thy God, O Zi - on, Joy - ful hal - le - lu - jahs sing.

Thus says the LORD: “Stand by the roads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls.”

**But we spurn the Lord’s gracious invitation and walk in ways that consume our restless hearts. We scatter to make our own idols through achievement or arrival or self-righteous works, and we re-gather to hear platitudes that feed those idols. We load ourselves and others with burdens not given by God, and we frantically work ourselves to exhaustion. In our exhaustion, we neglect Your Sabbath, O LORD, using it for our own pleasure instead of receiving it as Your good gift. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to trust and to rest in You.**

*Silent confession*

Church, our Christ says, “Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

**By grace we have been saved through faith. And this is not our own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

A reading from Moses: The LORD commands our Sabbath rest and grounds it in His work of creation.

*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.*

“God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory”

*Ode to Joy*

**God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises Thee;  
We, Thy creatures, would adore Thee now and through eternity.  
Saved to magnify Thy goodness, grant us strength to do Thy will;  
With our acts as with our voices Thy commandments to fulfill**

**CONFESSION  
OF SIN & PLEA FOR  
PARDON**

Jeremiah 6,  
Matthew 11

**ASSURANCE OF  
PARDON**

Matthew 11,  
Ephesians 2

**OLD TESTAMENT  
READING**

Exodus 20.8-11

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SHARING THE  
PEACE OF CHRIST**

**DOXOLOGY**

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus declared, “I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; <sup>26</sup> yes, Father, for such was Your gracious will. <sup>27</sup> All things have been handed over to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him. <sup>28</sup> Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.”

“Core Values: Worship”

Matthew 11.25-30

**Rest from Work**

**Rest as Work**

**Rest through Christ's Work**

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  
*The Heidelberg  
Catechism, 1563*

As surely as you see with your eyes the bread of the Lord broken for you  
and the cup shared with you,

**so surely Christ's body was offered and broken for me and His blood  
poured out for me on the cross.**

And as surely as you receive from the hand of the one who serves, and  
taste with your mouth the bread and cup of the Lord,

**so surely He nourishes and refreshes my soul for eternal life with His  
crucified body and poured-out blood..**

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.*



“God of My Life, To Thee I Call”

BENJ POCTA, CLINT WELLS,  
Brian T. Murphy  
text: William Cowper, 1731-1800



1. God of my life to Thee I \_\_\_\_\_ call; Af - flict - ed  
2. Friend of the friend - less and the \_\_\_\_\_ faint, Where should I  
3. That were a grief I could not \_\_\_\_\_ bear, Didst Thou not



at Thy \_\_\_\_\_ feet I \_\_\_\_\_ fall; When the great wa - ter  
lodge my \_\_\_\_\_ deep com - - plaint? Where but with Thee whose  
hear and \_\_\_\_\_ an - swer \_\_\_\_\_ prayer; But a prayer - hear - ing,



floods pre - - vail, Leave not my trem - bling heart to \_\_\_\_\_ fail.  
o - pen \_\_\_\_\_ door, In - vites the help - less \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ poor?  
an - swer - ing \_\_\_\_\_ God, Sup - ports me un - der \_\_\_\_\_ ev - 'ry \_\_\_\_\_ load.

*Refrain*



*Poor though I am, de - spised, for - got, \_\_\_\_\_ Yet God, my*



*God, for - gets me not; \_\_\_\_\_ And he is safe, and must suc -*



*- ceed, For whom, the Lord is sure to \_\_\_\_\_ plead. \_\_\_\_\_*

“Psalm 62 (I’ll Not Be Shaken)”

Wendell Kimbrough, 2015



1. For God a - lone I wait in si - lence. My soul is still be - fore the Lord.  
2. Put not your hope in gain of rich - es; seek not your rest in emp - ty wealth.  
3. Pour out your heart to God our re - fuge and trust in Him to hear you cry.



He is my rock and my sal - va - tion, my for - tress strong; I trust in Him.  
The rich are weak, the poor are might - y who turn to God a - lone for help.  
No oth - er hope will nev - er fail you, no oth - er love will not run dry.

*Refrain*



*I'll not be shak - en, I'll not be shak - en, for all my hope is in His love.*



*From God a - lone comes my sal - va - tion; I'll wait and trust His stead - fast love.*



*love; I'll wait and trust His stead - fast love.*

“It Is Finished”

Clint Wells & Brian T. Murphy  
text: Thomas Kelly, 1769-1855



1. “It is fin - ished!” Sin - ners hear\_ it; ’Tis the
2. Jus - tice, from her aw - ful sta - tion, bars the
3. “It is fin - ished!” All is o - ver; Yes, the
4. Crown the might - y Con - quer’r; crown Him, who His



dy - ing Vic - tor’s cry;\_ “It is fin - ished!” An - gels  
sin - ner’s peace no\_ more;\_ Jus - tice views with ap - pro -  
cup of wrath is\_ drain’d; Such the truth these words dis -  
peo - ple’s foes o’er - came!\_ In the high - est heav - en



bear\_ it, bear the joy - ful truth on\_ high:\_  
- ba - tion what the Sav - ior did and bore;\_  
- cov - er; Thus the vic - t’ry was ob - tained;  
throne Him! Men and an - gels sound His\_ fame!\_



“It is fin - ished!” Tell it through the earth and  
Grace and mer - cy now dis - play their bound - less  
’Tis a vic - t’ry none but Je - sus could have  
Great His glo - ry! Je - sus bears the match - less



“It is fin - ished!” Tell it through the earth and sky!  
Grace and mer - cy now dis - play their bound - less store.  
’Tis a vic - t’ry none but Je - sus could have gain’d.  
Great His glo - ry! Je - sus bears the match - less name.

**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**  
Numbers 6

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

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

**POSTLUDE**

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

## MILE MARKER

Reflect

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28-30)

Pray

For the rest of our church through Sunday worship  
For healthy rhythms of grace in family worship  
For the Lord to bring all of us back daily to the rest we have through  
Christ’s work

## 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 today)

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

- **Visitor's Cafe and New Members Class** - If you are interested in knowing more about membership, we would like you to join us at noon at the Wiersemas' home for a light lunch and an introduction to NSP. The new member classes will be held on 9/29 & 10/6. More information to come.
- **Youth** - Plan to join us, Wednesday (9/13), from 4:30-7pm at the Wiersemas for the next open house.
- **Women's Bible Studies** - Both the morning and evening classes begin this Wednesday. We will be studying the good news of Jesus in Exodus-Deuteronomy using Nancy Guthrie's book, *The Lamb of God*. The morning study will meet from 10am-12pm at the Dallas Children's Theater, and the evening study will meet from 6:30-8:30pm at the Stratman home.

## UPCOMING

- **Youth** - Registration is now open for our annual, Presbytery-wide youth retreat! Roctoer is October 20 and 21. Instructions for signing up are on the Youth page of our website.
- **20somethings dinner** - Saturday, September 16th, 5:00pm, at the Horne's house.

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