

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP



## NEW ST PETER'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 3, 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 Psalm 136

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever.

*Silence*

### LITURGY OF THE WORD Psalm 136

Give thanks to the God of gods and Lord of lords,

**for His steadfast love endures forever;**

to Him who alone does great wonders,

**for His steadfast love endures forever.**

It is He who remembered us in our low estate, and rescued us from our foes,

**for His steadfast love endures forever.**

He who gives food to all flesh,

**for His steadfast love endures forever.**

Give thanks to the God of heaven,

**for His steadfast love endures forever.**

### INVOCATION

"God the Spirit"

Matt Boswell  
text: Samuel Stone, 1866



1. Ho - ly fount of in - spi - ra - tion, by whose gift the great of\_ old,  
2. Au - thor of the new cre - a - tion, Giv - er of the sec - ond birth,  
3. When we wan - der, Lord di - rect us, keep us in the Mas - ter's way.



Spoke the word of rev - e - la - tion, mar - vel - ous and  
May Thy cease - less ren - o - va - tion cleanse our souls from  
Let Thy strong swift sword pro - tect us\_ war - ring in the

1.2.  
% Refrain



man - i - fold.  
stains of\_ earth. God the Spir - it, we a - dore Thee, in the Tri - une  
e - vil\_ day.



God - head One. One in love and pow - er and glo - ry



with the Fath - er\_ and the\_ Son.\_\_\_\_ Shall the



church now faint or fear when the Com - fort - er is near?\_

“Psalm 23 (The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want)”

*Crimond*  
text: *Scottish Psalter*  
alt. *Ben Weldy*



1. The Lord’s my\_ Shep - herd; I’ll not want. He makes me  
2. My soul He\_ doth re - store a - gain; And me\_\_ to  
3. Yea, though I\_\_ walk through death’s dark vale, Yet will\_\_ I  
4. My ta - ble\_ Thou hast\_ fur - nish - ed In pres - ence  
5. Good - ness and mer - cy\_\_ all my life Shall sure - ly



down to lie\_\_\_\_\_ In pas - tures green; He  
walk doth make\_\_\_\_\_ With - in\_\_ the paths of  
fear no ill;\_\_\_\_\_ For Thou\_\_ art with me,  
of my foes;\_\_\_\_\_ My head\_ Thou dost with  
fol - low me;\_\_\_\_\_ And in\_\_ God’s house for -



lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.  
right - eous - ness, E’en for\_\_ His own name’s sake.  
and\_\_ Thy rod And staff\_\_ me com - fort still.  
oil\_\_ a - noint, And my\_\_ cup o - ver - flows.  
- ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be.

Gracious Father, You have given us gifts for the building up of Your church.

**Yet instead of building up the body and growing in maturity, we tear each other down and fall away. We use Your gifts to make ourselves look good and gain worldly comforts, instead of selflessly serving Your church. We present well on Sundays, but the rest of the week we live as if we do not know You. We are children, tossed to and fro by everything we hear and see. Instead of growing up into Christ our head, we grow in on ourselves, seeking to satisfy our sinful desires. Forgive us we pray.**

*Silent confession*

Beloved of the Father, Christ has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time.

**He will appear, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for Him. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

A reading from the Psalms: The Lord's king leads a victory procession in the presence of his enemies.

*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*

**But our sins have spoiled Thine image; nature, conscience only serve  
As unceasing, grim reminders of the wrath which we deserve.  
Yet Thy grace and saving mercy in Thy Word of truth revealed  
Claim the praise of all who know Thee, in the blood of Jesus sealed.**

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

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON & INTERCESSORY PRAYER**  
Hebrews 9

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**  
Psalm 68.11-20

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**DOXOLOGY**

<sup>7</sup> But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup> Therefore it says,

*“When He ascended on high He led a host of captives,  
and He gave gifts to men.”*

<sup>9</sup> (In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? <sup>10</sup> He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup> And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, <sup>14</sup> so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. <sup>15</sup> Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

# “The Church as Institution and Organism”

Ephesians 4.7-16

**The Gift of the Institution**

**The Growth of the Organism**

**The Rhythm of the Christian Life**

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.*



“Jesus Paid It All”

ALL TO CHRIST  
text: Elvina M. Hall, 1865  
alt. Ben Weldy

1. I\_\_\_ hear the Sav - ior say, “Your strength in - deed is small,  
2. Lord, now in - deed I find your power, and yours a - lone,  
3. For\_\_\_ noth - ing good have I where - by your grace to claim—  
4. And\_\_\_ when, be - fore the throne, I stand in him com - plete,

child of weak - ness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all.”  
can\_\_\_ change the lep - per's spots, and\_\_\_ melt the heart of stone.  
I'll\_\_\_ wash my gar - ments white in the blood of Cal - v'ry's Lamb.  
“Je - sus died my soul to save,” my\_\_\_ lips shall still re - peat.

*Refrain*

Je - sus paid it all, all to him I owe;

sin had left a crim - son stain, he washed it white as snow.

“Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand”

Christopher Miner  
text: Henry Alford, 1867



1. Ten thou - sand times ten thou - sand in spar - kling rai - ment\_ bright, the
2. What rush of al - le - lu - ias fills all the earth and\_ sky! What
3. O then what rap - tured greet - ings on Ca - naan's hap - py\_ shore; what
4. Bring near thy great sal - va - tion, thou Lamb for sin - ners\_ slain; fill



ar - mies of the ran - somed saints throug up the steeps of\_ light: 'tis  
ring - ing of a thou - sand harps be - speaks the tri - umph\_ nigh! O  
knit - ting sev - ered friend - ships up where part - ings are no - more! Then  
up the roll of thine e - lect, then take thy pow'r and\_ reign: ap -



fin - ished, all is\_ fin - ished, their fight with death and sin;\_ fling  
day,\_ for which cre - a - tion and all its tribes were made;\_ O  
eyes\_ with joy shall spar - kle, that brimmed with tears of late;\_ or -  
- pear,\_ De - sire of\_ na - tions, thine ex - iles long for home,\_ show



o - pen wide the gold - en gates, And let the vic - tors\_ in.  
joy, for all its form - er woes, A thou - sand - fold re - paid!  
- phans no lon - ger fa - ther - less, nor wid - ows des - o - late.  
in the heav'ns thy prom - ised sign; thou Prince and Sav - ior,\_ come.

“Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me”

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson,  
Michael Ferren, 2018



1. What gift of grace is Je - sus my re - deem - er;      There is no more for heav - en now to  
2. The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en;      For by my side, the Sav - ior He will  
3. No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en;      The fu - ture sure, the price it has been  
4. With eve - ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus;      For He has said that He will bring me



give.            He is my joy, my right - eous - ness, and free - dom,      My stead - fast  
stay.            I la - bor on in weak - ness and re - joic - ing;      For in my  
paid;            For Je - sus bled and suf - fered for my par - don,      And He was  
home;            And day by day I know He will re - new me      Un - til I

Repeat last X



love, my deep and bound - less peace.      To this I hold, my hope is on - ly  
need, His pow - er is dis - played.      To this I hold, my Shep - herd will de -  
raised to o - ver - throw the grave.      To this I hold, my sin has been de -  
stand with joy be - fore the throne.      To this I hold, my hope is on - ly



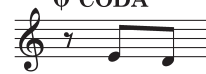
Je - sus; For my life is whol - ly bound to His;      Oh how strange and di - vine, I can  
- fend me; Through the deep - est val - ley He will lead;      Oh the night has been won, and I  
- feat - ed; Je - sus now and ev - er is my plea;      Oh the chains are re - leased, I can  
Je - sus; All the glo - ry ev - er - more to Him;      When the race is com - plete, still my

To Coda ⊕



sing: all is mine!  
shall o - ver - come!      *Yet not I, but through Christ in me.*  
sing: I am free!  
lips shall re - peat:

⊕ CODA



When the



race is com - plete, still my lips shall re - peat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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 6

Peace be to you brothers and sisters, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.

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

POSTLUDE

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

## MILE MARKER

Reflect

“He told them another parable. ‘The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened.’” (Matthew 13:33)

Pray

For the church’s officers to have wisdom and grace to lead well  
For the whole church to be equipped for service in and out of  
the church  
For the faith to orient your weekly rhythm around God’s design for  
the church

## 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** - Begins next Sunday at 9:00 am for all ages. Adults will be meeting in the mini theater (located behind the hallways of the children's area), youth will be in the Gables room upstairs, and the children will be in various rooms, as normal. There will be a map available on the bulletin table, as well as volunteers giving directions.
- **Youth** - No open house this week.
- **Nursing Mother's Room moved** - Beginning today, the nursing mother's room will be located across the hall from the children's sign-in table. If you need help finding it, please ask the sign-in folks, Brittanie, or another staff person.

## UPCOMING

- **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 next Sunday, 9/10 after the service at the Wiersemas' home. A light lunch will be served. The new member classes will be 9/29 & 10/6.

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