

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP



NEW ST PETER'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 17, 2024

*“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 115

O Israel, trust in the LORD! He is our help and our shield. O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD! He is our help and our shield. You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD! He is our help and our shield!

Silence

LITURGY OF
THE WORD
Psalms 115, 141

O LORD, we call upon You; hasten to us! Give ear to our voice when we call to you!

Let our prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of our hands as the evening sacrifice!

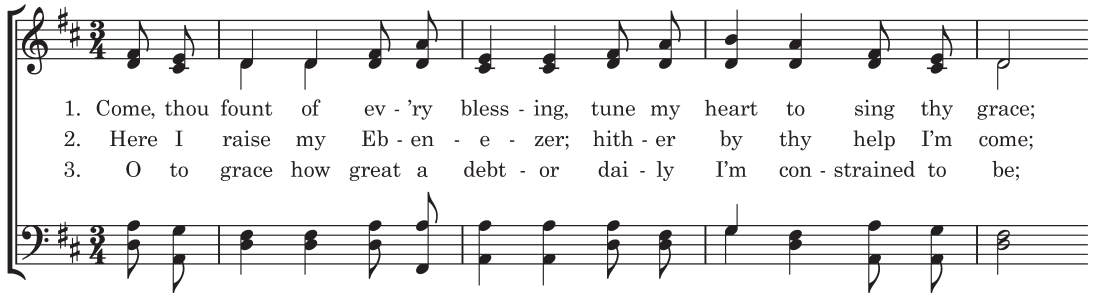
For the LORD has remembered us, and He will bless us. He will bless the house of Israel. He will bless the house of Aaron. He will bless those who fear the LORD, both the small and the great.

We will bless You, O LORD, from this time forth and forevermore. We fix our eyes toward You, O God; in You we seek refuge; leave us not defenseless!

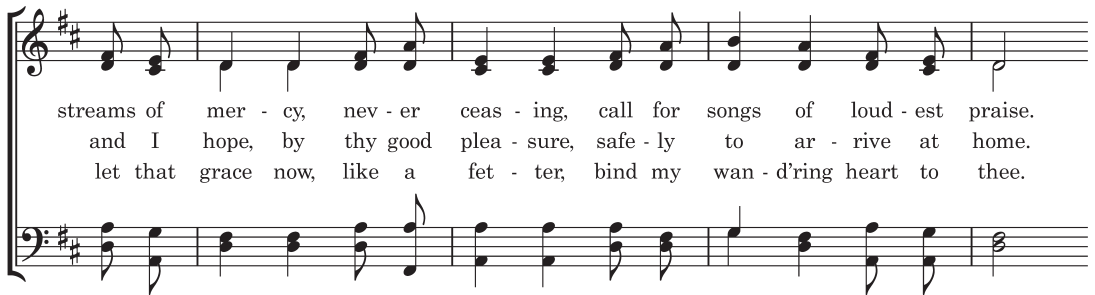
INVOCATION

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”


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



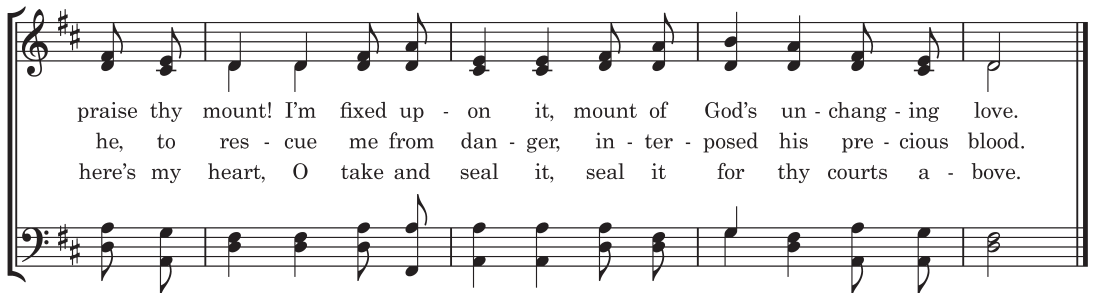
1. Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



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:



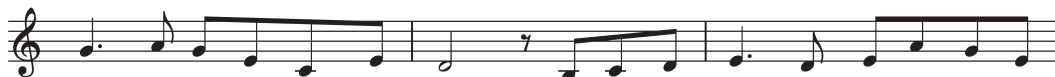
praise thy mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

“Psalm 84 (Within Your House)”

Londonderry Air
text: David Preston, John Bernard, 1982



1. O Lord of hosts, how love - ly is your dwell - ing place! I cry a -
2. How hap - py those who have in you the strength they need, And in whose
3. How bet - ter, far, a sin - gle day with - in your courts, Than thou - sands



- loud, I long for your a - bode; The joys of earth have left my soul un -
heart are Zi - on's path - ways found! The de - sert sands, they make a place of
spent in an - y oth - er way; I'd rath - er wait up - on the steps be -



- sat - is - fied: My heart and flesh de - sire the liv - ing God.
wa - ter - springs, Till au - tumn rains re - fresh the bar - ren ground.
- side your door, Than pitch my tent where wick - ed - ness holds sway.

Refrain



With - in your walls the spar - row finds a nest - ing place, That near your
From strength to strength they jour - ney on their pil - grim - age, Un - til in
For like a shield the Lord de - fends and cov - ers us; He gives us



al - tars she may have her young: How hap - py those who dwell with - in your
God's own pres - ence they ap - pear: O Lord of hosts, do good to your a -
grace and crowns with glo - ry too, And noth - ing good with - holds from those that



house, O Lord, By whom your ho - ly prais - es are for - ev - er sung!___
- noint - ed one; Re - ceive my ear - nest prayer: O God of Ja - cob, hear!___
walk a - right: O Lord of hosts, how hap - py all who trust in you!___

Father, too often we are conformed to this world.

Our hearts are inclined to evil and we keep ourselves busy with the deeds of darkness. Instead of abhorring what is evil and holding fast to what is good, we willfully give our members to all manner of sin. We do not guard our mouths or keep watch over our lips. We do not love with genuine brotherly affection, but foster conflict among our body. We curse and do not bless our enemies. We are wise in our own sight. We grow envious of the fortunate, and we ignore the downtrodden among us. Holy Lord, forgive us, we pray, and transform us by the renewal of our minds according to Your good, acceptable, and perfect will.

Silent confession

Church of God, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do.

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit, in whom we find life and peace. Amen.

A reading from Hebrews: The way to life is made through a new priestly order.

*Children, Pre-K and Kindergarten, 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**
Psalm 141,
Romans 12

**ASSURANCE OF
PARDON &
INTERCESSORY
PRAYER**
Romans 8

**NEW TESTAMENT
READING**
Hebrews 7.11-28

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SHARING THE
PEACE OF CHRIST**

DOXOLOGY

¹ Now Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it and laid incense on it and offered unauthorized fire before the LORD, which He had not commanded them. ² And fire came out from before the LORD and consumed them, and they died before the Lord.

³ Then Moses said to Aaron, *“This is what the LORD has said: ‘Among those who are near me I will be sanctified, and before all the people I will be glorified.’”* And Aaron held his peace.

⁴ And Moses called Mishael and Elzaphan, the sons of Uzziel the uncle of Aaron, and said to them, *“Come near; carry your brothers away from the front of the sanctuary and out of the camp.”* ⁵ So they came near and carried them in their coats out of the camp, as Moses had said. ⁶ And Moses said to Aaron and to Eleazar and Ithamar his sons, *“Do not let the hair of your heads hang loose, and do not tear your clothes, lest you die, and wrath come upon all the congregation; but let your brothers, the whole house of Israel, bewail the burning that the LORD has kindled.”* ⁷ And do not go outside the entrance of the tent of meeting, lest you die, for the anointing oil of the LORD is upon you.” And they did according to the word of Moses.

⁸ And the LORD spoke to Aaron, saying, ⁹ *“Drink no wine or strong drink, you or your sons with you, when you go into the tent of meeting, lest you die. It shall be a statute forever throughout your generations.”* ¹⁰ You are to distinguish between the holy and the common, and between the unclean and the clean, ¹¹ and you are to teach the people of Israel all the statutes that the LORD has spoken to them by Moses.”

¹⁶ Now Moses diligently inquired about the goat of the sin offering, and behold, it was burned up! And he was angry with Eleazar and Ithamar, the surviving sons of Aaron, saying, ¹⁷ *“Why have you not eaten the sin offering in the place of the sanctuary, since it is a thing most holy and has been given to you that you may bear the iniquity of the congregation, to make atonement for them before the LORD?”* ¹⁸ Behold, its blood was not brought into the inner part of the sanctuary. You certainly ought to have eaten it in the sanctuary, as I commanded.” ¹⁹ And Aaron said to Moses, *“Behold, today they have offered their sin offering and their burnt offering before the LORD, and yet such things as these have happened to me! If I had eaten the sin offering today, would the LORD have approved?”* ²⁰ And when Moses heard that, he approved.

“Back to the Tree?”

Leviticus 10.1-11, 16-20

The Way of Death

The Way Death Spreads

The Way to 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.*

O Holy Spirit, fill our hearts while we gather at the table of the Lord.

**As we feed on this bread and wine, pour out in us the health and
comfort they afford.**

O Spirit of the living God, the gift of our risen and ascended King, lift
now our hearts to things above, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again**

Come to the Table...

*Ushers will release you by rows after the music team has partaken.
Grape juice is in the outer ring of the tray and wine in the center.
Gluten-free bread is available at each table.*

*If you are not a follower of Jesus, we invite you to remain in the service and reflect
on the following prayer, and we invite you to talk with our pastors if you would
like to know more about the hope of the Good News on display at Christ's Table.*

*Good Father, open my heart and my eyes to see the light of the gospel of the
glory of Christ, even against the darkness of my sin and suffering; and help me
to draw near, believing that You exist and that You meet those who seek You in
Christ. In my doubt, guide my mind. In my wandering, guide my feet and bring
me ultimately home through Jesus, the Way. (2 Corinthians 4, Hebrews 11)*

WORDS OF
INSTITUTION &
INVITATION TO
THE TABLE
*Colossians 3,
Scottish
Communion
Hymn*

DIRECTIONS
FOR THE TABLE

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

Stuart Townend, 1995



How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how
Be - hold the man u - pon the cross, my
I will not boast in a - ny - thing, no



vast be - yond all mea - sure, that He should give His on - ly
sin u - pon His shoul - ders; a - shamed, I hear my mock - ing
gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom; but I will boast in Je - sus



Son to make a wretch His trea - sure. How
voice call out a - mong the scoff - fers. It
Christ, His death and re - sur - rec - tion. Why



great the pain of sear - ing loss: the Fa - ther turns His face a -
was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - com -
should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an -



way as wounds, which mar the Cho - sen
plished; His dy - ing breath has brought me
swer, but this I know with all my



One, bring ma - ny sons to glo - ry.
life: I know that it is fin - ished.
heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

"Yet Sovereign Mercy Calls, Return!"

Music by *Benj Pocta*
text: *Anne Steele, (1716-1788)*
alt. *Ben Weldy*



1. How oft, a - las, this wretch - ed heart Has wan - dered from the Lord!_
2. And canst Thou, wilt Thou, yet for - give, And bid my crimes re - move?
3. Al - might - y grace, thy heal - ing power, How glo - rious, how di - vine!_



— How oft my rov - ing thoughts de - part, For - get - ful of His
— And shall a par - doned re - bel live To speak Thy won - drous
— That can to life and bliss re - store So vile a heart as



Word!_____ Yet sov - 'reign Mer - cy calls, "Re - turn!"
love?_____ Yet sov - 'reign Mer - cy calls, "Re - turn!"
mine!_____ Thy par - doning love, so free, so sweet,



Dear Lord, and may I come?_____ My vile in - grat - i -
Dear Lord, and may I come?_____ My vile in - grat - i -
Dear Sav - ior, I a - dore;_____ O keep me at thy



- tude I mourn; O take the wan - d'r'er home._____
- tude I mourn; O take the wan - d'r'er home._____
sa - cred feet, And let me rove no more._____



1. We were wan - d'ring in the de - sert with our souls_ so starved and weak;
 2. We were locked out of the gar - den and our backs_ bend down with pain_
 3. We were fools_ in our re - bel - lion with our hun - ger strike of pride;
 4. We were far_ out on the o - cean mak - ing wealth and chas - ing dreams



we were hun - gry for a home - land we did not_ know how to seek,_
 in the shad - ow of death's dark - ness we were slaves to sin and blame
 we were sick_ and grow - ing clos - er to the death we should have died_
 but the waves of great de - struc - tion brought us trem - bling to our knees,



but we lift - ed up our voice - s to the on - ly One who hears_
 Then we cried_ out in our la - bor to the on - ly One who hears_
 Then He heard of our con - di - tion and He called us by our names
 and we cried_ like drunk - en sail - ors to the on - ly One who hears_

Refrain



and the God_ of mer - cy came and brought us near.
 and the God_ of mer - cy wiped a - way our tears.
 and the God_ of glo - ry took_ a - way our shame.
 and the God_ of com - fort took_ a - way our fears.

Oh give thanks to the Lord



_ for His love_ en - dures for - ev - er! We were wan - der - ing and lost_ and our Fa -



- ther brought us home to a safe_ dwell - ing place, to a_ feast_ of joy and laugh



- ter. *Oh give thanks to the Lord_ for He is good._*

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
Romans 16

Now to Him who is able to strengthen you according to the gospel of Jesus Christ and to bring about obedience of faith — to the only wise God be glory forevermore.

Come quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen.

POSTLUDE

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

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, Jan. 14 - May 19)

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

- **Park Meetup** - Meet us tomorrow, March 18th, 9:30-11:00 a.m. at R P Brooks Park. Water and snacks will be provided. We hope to see you there!
- **20somethings Dinner** - Meet us Friday, March 22, 6-10 pm, at the Franklins' home.

UPCOMING

- **Congregational Meeting** - Next Sunday, parents, please plan to check your kids in before 9 am, but bring them to the theater. They will be released after the property discussion, and we will continue to meet about some other updates.
- **Maundy Thursday** - Save March 28, 6:00 p.m. at DCT. Childcare will be provided for children, 0-3 years of age. A signup is now available on the weekly email.
- **Easter Egg Hunt Outreach** - Join us at McCree Park on Saturday, March 30th, 10:00-11:30 a.m. Please invite your neighbors. A sign-up is in the weekly email.
- **RYM Summer Conference Registration** - Registration is open. **The deadline for registration is March 31 (Easter)**. The dates are—HS Colorado (June 10-15), MS Texas (July 31 - Aug 4). If you have any questions, reach out to parker@newstpeters.org.

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