

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP



NEW ST PETER'S

APRIL 28, 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

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

NICAEA

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 49

Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing. For the LORD has comforted His people and will have compassion on His afflicted.

Silence

LITURGY OF THE WORD Isaiah 49 Revelation 19

The LORD says, behold, I have engraved you on the palms of My hands; lift up your eyes and see.

As I live, declares the LORD, Zion’s children will be gathered to her like a bride is adorned for her wedding.

Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb!

These are the true words of God, and we will worship Him, holding fast to the testimony of Jesus!

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.**

“O God beyond All Praising”

Thaxted
text: Michael Perry, 1982



1. O God be - yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship you to - day
2. Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on - ly won - der at ev - ery gift you send,
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:



we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,



we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
and make a joy - ful du - ty, our sac - ri - fice of praise.

**CONFESSION
OF SIN & PLEA FOR
PARDON**
Ezekiel 16

O God, in Jesus Christ You have covered our shame and confirmed Your covenant with us.

You have adorned us as Your bride, and we have become beautiful. But we trust in our own beauty, and so we give ourselves to idols—sex, money, and power. We take the good things you give us and turn them to serve the creature rather than the Creator. We dress like our lustful neighbors, wearing their sinful practices instead of the righteous robes You gave us. Our hearts are sick and prone to wander. Forgive us, Great Bridegroom, and tune our hearts to sing Your grace and long for Your holiness.

Silent confession

**ASSURANCE OF
PARDON**
Ezekiel 16
Hebrews 13

Thus says the Lord God: I have remembered my covenant with you and atoned for your sins.

For by the blood of the eternal covenant, the God of peace has brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, and He works within us that which is pleasing in His sight through Jesus Christ. Amen.

**NEW TESTAMENT
READING**
1 Corinthians 6.9-20

A reading from Paul: Union with Christ includes the whole person, body and soul, to the glory of God.

**PREPARATION
FOR BAPTISM**
Deuteronomy 6.4-9

Hear, O Israel:

The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Acts 2.38-39

Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of His Holy Spirit.

For this promise is for us and for our children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself.

Rev. Alex Dean

WORDS OF
INSTRUCTION

Mr. Mark Ratliff and Mr. Dean

SIGN OF GOD'S
COVENANT IN
BAPTISM

1. *Do you acknowledge your son's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?*
2. *Do you claim God's covenant promises on his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation as you do for your own?*
3. *Do you now unreservedly dedicate your son to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of your holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?*

The Baptism of William Lewis Bell

Will you the people of New St. Peter's pray for Liam that this water will be to him the joyful sign of the Father's gracious election, the covenant faithfulness of the Son, and the washing of regeneration by the Spirit? And will you pray that this remembered sign will stir in him and his parents lively Gospel faith and abundant Gospel fruit? Will you?

We will pray these covenant promises for the Bell family.

And will you pray for all our recently baptized—Jonah Brandenburg, Anna Stejskal, William Tarbell, Moses Buerger, Joey Stratman, and Hazel Foster—and for yourselves, that this sacrament would preach to our souls the Covenant of Grace, that we are washed in Christ, engaged to be His, and eagerly look for His return as a watchful bride? Will you?

We will pray these covenant graces for our church family.

“Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You”

Michael Card

1. Je - sus, let us come to know You; let us see You
2. Je - sus, draw us ev - er near - er, hold us in Your
face to ___ face. Touch us, hold us, use us,
lov - ing ___ arms. Wrap us in Your gen - tle
mold us, on - ly let us live ___ in You.
pres - ence, and when the end comes bring ___ us home.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Children, Pre-K and Kindergarten, may be dismissed to
Worship Training and retrieved after the sermon for Communion.*

SHARING THE
PEACE OF CHRIST

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

Please return to your seats and remain standing.

DOXOLOGY

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Nicaea

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy. There is none beside Thee
Perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.**

OFFERINGS
AND ALMS
Micah 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.

¹⁰ *“If a man commits adultery with the wife of his neighbor, both the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death. ¹¹ If a man lies with his father’s wife, he has uncovered his father’s nakedness; both of them shall surely be put to death; their blood is upon them. ¹² If a man lies with his daughter-in-law, both of them shall surely be put to death; they have committed perversion; their blood is upon them. ¹³ If a man lies with a male as with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination; they shall surely be put to death; their blood is upon them. ¹⁴ If a man takes a woman and her mother also, it is depravity; he and they shall be burned with fire, that there may be no depravity among you. ¹⁵ If a man lies with an animal, he shall surely be put to death, and you shall kill the animal. ¹⁶ If a woman approaches any animal and lies with it, you shall kill the woman and the animal; they shall surely be put to death; their blood is upon them.*

¹⁷ *If a man takes his sister, a daughter of his father or a daughter of his mother, and sees her nakedness, and she sees his nakedness, it is a disgrace, and they shall be cut off in the sight of the children of their people. He has uncovered his sister’s nakedness, and he shall bear his iniquity. ¹⁸ If a man lies with a woman during her menstrual period and uncovers her nakedness, he has made naked her fountain, and she has uncovered the fountain of her blood. Both of them shall be cut off from among their people. ¹⁹ You shall not uncover the nakedness of your mother’s sister or of your father’s sister, for that is to make naked one’s relative; they shall bear their iniquity. ²⁰ If a man lies with his uncle’s wife, he has uncovered his uncle’s nakedness; they shall bear their sin; they shall die childless.*

²¹ *If a man takes his brother’s wife, it is impurity. He has uncovered his brother’s nakedness; they shall be childless.*

²² *You shall therefore keep all my statutes and all my rules and do them, that the land where I am bringing you to live may not vomit you out.*

²³ *And you shall not walk in the customs of the nation that I am driving out before you, for they did all these things, and therefore I detested them. ²⁴ But I have said to you, ‘You shall inherit their land, and I will give it to you to possess, a land flowing with milk and honey.’ I am the Lord your God, who has separated you from the peoples.”*

“The Glory of God in the Goodness of Sex”

Leviticus 20.10-24

The Goodness of God’s Structure

The Glory of Our Gender

The Grace of God’s Story

**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.*

One is the Christ we feed upon, who once was dead but lives forever now.

**One is the cup of blessing we bless, true symbol of the blood that
flowed from His cross.**

One is the Rock who feeds our famished souls with the bread and wine of
heaven, even as we hope in 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)*

THE APOSTLES'
CREED

WORDS OF
INSTITUTION &
INVITATION TO
THE TABLE

*1 Corinthians 10
Scottish
Communion
Hymn*

DIRECTIONS
FOR THE
TABLE

"I Will Glory in My Redeemer"

Steve & Vikki Cook, 2000



1. I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er, whose price - less blood has ran - somed
 2. I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er. My life He bought, my love He
 3. I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er, who car - ries me on ea - gle's



me. Mine was the sin that drove the bit - ter nails, and
 owns. I have no long - ings for an - oth - er, I'm
 wings. He crowns my life with lov - ing kind - ness, His



hung Him on that judg - ment tree. I will glo - ry in my Re -
 sat - is - fied in Him a - lone. I will glo - ry in my Re -
 tri - umph song I'll ev - er sing. I will glo - ry in my Re -



- deem - er, who crushed the pow'r of sin and death. My on - ly
 - deem - er, His faith - ful - ness, my stand - ing place. Though foes are
 - deem - er, who waits for me at gates of gold. And when He



Sav - ior be - fore the Ho - ly Judge: the Lamb who is my right - eous -
 might - y and rush up - on me, my feet are firm, held by His
 calls me it will be par - a - dise, His face for - ev - er to be -



- ness, the Lamb who is my right - eous - ness.
 grace, my feet are firm, held by His grace.
 - hold, His face for - ev - er to be - hold.

"In Feast or Fallow"

Sandra McCracken, 2010



1. When the fields are dry, and the win - ter is long, bless - ed are the
 2. (On a) cross of wood, where His blood was out - poured, He rose from the
 3. (When the) earth be - neath me___ crum - bles and quakes, not a spar - row



meeK, the_ hun - gry the poor; When my soul is down - cast, and my voice has no
 ground, like a bird to the sky; Bring - ing peace to our vio - lence, and crush - ing death's
 falls, nor a hair from my head; With - out His hand to guide me, my shield and my

Refrain



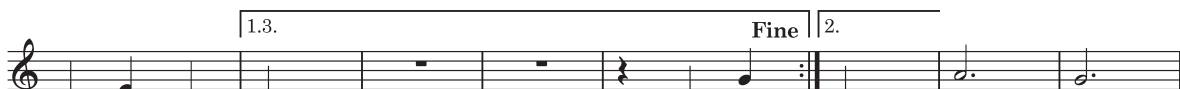
song, for mer - cy, for com - fort, I wait on the Lord.
 door, our Mak - er in - car - nate, our God who pro - vides. *In the har - vest*
 strength, in joy or in sor - row, in life or in death.



feast or the fal - low ground, my cer - tain hope is in Je - sus found; my lot, my cup, my



por - tion sure, what - ev - er comes, we shall en - dure, what - ev - er comes, we



shall_ en - dure. 2. On a dure. Oh come,



Em - man - u - - el; Come, oh come,



Em - man - u - - el. 3. When the

“Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat”

Kevin Twit, 1998
text: John Newton, 1779

Refrain

Ap - proach, my soul the mer - cy seat, Where

Je - sus an - swers prayer; There hum - bly fall be - fore His

— feet, For none can per - ish there.

1. Thy prom - ise is my on - ly plea, with
2. Bowed down be - neath a load of sin, by
3. Be Thou my shield and hid - ing place, that,
4. O won - drous Love to bleed and die, to

this I ven - ture nigh; Thou call - est bur - dened
Sa - tan sore - ly pressed; By wars with - out, and
shel - tered near Thy side, I may my fierce ac -
bear the cross and shame, That guilt - y sin - ners,

souls to Thee, and such, O Lord am I!
fears with - in, I come to Thee for rest.
- cus - er face, and tell him Thou hast died.
such as I, might plead Thy gra - cious name!

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.**

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

Come quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen.

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

SCATTERING

*Kenyan
Reformed
Prayer*

BENEDICTION

1 Thessalonians 5

POSTLUDE

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

- **VBS** - We are partnering with PCPC for VBS on PCPC's campus this summer. Registration is now open for children/youth of non-volunteering adults. Please let Brittanie (brittanie@newstpeters.org) know if you are registering.
- **Property Focus Groups** - Please make every effort to attend at least one of our focus groups about the potential property while in our due diligence phase. Meetings go through May 5. Pick up a flier in the lobby for a full schedule.
- **Kentucky Derby and Afternoon Tea Women's Event** - Join the women of NSP this Saturday, May 4 from 4-6pm for a fun afternoon of fellowship at the Martins' home. We will have a laid back afternoon visiting, enjoying yummy snacks and drinks, and cheering on the race. Please see the invite for more information. If you did not receive the invite, please contact Jan in the office.

UPCOMING

- **May 19** - Plan to be present as SOLD concludes until the fall semester. New Members will be joining, and we will honor our fifth graders and high school seniors in the main lobby following the worship service.

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