

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP



NEW ST PETER'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 7, 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

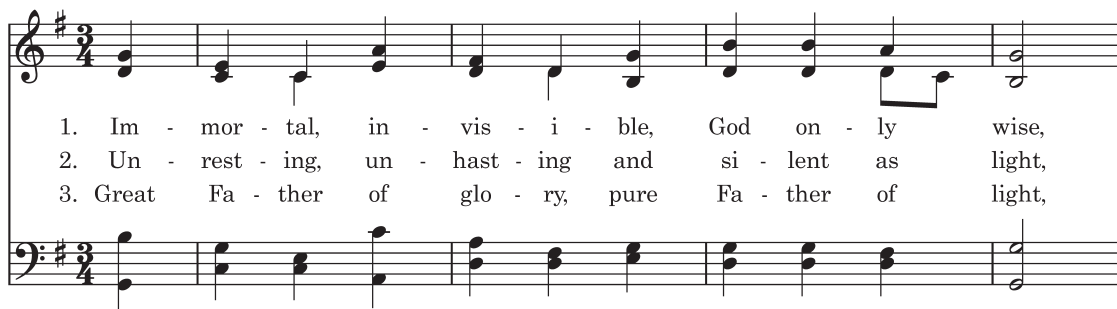
Please be seated as we gather to sing. Congregants read the bolded text aloud.

GATHERING	<p data-bbox="309 329 739 357">"God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory" <i>Ode to Joy</i></p> <p data-bbox="329 389 1236 527">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.</p>
CALL TO WORSHIP Exodus 15	<p data-bbox="309 592 1182 633">Sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously over His enemies!</p> <p data-bbox="732 649 826 690" style="text-align: center;"><i>Silence</i></p>
LITURGY OF THE WORD Exodus 15 Psalm 18	<p data-bbox="309 747 1236 836">The LORD is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise Him, my father's God, and I will exalt Him.</p> <p data-bbox="309 860 1142 925">For it is You who light my lamp; the LORD my God lightens my darkness.</p> <p data-bbox="309 950 1202 1015">The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock, and exalted be the God of my salvation.</p> <p data-bbox="309 1039 1216 1104">You have led in Your steadfast love the people whom You have redeemed; You have guided us by Your strength to Your holy abode.</p>
INVOCATION	<p data-bbox="356 1201 1243 1424">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.</p>

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

St. Denio


text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867



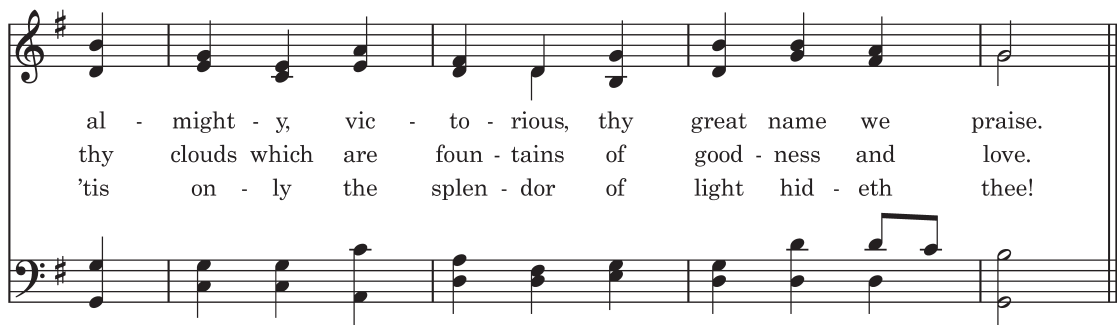
1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light,
3. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see



al - mighty, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Faithfulness
text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no shad - ow of
2. Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and stars in their
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear pres - ence to

turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
cours - es a - bove, join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
cheer and to guide, strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

Refrain

as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love. *Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy*
bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see: all I have

need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed— Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

Lord, in Your grace, You train us to renounce ungodliness and to live upright and godly lives as we await the coming of our Risen Savior.

Yet we forget the hope of Your return, and we live like slaves to worldly passions. We spurn the authority of Your Word; we disobey even when we know what is right. With our tongues, we speak evil of our neighbors. We gossip and spew and grumble. We walk in the foolishness of our own light, even as You have already lit the way. We look for controversy and division, and so we grieve the Holy Spirit, by whom we were sealed for the day of redemption. Forgive us, Father, and help us to walk in love as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us.

Silent confession

Children, you are justified by the grace of God in Jesus Christ, and you are heirs of the grace of eternal life.

And He saved us not by works we have done in righteousness, but according to His great mercy through Jesus Christ our Savior! Thanks be to God! Amen.

A reading from the the Law. The LORD gives instructions for ceremonial washing with water and blood.

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.

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.

**CONFESSION
OF SIN & PLEA FOR
PARDON**

Titus 2-3
Ephesians 4

**ASSURANCE OF
PARDON**

Titus 3

**OLD TESTAMENT
READING**

Leviticus 14.1-8

**PREPARATION
FOR BAPTISM**

Deuteronomy 6.4-9

WORDS OF
INSTRUCTION

Rev. Alex Dean

SIGN OF GOD'S
COVENANT IN
BAPTISM

Mr. Jim Pocta and Mr. Dean

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 Moses Liam Buerger

Will you the people of New St. Peter's pray for Moses 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 Buerger family.

And will you pray for all our recently baptized—Rowan Hillman, Jonah Brandenburg, Anna Stejskal, and William Tarbell—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.

*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.

"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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE
PEACE OF CHRIST

DOXOLOGY

³ For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. ⁴ But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that being justified by His grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. ⁸ The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people.

How God Saved Us

Titus 3.3-8

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 &
INVITATION TO
THE TABLE

*1 Corinthians 10
Scottish
Communion
Hymn*

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...

DIRECTIONS
FOR 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)*

“Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed”

Irish Traditional
text: Isaac Watts, 1707



1. A - las! and did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my Sov - ereign die! Would
2. Well might the sun in dark - ness hide, and shut his glo - ries in, when
3. A - las! and did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my Sov - ereign die! Would



he de - vote that sa - cred head for trai - tor such as I? Was
Christ, the might - y Mak - er, died for man the crea - ture's sin. Thus
he de - vote that sa - cred head for trai - tor such as I? But



it for crimes that I had done he groaned up - on the tree! A -
might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap - pears; dis -
drops of grief can ne'er re - pay the debt of love I owe; here,



- maz - ing pit - y! Grace un - known! And love be - yond de - gree!
- solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt mine eyes in tears.
Lord, I give my - self a - way, 'tis all that I can do.

“Psalm 113 (Who Is Like the Lord Our God?)”

Bruce Benedict &
Wendell Kimbrough, 2013



1. Our Fa - ther, He lifts from the ash - es_ He rais - es_ the poor and the lost;_
2. Though e - qual to God in_ His glo - ry,_ Christ Je - sus be - came like a slave;_
3. O Saints, fix your eyes on_ the Sav - ior And count all_ your right - eous - ness lost_



He seats them to dine at_ his ta - ble, To feast with - out mon - ey_ or cost._
He hum - bled him - self in_ o - be - dience To Death, and the Cross, and the Grave._
Be found in_ his love and his fa - vor And share in_ his death on_ the cross_



The lone - ly_ he set - tles in fam - ilies The bar - ren a moth - er_ he makes;_
Vic - to - rious, he rose to_ the high - est; In glo - ry,_ the Sav - ior was raised._
That all of_ his pow - er_ in vic - tory, Im - part - ed_ to you, may a - bound_



O hap - py_ the heart of_ the stran - ger Who's wel - comed by this King of Grace.
His name a - bove all names ex - alt - ed; The heav - ens_ and earth sing His praise.
And shar - ing the suf - f'ings of Je - sus, You share in_ his glo - ry_ and crown.

Refrain



Who is like the Lord our God? Who with glo - ry fills the sky? But



hum - bles him - self with the bro - ken to dwell Who is like our God?

“Amazing Grace”

Amazing Grace
text: St. 1-5, John Newton, 1779
St. 6, A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790
Harmony alt. Ben Weldy

1. A - maz - ing_ grace!— how sweet the sound— that saved a__ wretch like me!_____

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my_ fears re - lieved;_____

3. Thro' man - y__ dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;_____

4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his Word my_ hope se - cures;_____

5. And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mor - tal_ life shall cease,_____

6. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright shin - ing_ as the sun,_____

I once__ was lost, but now__ am_ found, was blind, but now I see._____

how pre - cious did that grace_ ap - pear the hour I__ first be - lieved!_____

'tis grace_ has brought me safe__ thus far, and grace will lead me home._____

he will__ my_ shield and por - tion be, as long as__ life en - dures._____

I shall_ pos - sess with - in__ the_ veil a life of_ joy and peace._____

we've no__ less days to sing_ God's praise than when we've first be - gun._____

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
Psalm 90

May the LORD God be your dwelling place in all generations, and may His favor be on you, to establish the work of your hands.

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.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

- **VBS** - We are partnering with PCPC for VBS on PCPC's campus this summer. Tomorrow, 4/8, registration is expected to 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 begin April 14 and go through May 5. Pick up a flier in the lobby for a full schedule.
- **College Care Boxes** - Our college students look forward to receiving care packages which will be mailed April 21st. Sign-ups to bake cookies and donate gift cards are in the weekly email. Notecards for writing will be in the lobby beginning today.

UPCOMING

- **Restore 2024: MNA Mercy Conference - April 12-13, 2024** - Restore 2024—a conference hosted this year in Dallas by Mission to North America—will recast a vision for Kingdom-centered mercy ministry, and equip members of the church to enter into the restorative work of mercy in their communities. Sign up to attend or to volunteer this week (see Tuesday email for details)!

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