

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP



NEW ST PETER'S

MARCH 16, 2025

*“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

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

Duke Street

**I know that my Redeemer lives!
What joy this blest assurance gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever living head!**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 43

Come before God to worship,
to God our exceeding joy!
Praise Him with the lyre,
for the LORD is our God.

Silence

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Psalm 143

1 Peter 1

Hear our prayers, O LORD;
give ear to our pleas for mercy!
In Your faithfulness answers us,
in Your righteousness turn to us!

**Let us hear in the morning of Your steadfast love,
for in You we trust.
Make us know the way we should go,
for to You we lift up our souls.**

Teach us to do Your will,
for You are our God!
Let Your good Spirit lead us on level ground!

**For Your name's sake, O LORD,
preserve our lives.
In Your righteousness bring our souls out of trouble.
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—
send us Your grace and peace!**

INVOCATION

“Psalm 15 (To Dwell with God)”

Emily Moore
text: translation by Derek Moore, 2015

Refrain



O_ Lord, who may draw near And make his home in your tent?



O_ who, who is a - ble To dwell on your ho - ly hill?



1. He who is blame - less; he who does right;
2. He will not bring shame to his friend.
3. He does not ask for more in re - turn



He who speaks truth in his heart. He does not slan - der
His eyes de - spise worth - less men, He ex - alts those
When he gives some - one a loan. He takes no bribe a -



men with his tongue He does his neigh - bor no harm.____
who fear the Lord. He swears to his hurt; he won't change!_
-gainst hon - est men. Who - ev - er does this won't be moved!_

“God the Spirit”

Matt Boswell, 2009
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

Fine | 3.



with the Fath - er_ and the_ Son.____ Shall the

D.S. al Fine



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

Holy God, guide us into all truth according to Your great mercy.

**You have called us to live righteously,
but we follow the patterns of this world.
When facing opposition,
we respond with cowardly fear or arrogant pride.
When facing doubt,
we turn to our own reason and childish speculations.
When facing conflict,
we judge others harshly and seek to justify ourselves.
Forgive us these sins, O God.
Send us the Helper to declare the Gospel of Jesus to our hearts,
and lead us in holiness for Your name's sake.
Amen.**

Silent confession

Children of God, you have been ransomed from a life of futility,
not with perishable things such as silver or gold,
but with the precious blood of Christ,
like that of a lamb—unblemished and spotless.

**And so we believe in Him
and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,
obtaining as the outcome of our faith the salvation of our souls.
Hallelujah! Amen!**

A reading from the Prophets: The LORD promises to pour out His
Spirit for the joy of His people.

*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.

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

Duke Street

**He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
What joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!**

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

**ASSURANCE OF
PARDON &
INTERCESSORY
PRAYER**
1 Peter 1

**OLD TESTAMENT
READING**
Joel 2.23-32

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SHARING THE
PEACE OF CHRIST**

DOXOLOGY

¹ *"I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. ² They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. ³ And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor Me. ⁴ But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.*

I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵ But now I am going to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' ⁶ *But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷ Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you. ⁸ And when He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; ¹⁰ concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see Me no longer; ¹¹ concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.*

¹² *I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth, for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify Me, for He will take what is Mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is Mine; therefore I said that He will take what is mine and declare it to you."*

“Why the Holy Spirit”

John 16.1-11

Spirit-Empowered Mission

Spirit-Informed Doctrine

Spirit-Filled Worship

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
Khmer Communion Hymn (Cambodia), 20th Century

Christ said, "I am the bread of life."

"Anyone who truly comes to Me will not hunger again."

Christ said, "I am the bread of life."

"Anyone who truly believes in Me, their heart will be satisfied. And My bread is the bread that comes from heaven."

And all who eat will not die, for...

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

Come to the Table...

DIRECTIONS

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*

OFFERINGS

- *Tithes and gifts can be brought to the box in the center of the room.*
- *Online Giving - newstpeters.org/give*

PRAYER FOR FAITH

If you are not a follower of Jesus, we invite you to reflect on the prayer at the bottom of page 12, and we invite you to talk with our pastor if you would like to know more about the hope of the Good News on display at Christ's Table.

“Behold the Lamb (The Communion Hymn)”

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty,
Stuart Townend, 2006



1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us
2. The bod - y of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, torn for you
3. The blood that cleans - es eve - ry stain of sin, shed for you
4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to re - spond



and we re - mem - ber the prom - ise made that all who
eat and re - mem - ber; The wounds that heal, the death that
drink and re - mem - ber He drained death's cup that all may
and to re - mem - ber our call to fol - low in the

Refrain



come in faith find for - give - ness at the cross. *So we share in this*
brings us life paid the price to make us one. *So we share in this*
en - ter in to re - ceive the life of God. *So we share in this*
steps of Christ as His bod - y here on earth. *As we share in His*



bread of life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice as a sign of our
bread of life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice as a sign of our
bread of life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice as a sign of our
suf - fer - ing, we pro - claim Christ will come a - gain! And we'll join in the



bonds of peace a - round the ta - ble of the King.
bonds of love a - round the ta - ble of the King.
bonds of grace a - round the ta - ble of the King.
feast of heaven a - round the ta - ble of the King.

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Arise
text: Joseph Hart, 1759
arr. Ben Weldy



1. Come, ye__ sin - ners, poor and need - y, weak and__ wound - ed,__ sick and sore;
 2. Come, ye__ thirst - y,__ come, and wel - come, God's free__ boun - ty__ glo - ri - fy;
 3. Let not__ con - science make you lin - ger, nor of__ fit - ness fond - ly dream;
 4. Come, ye__ wea - ry,__ heav - y la - den, lost and__ ru - ined by the fall;
- Ref. I will a - rise and go to Je - sus; he wil em - brace me in his arms;*



D.C. Refrain

Je - sus read - y stands to save you, full of pit - y,__ love, and power.
true be - lief__ and true re - pent - ance, ev - ery grace that brings you nigh.
all the fit - ness he re - quir - eth is to feel__ your need of him.
if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, you will nev - er__ come at all.
in the arms of my dear Sav - ior, O, there are__ ten__ thou - sand charms.

“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!

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
1 Peter 5

May the God of all grace,
who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ,
restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you Himself.
To Him be the dominion forever and ever!

Come quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen.

POSTLUDE

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

**PRAYER FOR
FAITH**

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)

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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)

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

(Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00pm)

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,

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

- **Youth** - Our next large group is Wednesday, March 19, at the Oasis, beginning at 6:30 pm.
Camp Reminder: Be sure to sign up for camp before March 31! All details were sent in an email on Tuesday. If you have any questions, please see Alex McEwen.

UPCOMING

- **VBS Registration** - Mark your calendars for a fun week of VBS, June 3-6, as we partner with PCPC! This year's theme is Boot Camp. Registration will open in phases, the first phase is for volunteers and their immediate children and youth starting March 19 (Wednesday). Once you sign up as a volunteer, you will receive a confirmation email with a link to sign up your children and youth. Please let Brittanie know if you plan to register and if you have any questions.
March 19 - Registration opens for adult volunteers & their immediate children/youth.
April 7 - Registration should open for children/youth of non-volunteering adults See the PCPC webpage (<https://pcpc.org/events/detail/34702/vbs-2025-boot-camp/>) for detailed info.
- **Women's Spring Fellowship** - Save the date! We will be having a brunch and fellowship on Saturday, April 12. More details will be coming soon!

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