

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP



NEW ST PETER'S

APRIL 13, 2025

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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

“Rejoice, the Lord is King”

*Darwell*

**Rejoice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

### CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 95

O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

*Silence*

### LITURGY OF THE WORD Psalm 2 John 3 Acts 20

Why do the nations rage  
and the peoples plot in vain?

**The kings of the earth set themselves,  
and the rulers take counsel together,  
against the LORD and against His Anointed.**

The LORD, has set His King on Zion, His holy hill—  
Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God.

**We serve Him with fear,  
and rejoice with trembling.  
For He has purchased us with His blood;  
blessed are all who take refuge in Him.**

### 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 Worship the King”

Lyons  
text: Robert Grant, 1833  
based on Psalm 104



1. O wor - ship the King all - glo - rious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly
2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the
3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told, Al - might - y, your
4. Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the
5. Frail chil - ren of dust, and fee - ble as frail, in you do we



sing his pow'r and his love; our shield and De - fend - er, the  
light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep  
pow'r has found - ed of old; has 'stab - lished it fast by a  
air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills; it de -  
trust, nor find\_ you to fail; your mer - cies how ten - der, how



An - cient of Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.  
thun - der - clouds form, and dark is this path on the wings of the storm.  
change - less de - cree, and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
- scends to the plain; and sweet - ly dis - tils in the dew\_ and the rain.  
firm to the end, our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

"Hast Thou Heard Him, Seen Him, Known Him?"

Joel Littlepage, 2010  
text: Ora Rowan, 1834-1879



1. Hast thou heard Him, seen Him, known Him? Is not thine a cap - tured  
2. What can strip the seem - ing beau - ty from the i - dols of the  
3. 'Tis the look that melt - ed Pe - ter, 'tis that face that Ste - phen



heart? Chief a - mong ten thou - sand own Him; joy - ful choose the bet - ter part.  
earth? Not a sense of right or du - ty, but the sight of peer - less worth.  
saw, 'tis that heart that wept with Mar - y, can a - lone from i - dols draw:

*Refrain*



Cap - ti - vat - ed by His beau - ty, wor - thy tri - bute haste to bring; Let His



peer - less worth con - strain thee, crown Him now un - ri - valed King.

Heavenly Father, we come to You  
in the name of our Shepherd-King, Jesus Christ Your Son.

**We confess that we follow the ways of the kingdom of this world—  
the desires of the flesh,  
the desires of the eyes,  
and the pride of life.**

**We break Your royal law by bearing false witness,  
by harboring hatred in our hearts against our neighbors,  
and by showing partiality.**

**In these ways and more we deny Christ in both word and deed.**

**Forgive us, Lord,  
and keep us steadfast in Your loving hands.  
In Christ's name and for His sake,  
Amen.**

*Silent confession*

Children of God, by God's grace your sins are forgiven,  
and you are cleansed from all unrighteousness.

**And so we have confidence for the day of judgment.  
For there is no fear in love,  
but the perfect love of God our Savior casts out fear.  
Praise His name! Hallelujah!**

A reading from Israel's History: The king is betrayed, and flees east into  
the wilderness.

*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.*

"Rejoice, the Lord is King"

*Darwell*

**He sits at God's right hand till all His foes submit,  
And bow to His command, and fall beneath His feet:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**CONFESSION  
OF SIN & PLEA FOR  
PARDON**

John 18  
1 John 2  
James 2

**ASSURANCE  
OF PARDON**

Colossians 1  
1 John 1, 4

**OLD TESTAMENT  
READING**

2 Samuel 15:13-23

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SHARING THE  
PEACE OF CHRIST**

**DOXOLOGY**

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus had spoken these words, He went out with His disciples across the brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which He and His disciples entered. <sup>2</sup> Now Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with His disciples. <sup>3</sup> So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. <sup>4</sup> Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to Him, came forward and said to them, *“Whom do you seek?”* <sup>5</sup> They answered Him, *“Jesus of Nazareth.”* Jesus said to them, *“I am He.”* Judas, who betrayed Him, was standing with them. <sup>6</sup> When Jesus said to them, *“I am He,”* they drew back and fell to the ground. <sup>7</sup> So He asked them again, *“Whom do you seek?”* And they said, *“Jesus of Nazareth.”* <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered, *“I told you that I am He. So, if you seek Me, let these men go.”* <sup>9</sup> This was to fulfill the word that He had spoken: *“Of those whom You gave Me I have lost not one.”* <sup>10</sup> Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest’s servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant’s name was Malchus.) <sup>11</sup> So Jesus said to Peter, *“Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given Me?”*

<sup>15</sup> Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, <sup>16</sup> but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in.

<sup>17</sup> The servant girl at the door said to Peter, *“You also are not one of this man’s disciples, are you?”* He said, *“I am not.”* <sup>18</sup> Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

<sup>19</sup> The high priest then questioned Jesus about His disciples and His teaching. <sup>20</sup> Jesus answered him, *“I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret.”* <sup>21</sup> *Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard Me what I said to them; they know what I said.”* <sup>22</sup> When He had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, *“Is that how You answer the high priest?”* <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered him, *“If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike Me?”* <sup>24</sup> Annas then sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

<sup>25</sup> Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, “*You also are not one of His disciples, are you?*” He denied it and said, “*I am not.*”<sup>26</sup> One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, “*Did I not see you in the garden with Him?*”<sup>27</sup> Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

<sup>33</sup> So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to Him, “*Are You the King of the Jews?*”<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, “*Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about Me?*”<sup>35</sup> Pilate answered, “*Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You over to me. What have You done?*”<sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, “*My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But My kingdom is not from the world.*”<sup>37</sup> Then Pilate said to Him, “*So You are a king?*” Jesus answered, “*You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to My voice.*”<sup>38</sup> Pilate said to Him, “*What is truth?*”

## The Denial of the King

**An undeniable power**

**A denying pilgrim**

**A scheming elite**

**A powerless skeptic**

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**  
*Reformed  
Churches of  
South Africa  
(Trans. and  
Adapted from  
Afrikaans)*

As bread and wine nourish and sustain the life of our bodies, so the body and blood of Christ is the only food that can nourish and revitalize our souls.

**Through this meal He binds us together in real love—  
many members, but one body through the Spirit.**

As bread consists of many grains mixed together that the one cannot be distinguished from the other, so we should be united and bound together that there could be no division or severance among us. So with one voice we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**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. Alms can be placed in the bowl held by the deacon.*
- *Online Giving - [newstpeters.org/give](http://newstpeters.org/give)*

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

*Elders, Deacons, and members of our Women's Leadership Team will be on stage near the musicians to pray with and for you.*

**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.*



“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'rer home.\_\_\_\_\_  
 - tude I mourn; O take the wan - d'rer home.\_\_\_\_\_  
 sa - cred feet, And let me rove no more.\_\_\_\_\_

“Be Still My Soul”

Finlandia

text: Katharina von Schlegel, 1752

Harmony alt. Ben Weldy



1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side; \_\_\_\_\_ bear pa - tient -
2. Be still, my soul: your God will un - der - take \_\_\_\_\_ to guide the
3. Be still, my soul: when dear - est friends de - part, \_\_\_\_\_ and all is
4. Be still, my soul: the hour is has - t'ning on \_\_\_\_\_ when we shall



- ly the cross of grief or pain; \_\_\_\_\_ leave to your God to  
fu - ture as he has the past. \_\_\_\_\_ Your hope, your con - fi -  
dark - ened in the vale of tears, \_\_\_\_\_ then shall you bet - ter  
be for - ev - er with the Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ when dis - ap - point - ment,



or - der and pro - vide; \_\_\_\_\_ in ev - 'ry change he faith - ful will re -  
- dence let noth - ing shake; \_\_\_\_\_ all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at  
know his love, his heart, \_\_\_\_\_ who comes to soothe your sor - row and your  
grief, and fear are gone, \_\_\_\_\_ sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re -



- main. \_\_\_\_\_ Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'n - ly Friend \_\_\_\_\_  
last. \_\_\_\_\_ Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know \_\_\_\_\_  
fears. \_\_\_\_\_ Be still, my soul: your Je - sus can re - pay \_\_\_\_\_  
- stored. \_\_\_\_\_ Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, \_\_\_\_\_



— through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.  
— his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.  
— from his own full - ness all he takes a - way.  
— all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

“O Love Incomprehensible”

Kevin Twit, 2001  
 Augustus M. Toplady, 1740-1778 (chorus v. 3)  
 Anne Steele, 1760 (other verses)

Refrain



O Love in - com - pre - hen - si - ble, That made Thee bleed for \_\_\_\_\_ me



The Judge of all has suf - fered death, To set His pris - oner \_\_\_\_\_ free



1. What pain what soul - op - press - ing pain,
2. Ar - rained at Pi - late's shame - ful bar,
3. The spot - less Sav - ior lived for me,
4. "Tis fin - ished!" now a - loud He cries,
5. On Thee a - lone my hope re - lies,



The Great Re - deem - er _____ bore	While blood - y sweat like
Un - par - al - leled dis - grace!	See spot - less in - no -
And died up - on the _____ mount	The o - be - dience of His
No more the Law re - quires	And now, a - maz - ing
Be - neath Thy cross I _____ fall	My Lord, my Life, my



drops of rain,	Dis - tilled from eve - ry pore! _____
- cence ap - pear,	In guilt's de - test - ed place! _____
life and death,	Is placed to my ac - count! _____
sac - ri - fice,	The Lord of Life ex - pires! _____
Sac - ri - fice,	My Sav - ior and my All! _____

**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**  
2 Corinthians 13

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ  
and the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**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](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)

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, 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

- **Youth** - Next large group is Wednesday, 4/16, at the Oasis, beginning at 6:30 pm.
- **College Boxes** - Reminder that they will be mailed on April 28, so we have several weeks to bake cookies and write notes. Look for details on how to help in Tuesday's email. Notecards and a collection box will be provided in the lobby of DCT through April 27. For questions, please contact Stephanie Clemmons, Tricia Horne, Arleen Ratliff, Sharissa Murray, or Kelley Bruss.

## UPCOMING

- **VBS Registration** - Now open for everyone attending (link is in Tuesday's email).
- **Holy Week Events**
  - April 17 (6 pm): Maundy Thursday Service at Redeemer Bible Church (721 Easton Rd). Childcare sign up in Church Center
  - April 19 (10 am): Easter Egg Hunt at Youth Believing in Change (8568 Stults Rd), followed by site tour of the building (11 am). Sign up in Church Center.
  - April 20 (10:15 am): Resurrection Worship service at the Dallas Children's Theater

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out a short visitor's form.

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