

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP



## NEW ST PETER'S

APRIL 27, 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

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

*Lobe den Herren*

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;  
Join me in glad adoration.**

### CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 112

Praise the LORD!  
Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,  
who greatly delights in His commandments!

*Silence*

### LITURGY OF THE WORD Psalms 92, 112

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,  
to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;  
to declare Your steadfast love in the morning,  
and Your faithfulness by night.

**Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;  
he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

O LORD, You have made us glad by Your work;  
at the works of Your hands we sing for joy.

**The righteous man is not afraid of bad news;  
his heart is firm, trusting in Christ Jesus—  
our rock, in whom there is no unrighteousness!**

### INVOCATION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6

**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.**

# "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!*



1. Oh who is He who seeks the lost and in his love did come,
2. Oh who is this who calmed the seas and search - es in His joy
3. Oh who is He that tar - ries for the hearts of wretch - ed men,
4. Oh who is He that sees and tries the deeds of ev - 'ry man



who left the realm of an - gel's praise, the man - y for the One  
 for sin - ners tar - nished by the fall, to Him a pre - cious coin  
 I turned and ran and squan - dered all, my Fa - ther had to give  
 Our works that fail to jus - ti - fy, my soul could nev - er stand

Repeat final verse



I was a - stray bound for the grave He called me to His cross  
 Re - lent - less - ly He came for me was bur - ied in my sin  
 In poor es - tate I did a - wake and grace that paved the road  
 My soul de - fense, my right - eous - ness, my com - men - da - tion plea



He lift - ed me, this shep - herd King, and car - ried me to God.  
 He pur - chased, for He paid it all, now I am found in Him.  
 With bound - less love He ran to me and wel - comed me back home.  
 From first to last His sov - 'reign grace, this sin - ner's on - ly plea.

O LORD, Your works are great, Your thoughts are deep, and Your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

**Yet our love for You and for others is inconsistent and fickle.  
Although You shower us with good blessings—  
not withholding even Your own Son—  
we are unthankful people who take You and Your gifts for granted.  
We presume upon Your grace and care,  
and we become lazy in holiness and weary in doing good.  
Forgive us for these sins,  
establish and guard us against the evil one,  
and direct our heart to Your great love  
and the steadfastness of our savior, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

*Silent confession*

Brothers and sisters, beloved by the Lord,  
you have been saved from your sins by the power of God  
through the mighty work of Jesus our Savior.

**So we stand firm and hold to the truth handed down to us,  
that we may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit  
and obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Amen!**

A reading from the Prophets: The LORD assures His exiled people that their work is not in vain.

*Children, Pre-K and Kinder, are invited to attend Worship Training.  
All children are 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.*

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

*Lobe den Herren*

**Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee,  
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do,  
If with His love He befriend thee.**

**CONFESSION  
OF SIN & PLEA FOR  
PARDON**

Psalm 92  
2 Thessalonians 3  
Romans 8

**ASSURANCE OF  
PARDON**

2 Thessalonians 2

**OLD TESTAMENT  
READING**

Jeremiah 29:1-9

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SHARING THE  
PEACE OF CHRIST**

**DOXOLOGY**

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.**

SERMON

2 Thessalonians 3

Mr. Alex McEwen

<sup>1</sup> Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, <sup>2</sup> and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. <sup>3</sup> But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. <sup>4</sup> And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. <sup>5</sup> May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

<sup>6</sup> Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. <sup>7</sup> For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup> nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. <sup>9</sup> It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup> For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. <sup>11</sup> For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. <sup>12</sup> Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

<sup>13</sup> As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good. <sup>14</sup> If anyone does not obey what we say in this letter, take note of that person, and have nothing to do with him, that he may be ashamed. <sup>15</sup> Do not regard him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother.

<sup>16</sup> Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.

<sup>17</sup> I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. This is the sign of genuineness in every letter of mine; it is the way I write. <sup>18</sup> The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

“Faith that Works”

2 Thessalonians 3

**Work in Community**

**Faith in Action**

**Rest for the Weary**

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.*

A LITURGY FOR THE HUNGRY  
*Matthew 5  
Psalms 42, 123*

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they shall be satisfied.

**Our souls thirst for God, for the living God!  
When shall we come and appear before Him?**

Lift up your eyes to the LORD;  
He feeds the hungry with good things.

**Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master,  
as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress,  
so our eyes look to the LORD our God,  
till He has mercy upon us**

Hungry pilgrims on the road with Jesus,  
together proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

*\*Today we refrain from the table due to the absence of a pastor to administer the sacrament, but we look forward in hope to the great feast in the presence of the risen Christ at His return!*

OFFERINGS & ALMS

- *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.*

*Parents, please pick up your children from the nursery and WT.*

**"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"**

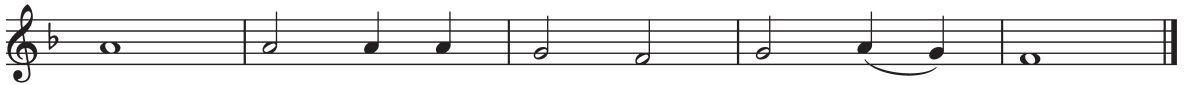
*Hamburg*  
*text: Isaac Watts, 1707, 1709*  
*arr. Ben Weldy*



1. When I sur - vey the\_\_ won - drous cross on which the Prince of\_\_
2. For - bid it, Lord, that\_\_ I should boast, save in the death of\_\_
3. See, from his head, his\_\_ hands, his\_\_ feet, sor - row and love flow\_\_
4. Were the whole realm of\_\_ na - ture\_\_ mine, that were a pres - ent\_\_



glo - ry\_\_ died, my rich - est gain I\_\_ count but\_\_  
Christ my\_\_ God: all the vain things that\_\_ charm me\_\_  
min - gled\_\_ down: did e'er such love and\_\_ sor - row\_\_  
far too\_\_ small; love so a - maz - ing, so di - -



loss, and pour con - tempt on all my\_\_ pride.  
most, I sac - ri - fice them to his\_\_ blood.  
meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a\_\_ crown?  
- vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my\_\_ all.

# "Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken"

Bill Moore, text: Henry Lyte, 1824, 1833



1. Je - sus I\_\_\_ my\_\_\_ cross\_\_\_ have tak - en,\_\_\_ All to leave and fol - low Thee.
2. Let the world de - spise\_\_\_ and leave me,\_\_\_ They have left\_\_\_ my\_\_\_ Sav - ior,\_\_\_ too.
3. Man may trou - ble\_\_\_ and\_\_\_ dis - tress me,\_\_\_ 'Twill but drive me\_\_\_ to\_\_\_ Thy breast.
4. Go, then, earth - ly\_\_\_ fame\_\_\_ and treas - ure,\_\_\_ Come dis - as - ter,\_\_\_ scorn\_\_\_ and pain.
5. Soul, then know thy\_\_\_ full\_\_\_ sal - va - tion,\_\_\_ Rise o'er sin\_\_\_ and fear\_\_\_ and care.
6. Haste thee on\_\_\_ from grace\_\_\_ to\_\_\_ glo - ry,\_\_\_ Armed by faith, and winged by\_\_\_ prayer.



Des - ti - tute, de - spised, for - sak - en,\_\_\_ Thou from hence my\_\_\_ all\_\_\_ shalt be.  
 Hu - man hearts and looks\_\_\_ de - ceive me;\_\_\_ Thou art not,\_\_\_ like them, un - true.  
 Life with tri - als\_\_\_ hard\_\_\_ may press me;\_\_\_ Heaven will bring me\_\_\_ sweet - er\_\_\_ rest.  
 In Thy serv - ice,\_\_\_ pain\_\_\_ is\_\_\_ pleas - ure,\_\_\_ With Thy fa - vor,\_\_\_ loss\_\_\_ is\_\_\_ gain.  
 Joy to find\_\_\_ in\_\_\_ eve - ry\_\_\_ sta - tion,\_\_\_ Some - thing still to\_\_\_ do\_\_\_ or\_\_\_ bear.  
 Heaven's e - ter - nal\_\_\_ day's\_\_\_ be - fore thee,\_\_\_ God's own hand shall guide us\_\_\_ there.



Per - ish eve - ry\_\_\_ fond\_\_\_ am - bi - tion,\_\_\_ All I've sought or\_\_\_ hoped or\_\_\_ known.  
 Oh while Thou dost smile\_\_\_ up - on\_\_\_ me,\_\_\_ God of wis - dom, love,\_\_\_ and\_\_\_ might,  
 Oh, 'tis not\_\_\_ in\_\_\_ grief\_\_\_ to\_\_\_ harm me,\_\_\_ While Thy love is\_\_\_ left\_\_\_ to\_\_\_ me;\_\_\_  
 I have called Thee Ab - ba\_\_\_ Fa - ther,\_\_\_ I have stayed my\_\_\_ heart\_\_\_ on\_\_\_ Thee.  
 Think what Spir - it\_\_\_ dwells with - in\_\_\_ thee,\_\_\_ Think what Fa - ther's smiles are\_\_\_ thine,  
 Soon shall close thy\_\_\_ earth - ly\_\_\_ mis - sion,\_\_\_ Soon shall pass thy\_\_\_ pil - grim days,



Yet how rich\_\_\_ is\_\_\_ my\_\_\_ con - di - tion!\_\_\_ God and heaven are still\_\_\_ my\_\_\_ own.  
 Foes may hate and friends dis - own\_\_\_ me,\_\_\_ Show Thy face and\_\_\_ all\_\_\_ is\_\_\_ bright.  
 Oh, 'twere not\_\_\_ in\_\_\_ joy\_\_\_ to\_\_\_ charm me,\_\_\_ Were that joy\_\_\_ un - mixed with\_\_\_ Thee.  
 Storms may howl and clouds may gath - er;\_\_\_ All must work for\_\_\_ good\_\_\_ to\_\_\_ me.  
 Think that Je - sus died\_\_\_ to\_\_\_ win\_\_\_ thee,\_\_\_ Child of heaven, canst thou re - pine.  
 Hope shall change to\_\_\_ glad\_\_\_ fru - i - tion,\_\_\_ Faith to sight, and\_\_\_ prayer to\_\_\_ praise.

"O God of Our Salvation"

Matt Boswell, Michael Blecker, 2009



1. O, God of our sal - va - tion Who reigns up - on the throne, the
2. Be - hold the Son, our Sav - ior, Who for our sins was slain, The
3. O, God, the Ho - ly Spir - it re - veal - ing de - i - ty, the



sov - 'reign Fa - ther, great is He from Whom all bless - ings flow.  
Christ Who pur - chased with His blood the wretch - ed souls of men.  
fount of life and love de - vine through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

*Refrain*



*O, — God of our sal - va - tion from Whom re - demp - tion comes, O, —*



*Fa - ther, Son and Spir - it, the bless - ed Three in One.*

**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 Thessalonians 2

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself,  
and God our Father,  
who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace,  
comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

**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** - Movie Night Mixer (NOTE: THIS EVENT IS FOR CURRENT YOUTH AND RISING 6TH GRADERS). Get ready for a night of fun, food, and film! We're throwing a movie night mixer on Wednesday, April 30 at 6:30 pm to welcome our awesome rising 6th graders. Come hang out with your fellow youth, play some games, eat some dinner, and enjoy a movie. Don't forget your lawn chair! Where? TBD.
- **College Boxes** - If you would still like to write some notes this morning, notecards and a collection box are in the lobby of DCT. The boxes will be packed and mailed tomorrow. Thanks to all who have baked cookies, provided gift cards and written notes to our students.

### UPCOMING

- **VBS Registration** - Is now open for everyone.
- **Spring Picnic** - On May 4 at 4 pm we will meet at Flag Pole Hill for our annual church picnic. Please bring your own dinner, drinks (non-alcoholic), and seating (chairs, blankets, etc.). Games will be provided. See you there!

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