

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP



NEW ST PETER'S

APRIL 6, 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

“Doxology”

*Old Hundredth*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below:  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

CALL TO  
WORSHIP  
Psalm 22

Praise the LORD, all you who fear Him.  
Tell of His name to all the earth,  
stand in awe of His great name!

*Silence*

LITURGY OF  
THE WORD  
Psalm 22, 27

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.

**Yes, and we will worship our LORD,  
even in the day of distress we will trust in You.**

Teach us Your ways, O LORD,  
Lead us on level paths and do not hide Your face from us.

**The LORD is our light and our salvation,  
He prepares a place for us that we might not fear.  
Be strong, take courage, and wait for the LORD.**

INVOCATION

“Psalm 146 (Hallelujah! Praise Jehovah)”

Darwin Jordan, 1982  
text: William Kirkpatrick



1. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O\_\_ my soul, Je - ho - vah praise;  
2. Hap - py is the man\_\_ that choos - es, Is - rael's God\_\_ to be his aid;  
3. Food\_\_ He dai - ly gives\_\_ the hun - gry, Sets\_\_ the mourn - ing pris - 'ner free,  
4. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O\_\_ my soul, Je - ho - vah praise;



I\_\_ will sing the glor - 'ous prais - es, Of\_\_ my God\_\_ thru all my days.  
He\_\_ is blest whose hope\_\_ of bless - ing On\_\_ the Lord\_\_ his God is stayed.  
Rais - es those bowed down\_\_ with an - guish, Makes the sight - less eyes to see.  
I\_\_ will sing the glor - 'ous prais - es, Of\_\_ my God\_\_ thru all my days.



Put no con - fi - dence in princ - es, Nor for help on man\_\_ de - pend;  
Heav'n and earth the Lord cre - a - ted, Seas and all that they\_\_ con - tain;  
Well Je - ho - vah loves the right - eous, And the stran - ger He\_\_ be - friends,  
O - ver all\_\_ God reigns for - ev - er, Thru all ag - es He\_\_ is King;



He\_\_ shall die, to dust\_\_ re - turn - ing, And\_\_ his pur - pos - es\_\_ shall end.  
He\_\_ de - liv - ers from\_\_ op - pres - sion, Right - eous - ness He will\_\_ main - tain.  
Helps the fa - ther - less\_\_ and wid - ow, Judg - ment on\_\_ the wick - ed sends.  
Un - to Him, thy God,\_\_ O Zi - on, Joy - ful hal - le - lu - jahs sing.

# "Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE

text: Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th century

Harmony alt. Ben Weldy

Unison



1. Be thou my\_\_ vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all
2. Be thou my\_\_ wis - dom, and thou my true word; I ev - er
3. Be thou my\_\_ bat - tle shield, sword for my fight; be thou my
4. Rich - es I\_\_ heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise, thou mine in -
5. High King of\_\_ heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach



else to me, save that thou art— thou my\_\_ best thought by  
with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my\_\_ great Fa - ther,  
dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light, thou my\_\_ soul's shel - ter,  
- her - i - tance, now and al - ways: thou and\_ thou on - ly,  
heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of\_\_ my\_\_ own heart, what -



day or by night,\_ wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
I thy true son;\_ thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.  
thou my high tow'r:\_ raise thou me heav'n-ward, O\_\_ Pow'r of my pow'r.  
first in my heart,\_ High King of heav - en, my\_ trea - sure thou art.  
- ev - er be - fall,\_ still be my vi - sion, O\_\_ Rul - er of all.

God our Father, You are righteous and merciful.

**But we so often forget You  
and lean upon our own righteousness.  
We are filled with Your light and yet we hide it.  
We grumble about those You have put in our lives,  
and we fail to love our brothers and sisters well.  
You have given us the gift of knowing You,  
and yet we do not honor or thank You as we should.  
We are prideful, selfish, greedy, and cowardly.  
Forgive us of these things, LORD.  
Fill us with Your Spirit  
so that we might proclaim Your name boldly,  
and help us to love our neighbor as ourselves. Amen.**

*Silent confession*

Children of God, Christ bore our sins,  
dying the death we deserved,  
that we might not fear judgment.  
Our sins are forgiven, and our hope restored!

**Gracious is the LORD who preserves us and deals bountifully with us!  
Praise be to our God who delivers our souls from death  
through Christ Jesus our Lord!**

A reading from Israel's History: The king prays to give thanks for the mission of God, who keeps His promises.

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**  
Psalm 116  
Romans 1

**ASSURANCE  
OF PARDON**  
Psalm 116  
Romans 1

**OLD TESTAMENT  
READING**  
2 Samuel 7:18-29

**PREPARATION  
FOR BAPTISM**  
Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Acts 2:38-39

WORDS OF  
INSTRUCTION

Rev. Alex Dean

SIGN OF GOD'S  
COVENANT IN  
BAPTISM

Mr. Rodman Ricketts 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 Sebastian Francis Gile**

Will you the people of New St. Peter's pray for Sebastian 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 Gile family.**

And will you pray for all our recently baptized—Everett Webb, Samson Hall, Ross Martin, Arthur Goetsch—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.*

"Doxology"

Old Hundredth

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below:  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE  
PEACE OF CHRIST

DOXOLOGY

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus had spoken these words, He lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said, *“Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son that the Son may glorify You, <sup>2</sup> since You have given Him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given Him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified You on earth, having accomplished the work that You gave Me to do. <sup>5</sup> And now, Father, glorify Me in Your own presence with the glory that I had with You before the world existed.*

*<sup>6</sup> I have manifested Your name to the people whom You gave Me out of the world. Yours they were, and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything that You have given Me is from You. <sup>8</sup> For I have given them the words that You gave Me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. <sup>9</sup> I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, which You have given Me, that they may be one, even as We are One. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I kept them in Your name, which You have given Me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup> But now I am coming to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. <sup>14</sup> I have given them Your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>15</sup> I do not ask that You take them out of the world, but that You keep them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you sent Me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> And for their sake I consecrate Myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.*

*<sup>20</sup> I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word, <sup>21</sup> that they may all be one, just as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You have sent Me. <sup>22</sup> The glory that You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one even as We are One, <sup>23</sup> I in them and You in Me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that You sent Me and loved them even as You loved Me.*



*<sup>24</sup> Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, may be with Me where I am, to see My glory that You have given Me because You loved Me before the foundation of the world. <sup>25</sup> O righteous Father, even though the world does not know You, I know You, and these know that You have sent me. <sup>26</sup> I made known to them Your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which You have loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”*

“A Prayer for Mission”

John 17.1-26

**Mission Accomplished**

**Mission Made Possible**

**Mission Impossible?**

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.*
- *Online Giving - [newstpeters.org/give](http://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 14, 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.*

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

*Wondrous Love*  
text: American folk hymn, 1835  
arr. Ben Weldy



1. What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what  
2. When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when  
3. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to  
4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! \_\_\_\_\_ What won - drous love is  
I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down; \_\_\_\_\_ when I was sink - ing  
God and to the Lamb, I will sing; \_\_\_\_\_ to God and to the  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; \_\_\_\_\_ and when from death I'm



this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my  
down be - neath God's righ - teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my  
Lamb, who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul! \_\_\_\_\_  
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul! \_\_\_\_\_  
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing! \_\_\_\_\_  
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on! \_\_\_\_\_

"For All the Saints"

Christopher Miner, 1997

William H. How, 1864



1. For all the saints\_ who from his la - bor's rest\_ to thee by\_  
2. Thou wast their rock,\_\_\_ their for - tress and their might; Thou, Lord their  
3. O may thy sol - diers faith - ful, true, and\_ bold, Fight as the



faith\_\_\_ be - fore the world con - fess\_ thy name O Je - sus be for -  
Cap - tain in the well - fought fight; Thou, in the dark - ness drear; their  
saints\_ who no - bly fought of\_\_\_ old,\_\_\_ And win with them the vic - tor's

Last Time To Coda ⊕



- ev - er\_\_\_ blessed.  
one\_\_\_ true\_\_\_ light. *Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu.*  
crown of\_\_\_ gold.

⊕ Coda



lu - - - ia.

4. The golden evening brightens in the west;  
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;  
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. *Alleluia, Allelu.*

5. But, lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of glory passes on his way. *Alleluia, Allelu.*

6. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Alleluia, Alleluia.*

“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks”

Christopher Miner, 1997  
 text: Samuel Stennett, 1787  
 alt. Ben Weldy



1. On Jor - dan's storm-y banks I stand, And cast a wish - ful\_\_ eye
2. All o'er those wide ex - tend - ed plains, Shines one e - ter - nal\_\_ day;
3. No chill - ing winds nor poi - son - ous breath, Can reach that health - ful\_\_ shore;
4. When shall I reach that hap - py place, And be for - ev - er\_\_ blessed?



To Can - aan's fair and hap - py land, Where my pos - ses - sions\_\_ lie.  
 There God the Son for - ev - er reigns, And scat - ters night a way.  
 Sick - ness, sor - row, pain and death, Are felt and feared no more.  
 When shall I see my Fa - ther's face, And in His bos - om rest?

*Refrain*



*I am\_\_bound, I am\_\_bound, I am bound for the Prom - ised Land,\_\_ I am*



*\_\_bound, I am\_\_bound, I am bound for the Prom - ised Land.\_\_*

**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**  
Romans 15

May the God of endurance and encouragement  
grant you to live in such harmony with one another,  
in accord with Christ Jesus,  
that together you may with one voice  
glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**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)*

## 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)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

## THIS WEEK

- **Youth** - Our next large group is Wednesday, 4/9, 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** - Is open for those that are volunteering. For non-volunteers, please watch for registration to open in April. It will be in the Tuesday email.
- **Women's Fellowship Event** - On Saturday, April 12, a fun brunch will be hosted at Denise Walker's home. Details are in the evite. If you have any questions, or did not receive the evite, please let Jan know ([jan.james@newstpeters.org](mailto:jan.james@newstpeters.org)).
- **Holy Week Events** - Join us April 17 at 6 pm at Redeemer Bible Church for our Maundy Thursday service. Then plan to join us on Saturday at 10 am for an Easter Egg Hunt (location TBD). Sign ups for both events are on Church Center and in the Tuesday email. We will celebrate the Festival of the Resurrection on Sunday, April 20, here at the Dallas Children's Theater beginning at 10:15 am.

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\*on Sabbatical