# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP



MAY 11, 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**

"Jesus Shall Reign"

**DUKE STREET** 

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Does his successive journeys run; His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

## CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 99

The LORD reigns, let the people tremble! The LORD is great in Zion; He is exalted over all the people. Let us praise His great and awesome name! Holy is He!.

Silence

# LITURGY OF THE WORD Psalms 99, 116

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy!

We love the LORD because He has heard our voice and our pleas for mercy. Because He has inclined His ear to us, therefore we will call on Him as long as we live.

Gracious is the LORD, and righteous. Yes, our God is merciful.

Through the work of Jesus Christ, He has delivered our souls from death. Surely we will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

## 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.





Holy God, by Your grace, we are not lacking in any gift.

Yet we act like impatient and spoiled children, seeking some advantage over our brothers and sisters.

We quarrel and divide over foolish disagreements and petty sins.

Instead of seeking peace through the healing of the light of the gospel, we seek comfort and ease in the darkness of self-righteousness.

Father, You have called us into the fellowship of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, by the power of Your Spirit.

You have put Your name upon us in baptism, and we are one family in Christ Jesus.

Cleanse us of these sins, dear Lord, and sustain us to the end.

Amen.

CONFESSION
OF SIN & PLEA FOR
PARDON
1 Corinthians 1

Silent confession

Children of God, the LORD forgives all your iniquity, heals all your diseases, redeems your life from the pit, and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy in Christ's name.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Psalm 103

So we bless the LORD with all our soul; with all that is within us, we bless His holy name! Hallelujah! Amen.

A reading from the Prophets: The LORD builds His temple by grace alone.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Zechariah 4.1-7

Children, Pre-K and Kinder, are invited to attend Worship Training. All children are retrieved after the sermon for Communion.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

May the peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Please return to your seats and remain standing.

"Jesus Shall Reign"

**DUKE STREET** 

DOXOLOGY

People and realms of every tongue Dwell on His love with sweetest song; And infant voices shall proclaim Their early blessings on His Name.

**SERMON** 

- <sup>1</sup> Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,
- <sup>2</sup> To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:
- <sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- <sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> that in every way you were enriched in Him in all speech and all knowledge— <sup>6</sup> even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— <sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup> who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- <sup>10</sup> I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. <sup>11</sup> For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. <sup>12</sup> What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." <sup>13</sup> Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup> I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup> so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup> (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup> For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

# Grace in the Church 1 Corinthians 1.1-17

Grace gifts the church		

Grace forms the church

Grace humbles the church

# 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 bely catholic church:

the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

# WORDS OF INSTITUTION & INVITATION TO THE TABLE Church of South India. 1950

1 Corinthians 10

When we break the bread, do we not share in the body of Christ?

We seek to share Your life, gracious God.

When we lift the cup, do we not share in the life-blood of Christ?

We seek to share Your life, gracious God.

Together 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

# 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.

<sup>\*</sup>He descended into judgment and continued in the state of the dead until the third day.







- 1. For God a lone I wait in si - lence. My soul is still
- 2. Put not your hope in gain of rich - es; seek not your emp - ty wealth. rest
- 3. Pour out your heart to God our re - fuge and trust in Him hear you cry.







From God a - lone comes my sal - va - tion; I'll wait and trust His stead - fast love.



# **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 Numbers 6

The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

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

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, 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



# ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

#### THIS WEEK

- Youth Next large group is Wednesday, 5/14, at the Oasis, beginning at 6:30 pm.
- **Sunday, May 18** Will be our last day for SOLD classes until September. During the worship service, our latest new members will join NSP. We will also recognize our graduating High School Seniors and our rising Sixth Graders.
- **Women's Leadership Team** Next Sunday, we will open nominations for the WLT, continuing through June 15. Look for further instructions in the Tuesday email and in-service announcements.

#### **UPCOMING**

• VBS Registration - Now open for everyone attending (link is in Tuesday's email).

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