CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP



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MAY 18, 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 Proverbs 1 Psalm 2	Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance, Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.	
	Silence	
LITURGY OF THE WORD Psalm 1 1 Corinthians 2	Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;	
	but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night.	
	He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.	
	No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love Him.	
INVOCATION		

"Psalm 119 (Blessed Are All Only in Jesus)"



"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

Solid Rock text: Edward Mote, 1834



O LORD, Your voice is truth and Your judgments are righteous.	CONFESSION OF SIN & PLEA FOR
Even still, when You have offered us the wisdom of Your Spirit, we trust in the wisdom of this world. You have set Your Son as King over all, yet we have resisted His rule and sought our own way. You call us out in love, offering correction and life, but we have ignored Your voice and despised Your reproof. Forgive us, Lord. Give us the mind of Christ, and lead us to find our refuge in Him alone. Amen.	PARDON Psalm 1 Proverbs 1 1 Corinthians 2
Silent confession	
Hear this good news! Christ has blotted out your transgressions, and remembers not your sin. You stand forgiven in Him.	ASSURANCE OF PARDON Hebrews 8 Psalm 103
The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. Hallelujah! Amen.	
A reading from the Prophets: The wisdom of man comes from a heart that is far from the LORD, but the meek rejoice in the wisdom of God.	OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 29.13-21
Children, Pre-K and Kindergarten, may be dismissed to Worship Training and 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
To Him shall endless prayer be made, And praises throng to crown His head; His Name like sweet perfume shall rise With every morning sacrifice.	

JOINING & RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS	Tamara Datcher, Terri Datcher, Harley Woodford and Hendrix Datcher, Grace Esquivel, Diane Keoun, Abby Sexton, and Katelyn Steffen.
	Along with the new member class Mila Hall and Lucia Clay, who have recently been received to the Communion Table, will answer the membership vows of their own accord.
Hebrews 10.23-25	Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for Jesus our Great High Priest is faithful.
	And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as we see His Day drawing near.
	1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
	2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the gospel?
	3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
	4. Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
	5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to study its purity and peace?
PRONOUNCEMENT OF UNION	We have many friends whom we love and enjoy in the Lord,
	but you to us are more. Today, we have become family. Until providence should separate us, or the Lord returns, we are joined to one another in the covenant of grace, sharing together in the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, that redemption may be seen in us together and glory be given to our God. Welcome, brother. Welcome, sisters. Our lives and names are joined together.

The Baptism of Grace Esquivel

Will you the people of New St. Peter's pray for Grace that this water will be to her 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 her lively Gospel faith and abundant Gospel fruit? Will you?

We will pray these covenant promises for Grace.

And will you pray for all our recently baptized—Samson Hall, Ross Martin, Arthur Goetsch, Sebastian Gile, and Wyatt Clay—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.

"The Church's One Foundation" AURELIA text: Samuel J. Stone. 1866 1. The church - 's one foun - da tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord; -2.Е lect from ev - 'rv tion. vet o'er all the earth. na one tion Word: she is his bv and the new cre а wa - ter char - ter her of sal va tion one Lord, one faith, one birth; heav'n he sought be his ho ly bride; from came and her to one ho - lv name she bless takes one ho - lv food. es. par with his own blood he bought life he died. her, and for her and to one hope she press es, with ev -'rv grace en dued.

SERMON | 1 Corinthians 1.18-2.5

¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶ For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ And because of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ so that, as it is written, "*Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.*"

¹ And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. ³ And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴ and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

"The Gospel of Folly"

1 Corinthians 1.18-2.5

A crucified hero

His insignificant people

His unsophisticated methods

THE APOSTLES' CREED	He descended into hell*, the third	our Lord; Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, e, was crucified, dead and buried; I day He rose again from the dead; teth on the right hand of God the Ige the quick and the dead.	
WORDS OF INSTITUTION & INVITATION TO THE TABLE Church of South India, 1950 I 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 FOR THE TABLE	THE TABLE	PRAYER FOR FAITH	
	 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 	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.	
	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 		

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

Stuart Townend, 1995



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"Jesus Paid It All"

ALL TO CHRIST text: Elvina M. Hall, 1865 alt. Ben Weldy



Clint Wells & Brian T. Murphy, 2004 text: Thomas Kelly, 1769-1855



SCATTERING Kenyan Reformed	Almighty God, eternal Father,
Prayer	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 Corinthians 2	May God give you the mind of Christ, root you in His wisdom, and bless you as you take refuge in His Son. Go in peace.
	Come quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen.
POSTLUDE	Please enjoy the fellowship of believers in the lobby or outside.
PRAYER FOR	Good Father, open my heart and my eyes to see the light of the gospel of the glory of
FAITH	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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STUDENT RECOGNITION

Seniors

Jonathan Franklin Boone Klein Blaire Purnell (in absentia) Clark Ratliff Anna Reese Temple Helen Waterman Joshua Wood

Fifth Graders

Will Luter Logan Martin Kyra Parker Ludwig Pretorius

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

- Youth Next large group is Wednesday, 5/21, at the Oasis, beginning at 6:30 pm.
- **Women's Leadership Team** Beginning today, we are opening nominations for the WLT, continuing through June 15. There are nomination forms on the bulletin table. Instructions and the form are included in the Tuesday email.

UPCOMING

• **VBS** - Please join us for the kick-off party for VBS on Sunday, June 1st from 4-6 pm at Park Cities Presbyterian Church! There will be a VBS preview as well as bounce houses, pizza, and sno-cones. We hope to see you there!

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