

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP



NEW ST PETER'S

MAY 25, 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

"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 135

Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;
sing to His name, for it is pleasant!
For we know that the LORD is great,
and that our LORD is above all gods.

Silence

LITURGY OF THE WORD Psalms 134, 135, 145

Whatever the LORD pleases He does
in heaven and on earth,
in the seas and all deeps.

**Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD!
Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the LORD!**

He it is who makes the clouds rise at the ends of the earth,
who makes lightnings for the rain
and brings forth the wind from His storehouses.

**Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised. We will bless your name
forever and ever.**

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.**

"God the Spirit"

Matt Boswell, 2009
text: Samuel Stone, 1866



1. Ho - ly fount of in - spi - ra - tion, by whose gift the great of__ old,__
2. Au - thor of the new cre - a - tion, Giv - er of the sec - ond birth,
3. When we wan - der, Lord di - rect us, keep us in the Mas - ter's way.



Spoke the word of rev - e - la - tion, mar - vel - ous and
May Thy cease - less ren - o - va - tion cleanse our souls from
Let Thy strong swift sword pro - tect us__ war - ring in the

1.2.
% Refrain



man - i - fold.
stains of__ earth. God the Spir - it, we a - dore Thee, in the Tri - une
e - vil__ day.



God - head One. One in love and pow - er and glo - ry



with the Fath - er__ and the__ Son.____ Shall the



church now faint or fear when the Com - fort - er is near?__

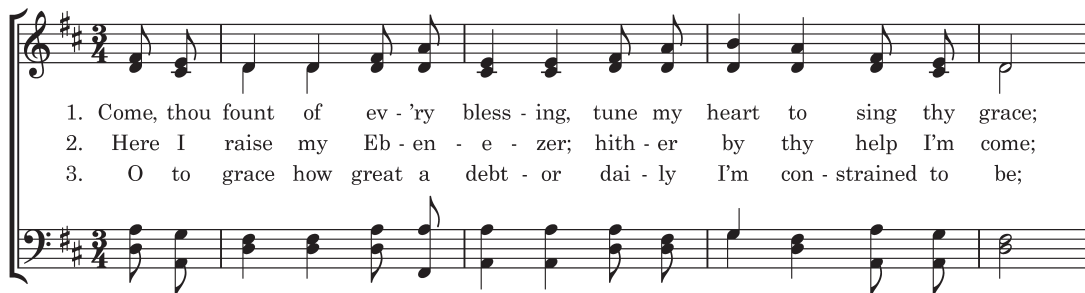
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"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

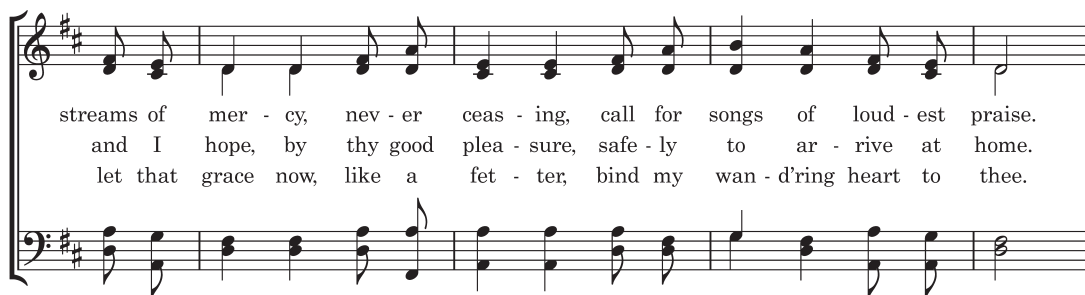
NETTLETON

text: Robert Robinson, 1758

Harmony alt., Ben Weldy



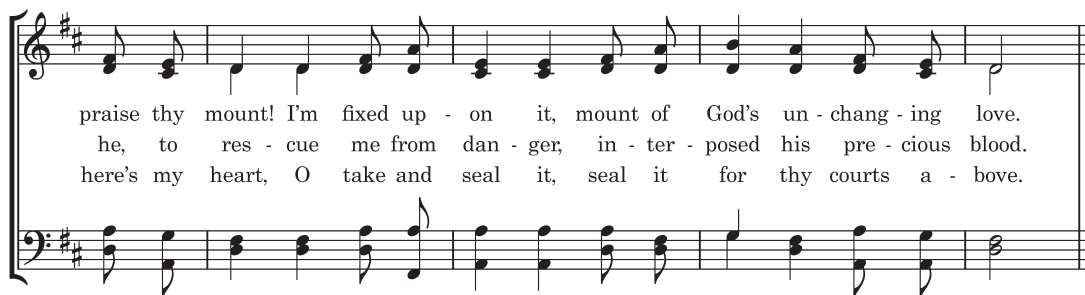
1. Come, thou fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2. Here I raise my Eb-en-e-zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
3. O to grace how great a debt-or dai-ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer-cy, nev-er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar-rive at home.
let that grace now, like a fet-ter, bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



Teach me some me-lo-dious son-net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
Je-sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God:
Prone to wan-der—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:



praise thy mount! I'm fixed up-on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love.
he, to res-cue me from dan-ger, in-ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a-bove.

Heavenly Father, we know You are the source of all wisdom.

**Yet we continually reach for knowledge too lofty for us to attain.
You have searched us and know us,
yet we pretend we can hide our shameful thoughts from You.
Your wisdom is spiritual and perfect,
yet we continually put our faith in worldly wisdom,
crafting together eloquent words to suit our desires.
We are selfish, prideful, and foolish.
Forgive us of these things, O LORD.
Show us our grievous ways
and lead us in the path everlasting.
Amen.**

Silent confession

Children of God, there is a shoot from the stump of Jesse!
Christ is risen, bringing forgiveness, wisdom,
knowledge and righteousness.

**So we praise you LORD,
for we are fearfully and wonderfully made.
All the earth shall sing of the glory of the LORD,
and the wolf shall lie with the lamb.
Hallelujah, Amen.**

A reading from the prophets: The Spirit of the LORD comforts His people
through His unsearchable wisdom.

*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.

"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.**

**CONFESSION
OF SIN & PLEA FOR
PARDON**

1 Corinthians 2
Psalm 139

**ASSURANCE OF
PARDON**

Isaiah 11
Psalms 138, 139

**OLD TESTAMENT
READING**

Isaiah 40:12-31

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

1 Corinthians 2.6-16

Rev. Alex Dean

⁶ Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷ But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written,

*“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the heart of man imagined,
what God has prepared for those who love Him”—*

¹⁰ these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. ¹³ And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

¹⁴ The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵ The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. ¹⁶ “For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct Him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

"The Gospel of Wisdom"
1 Corinthians 2.6-16

From a different age

By a different Spirit

With a different mind

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
*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 & 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*

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.

"God of My Life, To Thee I Call"


*Benj Pocta, Clint Wells,
Brian T. Murphy, 2006
text: William Cowper, 1731-1800*



1. God of my life to Thee I_____ call; Af - flict - ed
2. Friend of the friend - less and the_____ faint, Where should I
3. That were a grief I could not_____ bear, Didst Thou not



at Thy_____ feet I_____ fall; When the great wa - ter
lodge my_____ deep com - - plaint? Where but with Thee whose
hear and_____ an - swer_____ prayer; But a prayer - hear - ing,



floods pre - - vail, Leave not my trem - bling heart to_____ fail.
o - pen_____ door; In - vites the help - less and the_____ poor?
an - swer - ing_____ God, Sup - ports me un - der_____ ev - 'ry_____ load.

Refrain



Poor though I am, de - spised, for - got,_____ Yet God, my



God, for - gets me not;_____ And he is safe, and must suc -



- ceed, For whom, the Lord is sure to_____ plead._____



1. Lis - ten to my prayer, O God, from the ends of earth I call to You
2. Be my ref - uge now, O God, tow - er strong a - gainst the en - e - my
3. Pro - long the king's life, O God, may his years en - dure un - to all time

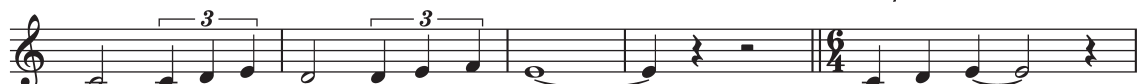


— When my heart is faint, O God, Lead me to the rock high - er than I
 — Keep me in Your tent, O God, Ref - uge un - der shel - ter of your wing
 — May he be en - throned, O God, O - ver him your love and faith - ful - ness



— So will I then ev - er sing praise to Your name. As I per -
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Refrain



- form all of my vows day af - ter day. _____ O _____ God, _



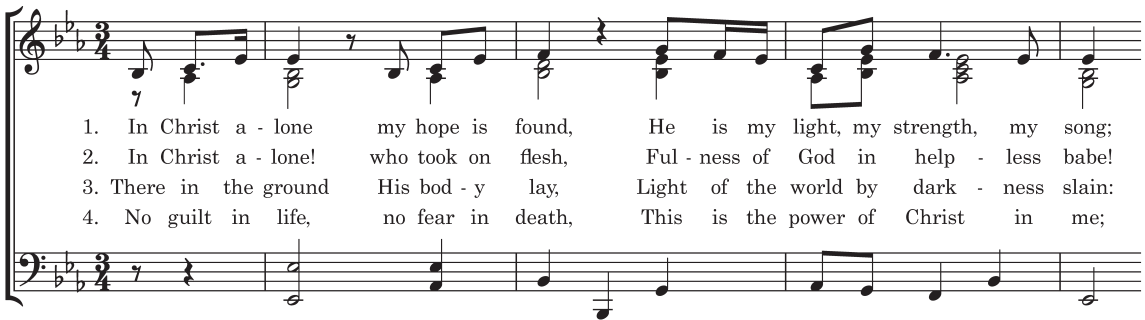
O _____ God, _ Hear my cry, O God. O _____ God, _



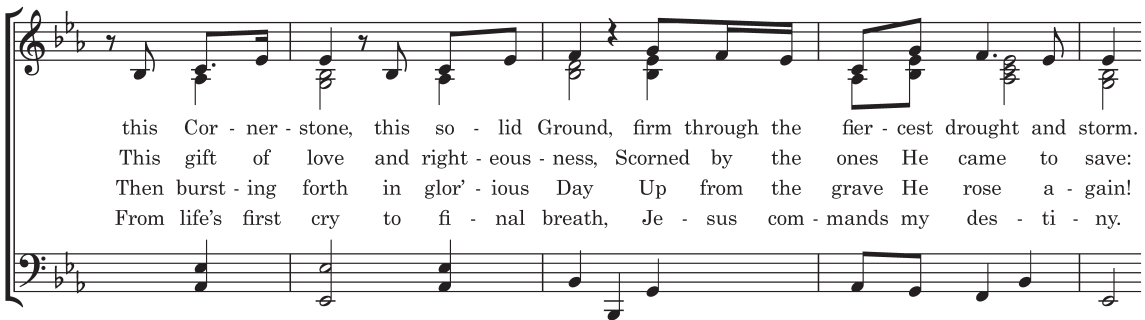
O _____ God, _ Hear my cry, O God.

"In Christ Alone"

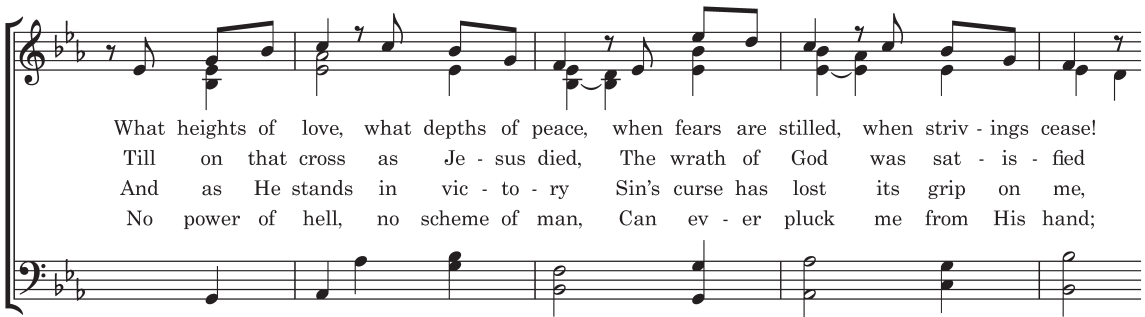
Keith Getty
text: Stuart Townend, 2001



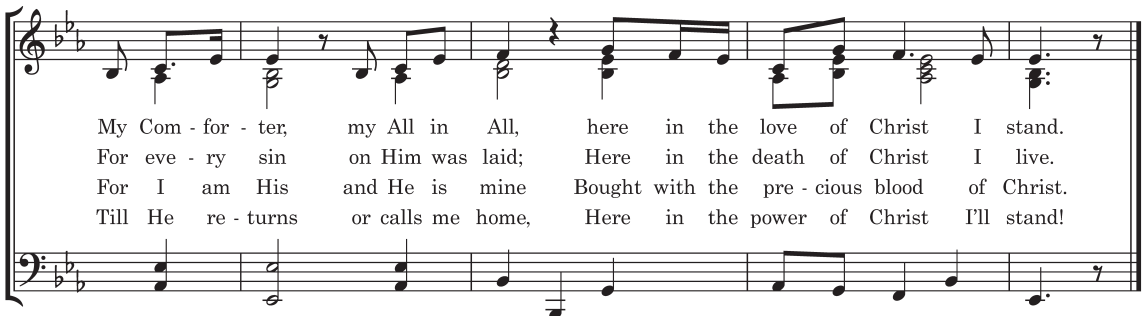
1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
2. In Christ a - lone! who took on flesh, Ful - ness of God in help - less babe!
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the world by dark - ness slain:
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me;



this Cor - ner - stone, this so - lid Ground, firm through the fier - cest drought and storm.
This gift of love and right - eous - ness, Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Then burst - ing forth in glor' - ious Day Up from the grave He rose a - gain!
From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease!
Till on that cross as Je - sus died, The wrath of God was sat - is - fied
And as He stands in vic - to - ry Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ev - er pluck me from His hand;



My Com - for - ter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.
For eve - ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.
For I am His and He is mine Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
Till He re - turns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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 11

May you go therefore into the world
knowing the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God.
For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.
To Him be glory forever!

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

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. We meet here at the Dallas Children's Theater, including classes for kids, youth, and adults. We will resume in September.

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** - Our end of the school year party is this Wednesday, May 28, at the McEwens' apartment, from 6:30 to 8. There will be food and games. All current youth and rising sixth graders are welcome.
- **Women's Leadership Team** - Nominations are open 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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