

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP



## NEW ST PETER'S

JUNE 1, 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

"The Church's One Foundation"

AURELIA

**The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation by water and the Word:  
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.**

### CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 118

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;  
for His steadfast love endures forever!

*Silence*

### LITURGY OF THE WORD Psalm 118

Open to us the gates of righteousness, O LORD,  
that we may enter through them and give thanks to You!

**We thank You that You have answered us  
and have become our salvation.**

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.  
This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**Blessed is He who has come in the name of the LORD—  
Jesus Christ our Savior.**

**We bless You from the house of the LORD,  
for on us You have made Your light to shine.**

### INVOCATION

"Our Great God"

Mac Powell & Fernando Ortega, 2002



1. E - ter - nal God, un - chang - ing, mys - te - rious and un - known;
2. Lord, we are weak and frail, we're help - less in the storm;
3. Let eve - ry crea - ture in the sea, and eve - ry fly - ing bird,



Your bound - less love, un - fail - ing, grace and mer - cy shown.  
sur - round us with Your an - gels, hold us in Your arms.  
let eve - ry moun - tain, eve - ry field, and val - ley of the earth,



Bright ser - aph - im in cease - less flight a - round Your glo - rious throne;  
Our cold and ruth - less en - e - my, his pleas - ure is our harm;  
let all the moons and all the stars in all the u - ni - verse



they raise their voice - s day and night in praise to You a - lone.  
rise up, O Lord, and he will flee be - fore our sov - ereign God.  
sing prais - es to the liv - ing God who rules them by His word.

*Refrain*



Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry be to our great God! Hal - le -



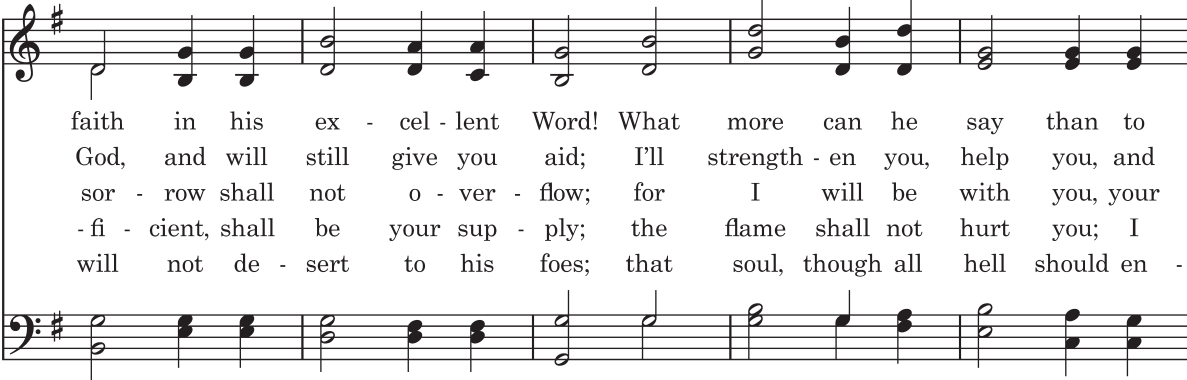
- lu - jah! Glo - ry be to our great God!

# "How Firm a Foundation"

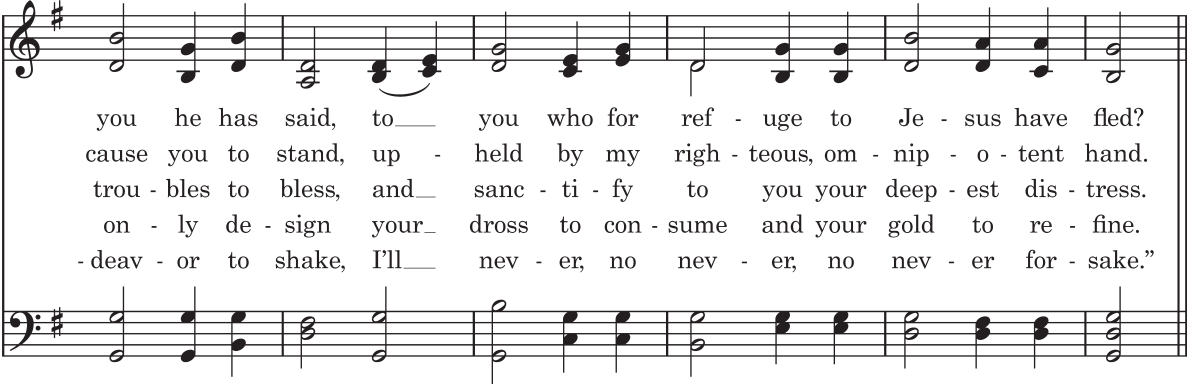
FOUNDATION  
text: Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787



1. How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord, is\_\_\_ laid for your  
 2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis - mayed; for\_\_\_ I am your  
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go, the\_\_\_ riv - ers of  
 4. "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie, my\_\_\_ grace, all - suf -  
 5. "The\_\_\_ soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose, I\_\_\_ will not, I



faith in his ex - cel - lent Word! What more can he say than to  
 God, and will still give you aid; I'll strength - en you, help you, and  
 sor - row shall not o - ver - flow; for I will be with you, your  
 - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply; the flame shall not hurt you; I  
 will not de - sert to his foes; that soul, though all hell should en -



you he has said, to\_\_\_ you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 cause you to stand, up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 trou - bles to bless, and\_\_\_ sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.  
 on - ly de - sign your\_\_\_ dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.  
 - deav - or to shake, I'll\_\_\_ nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake."

O God, sovereign Creator and Lord of everyone and everything.

**You have formed our ears,  
and You hear our every word.  
You have fashioned our eyes,  
and You know our every thought and glance.  
You are the one who teaches us knowledge and gives us wisdom,  
but our thoughts are futile—a mere breath.  
We confess to You our foolish pride,  
our childish jealousy,  
and our sinful strife.  
Forgive us for these sins, dear Lord.  
Hold us up in Your steadfast love,  
give us deep roots in the gospel of grace,  
and build us up in the wisdom and love that is ours in Christ.  
Amen.**

*Silent confession*

Sisters and brothers, by the blood of Jesus Your sins are forgiven.  
For by faith you belong to Christ.  
You are His field, and you are His building.

**And so we walk by the Spirit of God who dwells in us,  
He who makes us a holy temple of the living God.  
Hallelujah, Amen!**

A reading from the Prophets: The King builds His Temple and reigns  
over His people in peace.

*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.*

The Church's One Foundation"

AURELIA

**The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,  
To guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;  
Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,  
Against or foe or traitor she ever shall prevail**

**CONFESSION  
OF SIN & PLEA FOR  
PARDON**  
Psalm 94  
1 Corinthians 3

**ASSURANCE OF  
PARDON &  
INTERCESSORY  
PRAYER**  
1 Corinthians 3

**OLD TESTAMENT  
READING**  
Zechariah 6.9-15

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SHARING THE  
PEACE OF CHRIST**

**DOXOLOGY**

<sup>1</sup> But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup> I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, <sup>3</sup> for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? <sup>4</sup> For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not being merely human?

<sup>5</sup> What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup> I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup> So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup> He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. <sup>9</sup> For we are God’s fellow workers. You are God’s field, God’s building.

<sup>10</sup> According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. <sup>11</sup> For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup> Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—<sup>13</sup> each one’s work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. <sup>14</sup> If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. <sup>15</sup> If anyone’s work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

<sup>16</sup> Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you? <sup>17</sup> If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy him. For God’s temple is holy, and you are that temple.

<sup>18</sup> Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. <sup>19</sup> For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, “*He catches the wise in their craftiness,*” <sup>20</sup> and again, “*The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.*” <sup>21</sup> So let no one boast in men. For all things are yours, <sup>22</sup> whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, <sup>23</sup> and you are Christ’s, and Christ is God’s.

“Normal, Non-Weird, Christ-Centered Churches”

1 Corinthians 3.1-23

**Unity over Factionalism**

**Service over Celebrity**

**Christ over All**

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  
*Kenyan Reformed  
Communion  
Liturgy, 1989*

Heavenly Father, hear us as we celebrate this covenant with joy, and await the coming of our brother, Jesus Christ. He died in our place, making a full atonement for the sins of the whole world, the perfect sacrifice, once and for all.

**You accepted His offering by raising Him from death and granting Him great honor at Your right hand on high.**

This is the feast of victory. The Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. So together we declare the mystery of our faith:

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

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 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.*



# “Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor”

Matt Boswell & Matt Papa, 2014



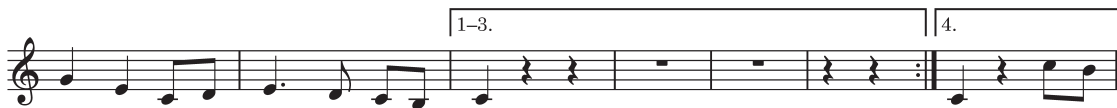
1. Christ the sure and stead - y an - chor, in the fu - ry of the storm; when the  
 2. Christ the sure and stead - y an - chor, while the tem - pest rage - s on; when temp -  
 3. Christ the sure and stead - y an - chor, through the floods of un - be - lief; hope - less  
 4. Christ the sure and stead - y an - chor, as we face the wave of death; when these



winds of doubt blow through me, and my sails have all been torn. In the  
 - ta - tion claims the bat - tle, and it seems the night has won. Deep - er  
 some - how, O my soul now, lift your eyes to Cal - va - ry. This my  
 trials give way to glo - ry, as we draw our fi - nal breath we will



suf - fering, in the sor - row, when my sink - ing hopes are few; I will hold fast to the  
 still then goes the an - chor, though I just - ly stand ac - cused; I will hold fast to the  
 bal - last of as - sur - ance, see His love for - ev - er proved. I will hold fast to the  
 cross that great ho - ri - zon, clouds be - hind and life se - cure; And the calm will be the



an - chor, It shall nev - er be re - moved. dure. Christ the  
 an - chor, It shall nev - er be re - moved.  
 an - chor, It shall nev - er be re - moved.  
 bet - ter for the storms that we en -



sure of our sal - va - tion, ev - er faith - ful, ev - er true. We will



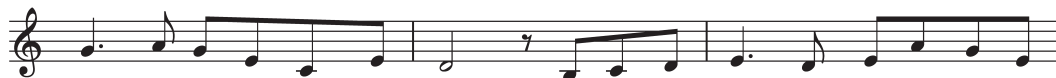
hold fast to the an - chor, It shall nev - er be re - moved.

"Psalm 84 (Within Your House)"

*Londonderry Air*  
text: David Preston, John Bernard, 1982



1. O Lord of hosts, how love - ly is your dwell - ing place! I cry a -
2. How hap - py those who have in you the strength they need, And in whose
3. How bet - ter, far, a sin - gle day with - in your courts, Than thou - sands



- loud, I long for your a - bode; The joys of earth have left my soul un -  
heart are Zi - on's path - ways found! The de - sert sands, they make a place of  
spent in an - y oth - er way; I'd rath - er wait up - on the steps be -



- sat - is - fied: My heart and flesh de - sire the liv - ing God.  
wa - ter - springs, Till au - tumn rains re - fresh the bar - ren ground.  
- side your door, Than pitch my tent where wick - ed - ness holds sway.

*Refrain*



With - in your walls the spar - row finds a nest - ing place, That near your  
From strength to strength they jour - ney on their pil - grim - age, Un - til in  
For like a shield the Lord de - fends and cov - ers us; He gives us



al - tars she may have her young: How hap - py those who dwell with - in your  
God's own pres - ence they ap - pear: O Lord of hosts, do good to your a -  
grace and crowns with glo - ry too, And noth - ing good with - holds from those that



house, O Lord, By whom your ho - ly prais - es are for - ev - er sung!\_\_\_\_  
- noint - ed one; Re - ceive my ear - nest prayer: O God of Ja - cob, hear!\_\_\_\_  
walk a - right: O Lord of hosts, how hap - py all who trust in you!\_\_\_\_

# "Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me"

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson,  
Michael Ferren, 2018



1. What gift of grace is Je - sus my re - deem - er;      There is no more for heav - en now to
2. The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en;      For by my side, the Sav - ior He will
3. No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en;      The fu - ture sure, the price it has been
4. With eve - ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus;      For He has said that He will bring me



give.            He is my joy, my right - eous - ness, and free - dom,      My stead - fast  
stay.            I la - bor on in weak - ness and re - joic - ing;      For in my  
paid;            For Je - sus bled and suf - fered for my par - don,      And He was  
home;            And day by day I know He will re - new me      Un - til I

Repeat last X



love, my deep and bound - less peace.      To this I hold, my hope is on - ly  
need, His pow - er is dis - played.      To this I hold, my Shep - herd will de -  
raised to o - ver - throw the grave.      To this I hold, my sin has been de -  
stand with joy be - fore the throne.      To this I hold, my hope is on - ly



Je - sus; For my life is whol - ly bound to His;      Oh how strange and di - vine, I can  
- fend me; Through the deep - est val - ley He will lead;      Oh the night has been won, and I  
- feat - ed; Je - sus now and ev - er is my plea;      Oh the chains are re - leased, I can  
Je - sus; All the glo - ry ev - er - more to Him;      When the race is com - plete, still my

To Coda ♯



sing: all is mine!  
shall o - ver - come!      Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
sing: I am free!  
lips shall re - peat:

♯ CODA



When the



race is com - plete, still my lips shall re - peat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

**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**  
*Colossians 2*

So now, as you have received Christ Jesus our Lord,  
may you now walk in Him—  
rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith,  
just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

**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)

## 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](http://www.newstpeters.org)



# ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

## THIS WEEK

- **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.
- **VBS** - Please join us for the kick-off party for VBS today 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!
- **Children's Picnic** - Following the close of VBS on June 8th, bring a picnic lunch to Davis Park (4593 Drexel Drive, Dallas, 75205) to celebrate! We will have popsicles for everyone. Even if you did not attend VBS we would love for you to join us!
- **20somethings Summer Bible Study** - Calling all college students and 20somethings! Join us for a Summer Bible Study exploring the Gospel of Mark! We will meet on Tuesdays from 6:30 - 8:30 pm, starting this Tuesday, June 3rd. Location: Daniel and Justin's house. All are welcome to delve into God's Word with us. Contact Nicolas (469.514.5210) or Sarai (512.945.5787) for location and other details.

## UPCOMING

- **Churchwide Prayer** - Plan to come at 9:00 am on Sunday, June 15, to have corporate prayer for our church. We will meet upstairs in the Gables.

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## NEW ST. PETER'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### SUNDAY WORSHIP (Dallas Children's Theater)

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Dallas, Texas 75231  
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Alex McEwen, *Pastoral Intern (Youth)*  
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**WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP TEAM:** Sheryl Brown, Linda Pocta, Arleen Ratliff, Denise Walker

\*on Sabbatical