

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP



## NEW ST PETER'S

JULY 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

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

*Ein' feste Burg*

**A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.**

### CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 123

Lift your eyes to the LORD, who is enthroned in the heavens!

*Silence*

### LITURGY OF THE WORD Psalm 123 2 Corinthians 1

Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master,  
as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress,  
so our eyes look to the LORD our God,  
till he has mercy upon us.

**Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us,  
for we have had more than enough of contempt.**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Father of mercies and God of all comfort.

**For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings,  
so also through Christ we share abundantly in comfort.**

### INVOCATION

“Psalm 124 (Our Help Is in the Name of the Lord)”

*Brian Franklin, 2023*

1. If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, then our  
2. Bless - ed be the Lord who's not giv - en us as prey, to the

en - e - mies would have swal - lowed us up a - live. Then the  
tor - rents 'round us, the wa - ters that o'er us rage. Like a

flood would have swept us a - way.      So now let all of God's peo - ple say!—  
 bird burst - ing forth from its cage,      the snare is bro - ken, we have es - caped!

— Our help is in the name of— the Lord, the name of— the Lord, who made

[illegible]

heav - en\_\_ and earth! Our help is in the name of\_\_ the Lord, the

*name of\_the Lord, who made all of\_the heav - ens and earth! earth!*

Why do you doubt, my soul, you of lit - tle faith?                      “Take heart, it\_ is I,” Je - sus

D.S. al Fine

says to\_\_ my soul,\_\_ “Do not be a - fraid!”\_\_\_\_\_ *Our help is in the*

**D.S. al Fine**

# "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.

Lord of the Sabbath, you offer us rest through Christ our High Priest.

**Yet on this journey of faith,  
We rise early and go late to rest,  
eating the bread of anxious toil,  
by neglecting to trust in Your care and provision.  
We disobey, and we reject Your word in hardness of heart.  
We run and hide from You in our fear.  
In the wilderness of our sin,  
we grumble against You and one another.  
We struggle to believe, and so we put You to the test.  
Forgive us, Lord! Help our unbelief!  
And let us strive to enter the gospel rest You freely give. Amen.**

*Silent confession*

Church, you have a great High Priest  
who has passed from death to life,  
and now sits at the right hand of the Father.  
Your sins are forgiven in Him.

**Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace,  
that we may receive mercy  
and find grace to help in time of need. Amen!**

A reading from the Gospels: Jesus foretells the suffering and  
persecution of His followers, while assuring them of the Father's  
preserving care.

*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.*

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

*Ein' feste Burg*

**And though this world, with devils filled,  
should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear,  
for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.  
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure;  
One little word shall fell him.**

**CONFESSION  
OF SIN & PLEA FOR  
PARDON**

Hebrews 3-4  
Psalm 127

**ASSURANCE OF  
PARDON &  
INTERCESSORY  
PRAYER**

Hebrews 4

**NEW TESTAMENT  
READING**

Luke 21:5-19

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SHARING THE  
PEACE OF CHRIST**

**DOXOLOGY**

## A Song of Ascents.

- <sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills.  
From where does my help come?
- <sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.
- <sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved;  
He who keeps you will not slumber.
- <sup>4</sup> Behold, He who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.
- <sup>5</sup> The LORD is your keeper;  
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.
- <sup>6</sup> The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.
- <sup>7</sup> The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
He will keep your life.
- <sup>8</sup> The LORD will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time forth and forevermore

“Keeper”

Psalm 121.1-8

**The Trials We Will Face**

**The Totality of Our Keeping**

**The Triumph of Our Keeper**

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  
*Portuguese Communion Liturgy, 1965*

O merciful Father: we are not even worthy to be called Your children and to come into Your presence, but we presume to approach Your Table, trusting in Your mercy—

**sick, unto the doctor of life;  
blind, unto the everlasting light;  
poor, unto the Lord of heaven and earth;  
sheep, unto the Shepherd;  
forsaken, unto the loving Comforter—**

so feed us here O Lord, as we proclaim the mystery of 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.*



“He Will Hold Me Fast”

Matt Merker  
text: v. 1-2 Ada Habershon, 1906  
vs. 3 Matt Merker, 2013



1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
2. Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast;
3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;



When the tempt - er would pre -vail, He will hold me fast.  
Pre - cious in His ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.  
Just - ice has been sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast.



I could nev - er keep my hold Through life's fear - ful path;  
He'll not let my soul be lost; His prom - is - es shall last;  
Raised with Him to end - less life, He will hold me fast.



For my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me fast.  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.  
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

*Refrain*



*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast; For my Sav - ior loves me*



*so, He will hold me fast.*

# "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! \_\_\_\_\_

# "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"

Darwin Jordan  
text: Charles Wesley, Martin, Madan,  
John Cennick, vs. 4



1. Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing, Once for our sal - va - tion,
2. Eve - ry eye shall now be - hold Him, Robed in dread - ful ma - jes -
3. Now re - demp - tion, long ex - pect - ed, See in sol - emn pomp ap -
4. Yea, a - men! Let all a - dore Thee, High on Thine e - ter - nal



slain; Thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing, Swell the tri - umph  
- ty; Those who set at naught and sold Him, Pierced and nailed Him  
- pear; All His saints, by man re - ject - ed, Now shall meet Him  
throne; Sav - ior, take the pow - er and glo - ry, Claim the king - dom



of His train: Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!  
to the tree, Deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,  
in the air: Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!  
for Thine own; O come quick - ly! O come quick - ly!



God ap - pears on earth to reign.  
Shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
See the day of God, ap - pear!  
Hal - le - lu - jah! Come, Lord, come!

**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)*

## 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. SOLD resumes the Sunday after Labor Day.

### **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

- **Youth** - Summer Bible study continues this Wednesday, July 9, at the McEwens' (6235 Oram, Apt 104, Dallas, 75214) from 6:30-8:00 pm. Please bring your Bibles.
- **20somethings Summer Bible Study** - Summer Bible Study continues in the Gospel of Mark, Tuesdays from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at Daniel and Justin's house. If any questions, please contact Nicolas (469.514.5210) or Sarai (512.945.5787).

## UPCOMING

- **Women's Summer Social** - Cocktails & Pool Party on Thursday, July 10 from 7-9 pm.
- **Park Meetup** - Join us Thursday, July 17, from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at Lake Highlands North Sprayground for some fun at the splash pad. Details are in the weekly email.
- **Ministry Opportunity** - Come learn about **Dwelt**, a program of Life on Belay that supports single moms with stable housing, help getting into a career-track job, and connection to a healthy church community. Moms will live in North Lake Highlands.

**Info Session 1: Sunday, July 13 at 9:15am** (before worship)

**Info Session 2: Sunday, July 20 at 11:45am** (after worship)

More details and signup are in the Tuesday email.

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