

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP



NEW ST PETER'S

SEPTEMBER 21, 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

"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 73

Come and worship in the sanctuary of the LORD our God,
for truly He is good to Israel, to the pure in heart.

Silence

LITURGY OF THE WORD Psalm 73

When my soul was embittered,
when I was pricked in heart,
I was brutish and ignorant;
I was like a beast toward You.

**Nevertheless, we are continually with You;
You hold our right hand.
You guide us with Your counsel,
and afterward You will receive us to glory.**


Whom have I in heaven but You?
And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides You.
My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

**For us it is good to be near God;
we have made the Lord GOD our refuge,
that we may tell of all Your works.**

INVOCATION

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

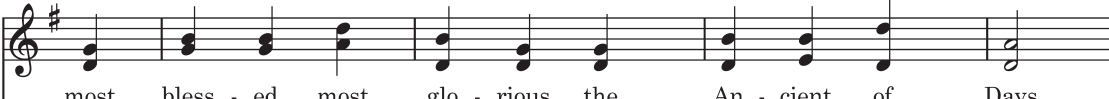
St. Denio
text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867




1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light,
3. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

"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!____

Almighty God, You have made known to us Your acts and Your ways.

**But in our arrogance,
we do not resist the temptations of the evil one.
Rather than walking with You in joyful contentment,
we are prone to stumble.
We are envious of the prosperous and the unfaithful.
We prefer the comfort and ease on offer in this world
to the cross we are called to take up daily in obedience to Jesus.
We need You to cleanse our hands,
purify our hearts,
and heal us of our double-mindedness.
Show us Your favor, dear Lord.
Show us the grace and mercy of Your presence
that is ours by Your Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Silent confession

Children of God, the LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward you.

**As far as the east is from the west,
so far does He remove our transgressions from us.
Surely the LORD shows us His fatherly compassion in Christ.
Hallelujah! Amen.**

A reading from Hebrews: God's people find rest in the promised land through union with Jesus by faith.

*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

**'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forever more;
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.**

**CONFESSION
OF SIN & PLEA FOR
PARDON**
Exodus 33
Psalm 73
James 4

**ASSURANCE OF
PARDON &
INTERCESSORY
PRAYER**
Psalm 103

**NEW TESTAMENT
READING**
Hebrews 4.1-13

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SHARING THE
PEACE OF CHRIST**

DOXOLOGY

¹² Moses said to the LORD, “See, You say to me, ‘Bring up this people,’ but You have not let me know whom You will send with me. Yet You have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in My sight.’” ¹³ Now therefore, if I have found favor in Your sight, please show me now Your ways, that I may know You in order to find favor in Your sight. Consider too that this nation is Your people.” ¹⁴ And He said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” ¹⁵ And he said to Him, “If Your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. ¹⁶ For how shall it be known that I have found favor in Your sight, I and Your people? Is it not in Your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and Your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?”

¹⁷ And the LORD said to Moses, “This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in My sight, and I know you by name.”

¹⁸ Moses said, “Please show me Your glory.” ¹⁹ And He said, “I will make all My goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you My name ‘The LORD.’ And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. ²⁰ But,” He said, “you cannot see My face, for man shall not see Me and live.” ²¹ And the LORD said, “Behold, there is a place by Me where you shall stand on the rock, ²² and while My glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with My hand until I have passed by. ²³ Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back, but My face shall not be seen.”

““Even if Life Does Work”

Exodus 33.12-23

Idols are Tricky

God Isn't Messing Around

Jesus Is Our Rest

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
Adapted from "The Didache" (c. 1st-2nd Century AD)

You, almighty Master, created all things for Your name's sake,
and gave food and drink for people to enjoy.

**But to us You have graciously given spiritual food and drink,
and eternal life through Your Servant.**

So in His name we give You thanks, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Come to the Table...

DIRECTIONS

<p>THE TABLE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Ushers will release you by rows after the music team has partaken</i>• <i>Grape juice is in the outer ring of the tray and wine in the center</i>• <i>Gluten-free bread is available at each table</i> <p>OFFERINGS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Tithes and gifts can be brought to the box in the center of the room.</i>• <i>Online Giving - newstpeters.org/give</i>	<p>PRAYER FOR FAITH</p> <p><i>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.</i></p>
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"Psalm 23 (The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want)"

CRIMOND
text: Scottish Psalter, 1650
alt. Ben Weldy

1. The Lord's my Shep - herd; I'll not want. He makes me
2. My soul He doth re - store a - gain; And me to
3. Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, Yet will I
4. My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence
5. Good - ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly

down to lie In pas - tures green; He
walk doth make With - in the paths of
fear no ill; For Thou art with me,
of my foes; My head Thou dost with
fol - low me; And in God's house for -

lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.
right - eous - ness, E'en for His own name's sake.
and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.
oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.
- ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be.

"Before the Throne of God Above"

Vikki Cook, 1997
text: Charitie Lees Bancroft, 1841-1923



1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong a per - fect
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, and tells me of the guilt with -
3. Be - hold Him there! the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect, spot - less Right - eous -



plea, A great High Priest whose name is "Love," Who ev - er
- in, up - ward I look and see Him there Who made an
- ness, the great un - change - a - ble I AM, the King of



lives and pleads for me. My name is grave - n on His hands, My name is
end to all my sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died, My sin - ful
glo - ry and of grace! One with Him - self I can - not die, My soul is



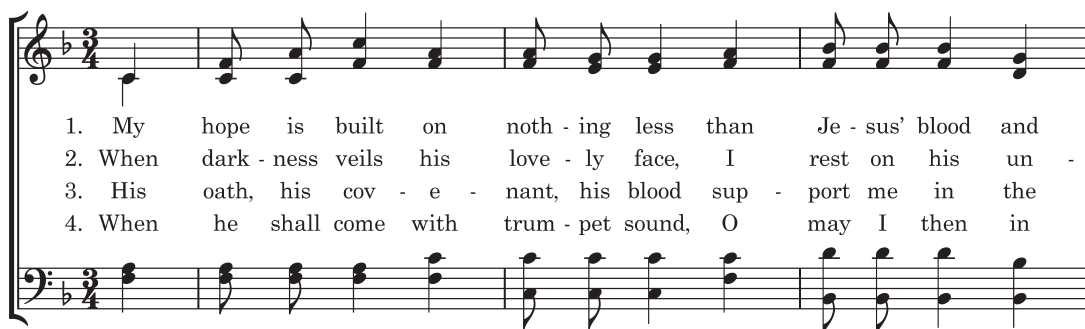
writ - ten on His heart; I know that while in heav'n He stands no tongue can
soul is count - ed free; For God, the Just, is sa - tis - fied to look on
pur - chased by His blood; My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my



bid me thence de - part, No tongue can bid me thence de - part.
Him and par - don me, to look on Him and par - don me.
Sav - ior and my God, with Christ my Sav - ior and my God.

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

Solid Rock
text: Edward Mote, 1834

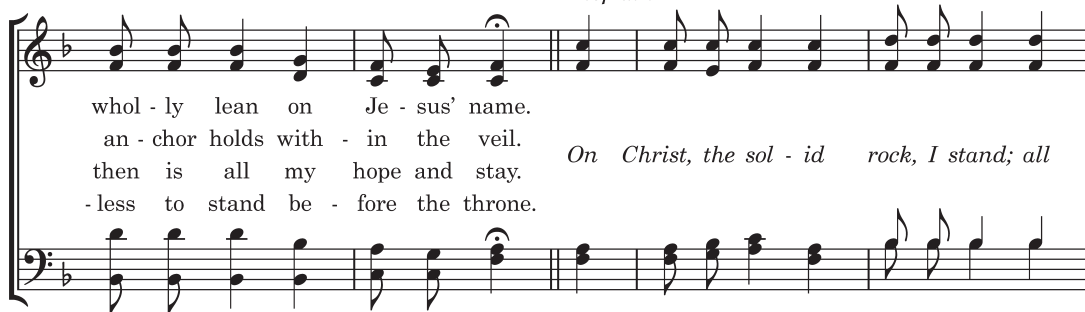


1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and
2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un -
3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in



right - eous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but
- chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
him be found; dressed in his right - eous - ness a - lone, fault -

Refrain



whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
an - chor holds with - in the veil. *On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all*
then is all my hope and stay.
- less to stand be - fore the throne.



oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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

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.

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

- **Congregational Meeting** - This morning after worship, we will have a congregational meeting for two purposes: 1) to vote to close on the property, and 2) to vote on the Session's recommendation of Stephen Buerger as associate pastor.
- **New Member Class** - began this morning. It's not too late to attend. We invite all to come and learn more about life here at NSP. Sign up at newstpeters.org/im-new.
- **Fall Men's and Women's Ministries** - Bible studies, prayer groups, mentorship, and more have begun, but it's not too late to join in. Information is on our website and in the Tuesday emails. Please reach out to Stephen or the WLT for more info,

UPCOMING

- **Youth - Roctober X - Sign up** - It's Roctober time! Join us for the 10th annual presbytery-wide fall retreat. Registration is now open. The deadline to register is September 30. We will be back at Camp Copass overnight, and our very own Justin Smith will be this year's speaker! You can see a rough schedule of the retreat via a link in Tuesday's email. **Please note, you must register your student(s) both with NSP specifically (where we will collect payment) and generally for the retreat.** The links are included in Tuesday's email.

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