

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP



## NEW ST PETER'S

SEPTEMBER 28, 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

"Rejoice, the Lord is King"

*Darwell*

**Rejoice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

### CALL TO WORSHIP Revelation 7

Come, O people of God, from every tribe, tongue, and nation. Fall down in worship before the throne of our God, and cry out to Him with voices lifted up in praise.

*Silence*

### LITURGY OF THE WORD 1 Peter 1 Revelation 4

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,  
who was and is and is to come!

**Worthy are You, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honor and power,  
for You created all things,  
and by Your will they existed and were created.**

We have been foreknown by God the Father  
and sanctified by the Spirit for obedience to Jesus Christ.  
And we shall be holy, for You—O God—are holy.

**For we, Your people, have been born again by Your great mercy,  
not of perishable seed but of imperishable,  
through Your living and abiding word—  
the gospel of Jesus Christ, our prophet, priest, and king.**

### INVOCATION

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

# "O Worship the King"

Lyons  
text: Robert Grant, 1833  
based on Psalm 104



1. O wor - ship the King all - glo - rious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly
2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the
3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told, Al - might - y, your
4. Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the
5. Frail chil - ren of dust, and fee - ble as frail, in you do we



sing his pow'r and his love; our shield and De - fend - er, the  
light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep  
pow'r has found - ed of old; has 'stab - lished it fast by a  
air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills; it de -  
trust, nor find you to fail; your mer - cies how ten - der, how



An - cient of Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.  
thun - der - clouds form, and dark is this path on the wings of the storm.  
change - less de - cree, and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
- scends to the plain; and sweet - ly dis - tils in the dew and the rain.  
firm to the end, our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

# "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

*Ebenezer*

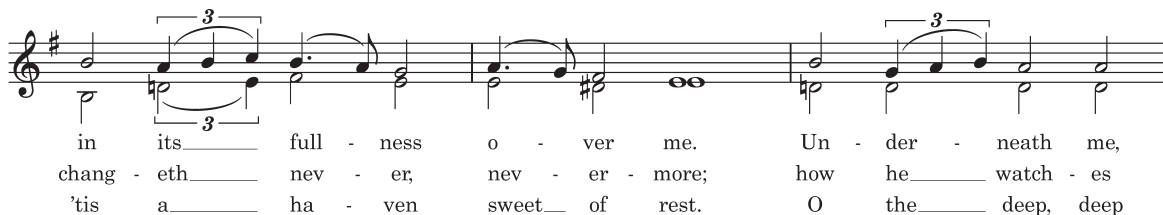
*text: Samuel Trevor Francis, 1834-1925*



1. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Vast, un - mea - sured,  
 2. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Spread his praise from  
 3. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Love of ev - 'ry



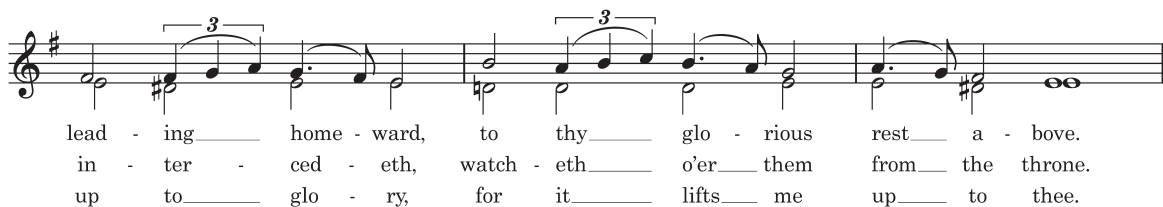
bound - less, free; roll - ing as a might - y o - cean  
 shore to shore; how he lov - eth, ev - er lov - eth,  
 love the best: 'tis an o - cean vast of bless - ing,



in its full - ness o - ver me. Un - der - neath me,  
 chang - eth nev - er, nev - er - more; how he watch - es  
 'tis a ha - ven sweet of rest. O the deep, deep



all a - round me, is the cur - rent of thy love; lead - ing on - ward,  
 o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own; how for them he  
 love of Je - sus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me; and it lifts me



lead - ing home - ward, to thy glo - rious rest a - bove.  
 in - ter - ced - eth, watch - eth o'er them from the throne.  
 up to glo - ry, for it lifts me up to thee.

Father, You have called us Your children, so give us grace to walk in obedience to You.

**We confess that we easily conform to the passions of our former life.  
Rather than the pure obedience of brotherly love,  
we walk in our old, lifeless ways.  
We rejoice in the gifts You have given us and grow proud.  
We are impatient and unkind,  
full of a grumbling and critical spirit towards each other.  
We insist on our own ways and are quick to be irritable and resentful.  
We rejoice in the downfall of our enemies rather than the truth.  
In these and in other ways, we cling to childish behaviors.  
Peel our fingers from our idols, dear Lord,  
and grow us up in the love that is ours in Christ.  
In His name we confess and pray, amen.**

*Silent confession*

Children of God, you have been sprinkled clean by the blood of Jesus Christ and have been made alive to an everlasting hope through the resurrection of our Lord from the dead.

**By God's power, we are being guarded through faith  
for a salvation ready to be revealed when Christ returns.  
For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face.  
Hallelujah! Amen!**

A reading from Solomon's Song: Love is given over to disappointment when the bridegroom withdraws from the bride.

*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.*

"Rejoice, the Lord is King"

*Darwell*

**Jesus, the Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love;  
When He had purged our stains He took His seat above;  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**CONFESSION  
OF SIN & PLEA FOR  
PARDON**

1 Peter 1  
1 Corinthians 13

**ASSURANCE OF  
PARDON**

1 Corinthians 13  
1 Peter 1

**OLD TESTAMENT  
READING**

Song of  
Solomon 3.1-5

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SHARING THE  
PEACE OF CHRIST**

**DOXOLOGY**

OFFERINGS  
& ALMS  
Micah 6  
2 Corinthians 8

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 13.1-13

Rev. Alex Dean

<sup>1</sup> If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup> Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup> but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. <sup>12</sup> For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

<sup>13</sup> So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

“All You Need is Love?”

1 Corinthians 13.1-13

**Love's Necessity**

**Love's Character**

**Love's Endurance**

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><b>THE TABLE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Ushers will release you by rows after the music team has partaken</i></li><li>• <i>Grape juice is in the outer ring of the tray and wine in the center</i></li><li>• <i>Gluten-free bread is available at each table</i></li></ul> <p><b>OFFERINGS &amp; ALMS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>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.</i></li><li>• <i>Online Giving - <a href="http://newstpeters.org/give">newstpeters.org/give</a></i></li></ul>	<p><b>INTERCESSORY PRAYER</b></p> <p><i>Elders, Deacons, and members of our Women's Leadership Team will be on stage near the musicians to pray with and for you.</i></p> <p><b>PRAYER FOR FAITH</b></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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# "Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed"

*Irish Traditional*  
text: Isaac Watts, 1707



1. A - las! and did my\_ Sav - ior bleed, and did\_ my\_ Sov - ereign die! Would  
2. Well might the\_ sun in\_ dark - ness hide, and shut his\_ glo - ries in, when  
3. A - las! and did my\_ Sav - ior bleed, and did\_ my\_ Sov - ereign die! Would



he de - vote that sa - cred head for\_ trai - tor\_ such as\_ I? Was  
Christ, the\_ might - y\_ Mak - er, died for\_ man the\_ crea - ture's sin. Thus  
he de - vote that sa - cred head for\_ trai - tor\_ such as\_ I? But



it for crimes that I had done he\_ groaned up - on\_ the\_ tree!\_ A -  
might I hide my\_ blush - ing face while his dear cross ap - pears;\_ dis -  
drops of grief can\_ ne'er re - pay the\_ debt of\_ love I\_ owe;\_ here,



- maz - ing\_ pit - y!\_ Grace un - known! And\_ love\_ be - yond de - gree!  
- solve my\_ heart in\_ thank - ful - ness, and\_ melt mine eyes in\_ tears.  
Lord, I\_ give my - self a - way, 'tis\_ all\_ that\_ I can\_ do.

# "The Love of Christ Is Rich and Free"

Sandra McCracken, 2001  
text: William Gadsby, 1814



1. The love of Christ is rich and free; Fixed on His own e - ter - nal -  
3. Love has re - deemed His sheep with blood; And love will bring them safe to  
5. At death, be - yond the grave, He'll love; In end - less bliss, His own shall

Sing 2x final verse

Fine



-ly; Nor earth, nor hell, can it re - move; Long as He lives, His own He'll love.  
God; Love calls them all from death to life; And love will fin - ish all their strife.  
prove The blaz - ing glo - ry of that love Which nev - er - could from them re - move.



2. His lov - ing heart en - gaged to be Their ev - er - last - ing Sur - e -  
4. He loves through eve - ry chang - ing scene, Nor aught from Him can Zi - on



-ty; 'Twas love that took their cause in hand, And love main - tains it to the end.  
wean; Not all the wan - derings of her heart Can make His love for her de - part.

Refrain



Love can - not from its post with - draw; Nor death, nor hell, nor sin, nor law. Can



turn the Sur - ety's heart a - way; He'll love His own to end - less day.

# "O Love Incomprehensible"

Kevin Twit, 2001  
Augustus M. Toplady, 1740-1778 (chorus v. 3)  
Anne Steele, 1760 (other verses)

## Refrain



O Love in - com - pre - hen - si - ble, That made Thee bleed for \_\_\_\_\_ me



The Judge of all has suf - fered death, To set His pris - oner \_\_\_\_\_ free



1. What pain what soul - op - press - ing pain,
2. Ar - rained at Pi - late's shame - ful bar,
3. The spot - less Sav - ior lived for me,
4. "Tis fin - ished!" now a - loud He cries,
5. On Thee a - lone my hope re - lies,



The Great Re - deem - er _____ bore	While blood - y sweat like
Un - par - al - leled dis - grace!	See spot - less in - no -
And died up - on the _____ mount	The o - be - dience of His
No more the Law re - quires	And now, a - maz - ing
Be - neath Thy cross I _____ fall	My Lord, my Life, my



drops of rain,	Dis - tilled from eve - ry pore! _____
- cence ap - pear,	In guilt's de - test - ed place! _____
life and death,	Is placed to my ac - count! _____
sac - ri - fice,	The Lord of Life ex - pires! _____
Sac - ri - fice,	My Sav - ior and my All! _____

**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 1

May your faith in Christ Jesus deepen as you grow in your love for all the saints, fixing your eyes on the hope laid up for you in heaven as we give thanks to God our Father.

**POSTLUDE**

**Come quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen.**

*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](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.

### **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

- **Fall Men's and Women's Ministries** - Look at your emails and our website for information about men's and women's ministries coming up this fall—including Bible studies, prayer groups, mentorship, and more! Reach out to Stephen or the WLT for more info.

### UPCOMING

- **Youth - Roctoher X - Sign up** - It's Roctoher time! Join us for the 10th annual presbytery-wide fall retreat October 17-18. 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.
- **Save the date, October 26** - Corporate Prayer at 9am, Sunday morning, and Harvest Picnic beginning at 3pm.
- **Evangelism Training** - Save the date: November 8. More details to come.

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