

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP



NEW ST PETER'S

OCTOBER 5, 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

"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 Zechariah 8

Let us go at once to entreat the favor of the LORD
and to seek the LORD of hosts.

Silence

LITURGY OF THE WORD Zechariah 8 Acts 10

Thus says the LORD of hosts:
"Behold, I will save My people
from the east country and from the west country."

**Truly we understand that God shows no partiality,
but in every nation anyone who fears Him and does what is right
is acceptable to Him.**

"And I will bring them to dwell in the midst of Jerusalem.
And they shall be My people, and I will be their God,
in faithfulness and in righteousness."

**And we are witnesses of Jesus Christ,
who was put to death on a tree
and raised to life on the third day!
To Him all the prophets bear witness
that everyone who believes in Him
receives forgiveness of sins through His name.**

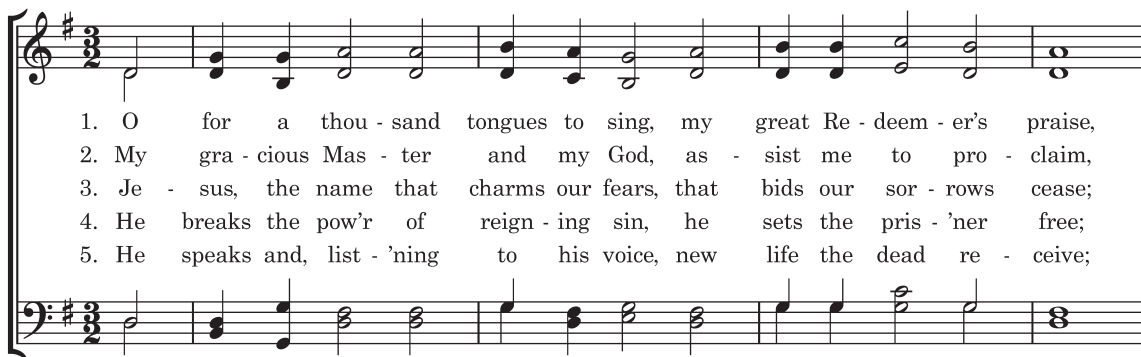
INVOCATION

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

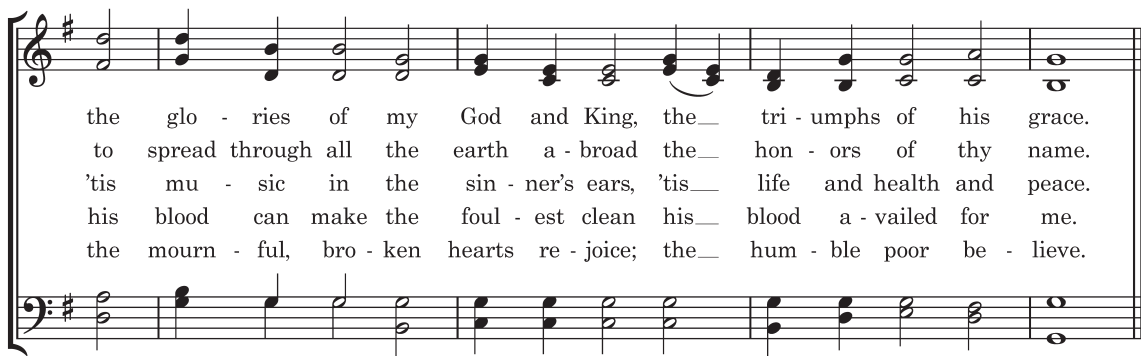
Azmon

text: Charles Wesley, 1739

alt. Ben Weldy



1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing, my great Re - deem - er's praise,
2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
3. Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease;
4. He breaks the pow'r of reign - ing sin, he sets the pris - 'ner free;
5. He speaks and, list - 'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;



the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace.
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
his blood can make the foul - est clean his blood a - vailed for me.
the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice; the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

"Psalm 119 (Blessed Are All Only in Jesus)"

Zac Hicks, 2019



1. Bless - ed are all whose path is blame - less, all those who walk in the
2. Bless - ed are all who do no e - vil, all those who walk in the
3. Make all my ways be ev - er faith - ful, stead - fast to keep eve - ry
4. Prais - ing in him, with heart made right - eous, learn - ing to step in your



law of God. Bless - ed are all who heed his stat - utes,
 way of peace. Your Word has thun - dered forth your pre - cepts
 word de - clared; Nev - er a - shamed, and ev - er grate - ful,
 per - fect paths. Spir - it, now keep me in your stat - utes,



all who pur - sue with a heart un - bound.
 that we might keep them in
 fix all my sight on your
 nev - er for - sak - ing,—

2. word and deed;
 3. work pre - pared;
 4. hold me fast;



Refrain

That we might keep them in word and deed.
 Fix all my sight on your work pre - pared.
 Nev - er for - sak - ing,— hold me fast.

On - ly in Je - sus,



way, truth, and life; On - ly in Je - sus: All of the law he has sat - is - fied.

[Sing 3 times final refrain]

Good Father, You have gifted us with faith and every spiritual gift!

**Holy Spirit, You equip Your church for the work of ministry,
yet we fail to pursue our gifts in love
and for the building up of the family of God.**

**Instead, we use our words to puff ourselves up,
and we speak falsely to our neighbors.**

**These things and more come out of our hearts and mouths—
bitterness, anger, wrath, malice, clamour, and slander.**

**Forgive us, Father,
and as Christ has forgiven us, let us forgive others—
speaking graciously and walking in love
as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us,
a fragrant offering and sacrifice to You.
Amen.**

Silent confession

Church, at one time you were darkness,
but now you are light in the Lord.
Walk as children of the light, for you are forgiven in Christ.

**May we be filled with the Spirit,
addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
Giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ. Amen!**

A reading from the prophets: The LORD will bring the nations to Himself
through the testimony of His people.

*Children, Pre-K and Kinder, are invited to attend Worship Training.
All children are retrieved after the sermon for Communion.*

**CONFESSION
OF SIN & PLEA FOR
PARDON**

Ephesians 4
1 Corinthians 14

**ASSURANCE OF
PARDON &
INTERCESSORY
PRAYER**

Ephesians 5

**OLD TESTAMENT
READING**

Zechariah 8:14-23

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITANY OF
THANKSGIVING

Let us thank God whom we worship here in the beauty of holiness.

For the assurance of pardon from our sins through faith in Christ,
We thank You, Lord.

For the confidence to draw near to Your throne of grace
as daughters and sons,
We thank You, Lord.

For the beauty of the earth and the glories of the skies,
and for Your abundant provision in all things,
We thank You, Lord.

For answering our prayers for a building, for those who are sick, and for
job opportunities for the unemployed!
We thank You, Lord.

For the peace we have in Christ, peace with God and with one another,
We thank You, Lord!

SHARING OF THE
PEACE OF CHRIST

So, Church, may the peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

TITHES &
OFFERINGS

*The musicians will play for a moment before singing
so that you can bring your tithes and offerings
and share the peace of Christ with those around you.*

DOXOLOGY

"Rejoice, the Lord is King"

Darwell

**Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
And take His servants up to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

¹ Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy. ² For one who speaks in a tongue speaks not to men but to God; for no one understands him, but he utters mysteries in the Spirit. ³ On the other hand, the one who prophesies speaks to people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation. ⁴ The one who speaks in a tongue builds up himself, but the one who prophesies builds up the church. ⁵ Now I want you all to speak in tongues, but even more to prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be built up.

⁶ Now, brothers, if I come to you speaking in tongues, how will I benefit you unless I bring you some revelation or knowledge or prophecy or teaching? ⁷ If even lifeless instruments, such as the flute or the harp, do not give distinct notes, how will anyone know what is played? ⁸ And if the bugle gives an indistinct sound, who will get ready for battle? ⁹ So with yourselves, if with your tongue you utter speech that is not intelligible, how will anyone know what is said? For you will be speaking into the air. ¹⁰ There are doubtless many different languages in the world, and none is without meaning, ¹¹ but if I do not know the meaning of the language, I will be a foreigner to the speaker and the speaker a foreigner to me. ¹² So with yourselves, since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church.

¹³ Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray that he may interpret. ¹⁴ For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful. ¹⁵ What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also. ¹⁶ Otherwise, if you give thanks with your spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say “Amen” to your thanksgiving when he does not know what you are saying? ¹⁷ For you may be giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not being built up. ¹⁸ I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. ¹⁹ Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

²⁰ Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature. ²¹ In the Law it is written, “*By people of strange tongues and by the lips of foreigners will I speak to this people, and even then they will not listen to me, says the Lord.*” ²² Thus tongues are a sign not for believers but for unbelievers, while prophecy is a sign not for

unbelievers but for believers. ²³ If, therefore, the whole church comes together and all speak in tongues, and outsiders or unbelievers enter, will they not say that you are out of your minds? ²⁴ But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or outsider enters, he is convicted by all, he is called to account by all, ²⁵ the secrets of his heart are disclosed, and so, falling on his face, he will worship God and declare that God is really among you.

“The Gifts of Emmanuel”
1 Corinthians 14.1-25

Gifts in general

These gifts in particular

The goal they share

**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.*

The Bread of Life for all is broken! Christ drank the cup on Golgotha!

God’s grace we trust, and spread with reverence this holy feast.

With godly fear, we remember and proclaim:

Christ has died!

Christ is risen!

Christ will come again!

Come to the Table...

**THE APOSTLES’
CREED**

**WORDS OF
INSTITUTION &
INVITATION TO
THE TABLE**

*Adapted from
Indigenous Chinese
Communion Hymn,
1934*

First Communion
(Eliza Ligon)

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*

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.

DIRECTIONS

"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.

"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.

"Heal Us, Emmanuel"

Kevin Twit, Lucas Morton, 2015
text: William Cowper, 1779



2. Re - mem - ber him who once ap - plied, With
3. She, too, who touched you in the press, And
4. Like her, with hopes and fears we come to



trem - bling for re - lief; "Lord, I be - lieve," with
heal - ing vir - tue stole, Was an - swered, "Daugh - ter,
touch you if we may; O send us not des -



tears he cried; "O help my un - be - lief!"
go in peace; thy faith has made thee whole!"
- pair - ing home; Send none un - healed a way.

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.**

Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.

Come quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen.

Please enjoy the fellowship of believers in the lobby or outside.

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)

SCATTERING
*Kenyan Reformed
Prayer*

BENEDICTION
Ephesians 6

POSTLUDE

**PRAYER FOR
FAITH**

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

UPCOMING

- **Youth - Roctober X** - The 10th annual presbytery-wide fall retreat is October 17-18. Please contact Alex McEwen with any questions.
- **College Care Packages** - It's that time of year again! Our college students look forward to receiving care packages from their church family! They will be mailed on November 3, so we have several weeks to bake cookies and write notes. Look for details on how to help in Tuesday's email. Notecards and a collection box will be provided in the lobby of DCT starting next Sunday through November 2.
- **Women's Fall Social Event** - It's Bunco night on October 16! Come for a fun night of fellowship and all things FALL! No experience with the game is required. It is easy and we will teach you! There will be prizes! We will play at Arleen Ratliff's home from 7-9pm.
- **Visiting Missionary** - Andrew Mwumvaneza (a missionary we support in Kigali, Rwanda) will be visiting NSP on Oct 19. We look forward to being encouraged by this dear brother as he preaches the word. The following Sunday, October 26, you are invited to hear Andrew share more about his ministry at Mercy Pres after the worship service.
- **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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