CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP



OCTOBER 19, 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

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

Trinity

Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to sing, Help us to praise. Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 50 Gather, you faithful ones, who made a covenant with God! Join in praise as you declare His righteousness, for God Himself is judge!

Silence

LITURGY OF THE WORD Psalm 50 1 Peter 2 Our God comes; He does not keep silent; before Him is a devouring fire, Around Him is a mighty tempest.

Therefore, we are to live as free people, not using our freedom as a cover-up for evil; but living as God's own people.

Thus says the LORD, "Hear, O my people, and I will speak; for I am God, your God."

And so we entrust ourselves to You as we endure the call to suffer with Christ and love the Brotherhood.

INVOCATION





O Holy God, You knew no sin, and yet You still make provision for us.

We confess that we have wandered from Your light back into the shadows.
You have called us a chosen people, yet we live as though still scattered and lost.
You have made us free, yet we use our freedom to serve ourselves rather than You.
We lie, cheat, and steal to gain advantage over our neighbors instead of seeking their good.
We have not loved the household of faith as brothers and sisters, but have treated Your people as strangers.
We resist the authorities You have placed over us, forgetting that submission to them is a witness to You.
Have mercy on us, Lord Jesus.
Renew in us a love for that which is holy.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PLEA FOR PARDON

1 Peter 2

Silent confession

Christian, your sins are forgiven.
For, though He Himself was without sin,
He bore your sins in His body on the cross.
Though you were like sheep gone astray,
He has brought you near to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON & INTERCESSORY PRAYER 1 Peter 2

His wounds, we have been healed

By His wounds, we have been healed. Therefore, let us die to sin and live to righteousness! Amen!

A reading from the prophet Isaiah: the great Shepherd tends to His flock.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 40.1-11

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITANY OF

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 studies and for jobs, for the engaged couples from our body, and for the faithful ministry of Andrew Mwumvaneza in Rwanda.

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

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

Trinity

To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be, Hence, evermore. His sovereign majesty May we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore! ¹³ Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴ or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. ¹⁵ For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. ¹⁶ Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. ¹⁷ Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

¹⁸ Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. ¹⁹ For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps. ²² He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth. ²³ When He was reviled, He did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but continued entrusting Himself to Him who judges justly. ²⁴ He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

"The Priority of the Gospel" 1 Peter 2.13-25

The Gospel Witness

The Gospel Call

The Enabling Power

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

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

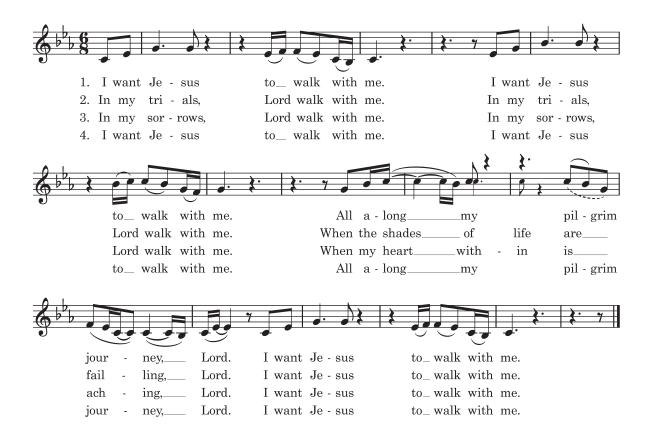
OFFERINGS

- 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





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- 2. To_ wash a way the crim son stain, Grace, grace a lone a vail eth;



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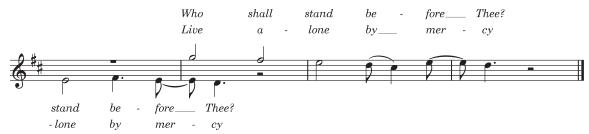
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If thou in - iq - ui - ties__ dost mark, Our se - cret sins and mis - deeds dark, No man can glo - ry in__ Thy sight, All must_ a - like con - fess__ Thy might,





- 3. Therefore my trust is in the Lord, And not in mine own merit; On Him my soul shall rest, His word Upholds my fainting spirit; His promised mercy is my fort, My comfort and my sweet support; I wait for it with patience (echo) I wait for it with patience (echo)
- 4. What though I wait the live-long night, And 'till the dawn appeareth, My heart still trusteth in His might; It doubteth not nor feareth; Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed, Ye of the Spirit born indeed; And wait 'till God appeareth (echo) And wait 'till God appeareth (echo)
- 5. Though great our sins and sore our woes His grace much more aboundeth, His helping love no limit knows, Our upmost need it soundeth.
 Our Shepherd good and true is He, Who will at last His Israel free From all their sin and sorrow (echo) From all their sin and sorrow (echo)

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. SCATTERING Kenyan Reformed Prayer

May the Mighty One, God the LORD Most High, deliver you from this present day of trouble.

BENEDICTIONPsalm 50

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)

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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

• College Care Packages - Our college students look forward to receiving care packages from their church family! They will be mailed on November 3, so we have two more weeks to bake cookies and write notes. The cookie sign-up is included in Tuesday's email. Notecards and a collection box are provided in the lobby of DCT through November 2.

UPCOMING

- **Lunch with Andrew** Rev. Mwumvaneza will preach next Sunday, 10/26 at Mercy Pres. You are invited to hear him share more about his ministry after the worship service, starting around 12pm. If you plan to attend, please let Stephen know.
- Corporate Prayer, October 26 Begins in the main theater at 9am.
- Harvest Picnic, October 26 Join us at Flag Pole hill beginning at 3pm, for a bringyour-own picnic dinner and games. Water will be provided. Bring your chairs, quilts, blankets, etc. There will be a cornhole tournament!
- **Evangelism Training** Save the date: November 8, from 1 5pm, for training with Rico Tice from *Christianity Explored Ministries*. Sign-up will be in Tuesday's email.

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