# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP



NOVEMBER 2, 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**

"Doxology"

Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below: Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### CALL TO WORSHIP Exodus 20

Hear the word of your God: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

Silence

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD Exodus 19 1 Peter 2

'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself.'

So may we indeed obey His voice and keep His covenant, for we are His treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is the Lord's.

You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Once we were not a people, but now we are God's people; once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.

#### INVOCATION





- 1. Hast thou heard Him, seen Him, known Him?
- 2. What can strip the seem ing beau ty\_
- 3. 'Tis the look that melt ed Pe ter,\_

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heart? Chief a - mong ten thou - sand own\_ Him; earth? Not a sense of right or du - ty, saw, 'tis that heart that wept with Mar - y,\_ joy - ful choose the bet - ter part. but the sight of peer-less worth. can a - lone from i - dols draw:





peer - less worth con - strain thee, \_\_\_\_ crown Him now un - ri - valed King.

O LORD our Deliverer, You have made us and You have rescued us.

But when You delay, we become anxious and afraid, and we turn to other saviors—
money, which can protect us from ruin, power, which can shield us from shame, and sex, which can give escape, pleasure, or identity. We worship and serve the creature, rather than our gracious Creator.
Our fears lead us to sin, rather than to trust. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to see Jesus as mighty to save.
Give us courage through faith in Your strength, and help us to wait for Your good care.

Silent confession

Christian, you are justified by the grace of God, as a free gift through Jesus Christ our Lord.

God put Him forward as a sacrifice, to be received by faith, so that Christ may be both just and the Justifier of the one who has Faith in Him. Amen!

A reading from from Paul: The Lord has chosen His people in love, calling us sons and daughters through faith in Christ.

CONFESSION
OF SIN & PLEA FOR
PARDON

Exodus 32 Romans 1

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Romans 3

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 1.3-10

# JOINING & RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

Emily Lan and Eden Deng and Grace and John; Kadence Gercak; Matt Hoard and Aiden and Ella; Ayus Mitra; Jason and Amy Moore; Lukas Skeans; Russ and Madeline Sigler; Kathryn Smith and Vivian, Nathaniel, and Eleanor; and Celine Zhang.

Along with the new member class, Leeann Franklin, Eleanor Goetsch, Eliza Ligon and Forest Phillips, who have recently been received to the Communion Table, will answer the membership vows of their own accord.

Hebrews 10.23-25

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for Jesus our Great High Priest is faithful.

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as we see His Day drawing near.

- 1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
- 2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the gospel?
- 3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
- 4. Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
- 5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

# PRONOUNCEMENT OF UNION

We have many friends whom we love and enjoy in the Lord,

but you to us are more. Today, we have become family. Until providence should separate us, or the Lord returns, we are joined to one another in the covenant of grace, sharing together in the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, that redemption may be seen in us together and glory be given to our God. Welcome, brother. Welcome, sisters. Our lives and names are joined together.

Hear, O Israel:

The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

PREPARATION FOR BAPTISM Deuteronomy 6.4-9

Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of His Holy Spirit.

Acts 2.38-39

For this promise is for us and for our children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself.

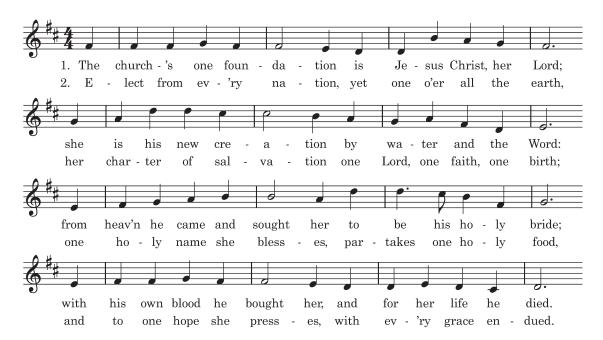
# The Baptism of Ayus Mitra and Kadence Gercak

Will you the people of New St. Peter's pray for Ayus and Kadence that this water will be to them the joyful sign of the Father's gracious election, the covenant faithfulness of the Son, and the washing of regeneration by the Spirit? And will you pray that this remembered sign will stir in them lively Gospel faith and abundant Gospel fruit? Will you?

We will pray these covenant promises for Ayus and Kadence.

And will you pray for all our recently baptized—Arthur Goetsch, Sebastian Gile, Wyatt Clay, Grace Esquivel, Hendrix Datcher, and Simon Griffin—and for yourselves, that this sacrament would preach to our souls the Covenant of Grace, that we are washed in Christ, engaged to be His, and eagerly look for His return as a watchful bride? Will you?

We will pray these covenant graces for our church family.



Children, Pre-K and Kinder, are invited to attend Worship Training.

All children are retrieved after the sermon for Communion.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

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

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

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 new believers, for new members, and for new children in our family! we thank You, Lord.

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

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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. TITHES & OFFERINGS

"Doxology"

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DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below: Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

## "Fear not, for I am with you"

But you, Israel, my servant,
Jacob, whom I have chosen,
the offspring of Abraham, my friend;
you whom I took from the ends of the earth,
and called from its farthest corners,
saying to you, "You are My servant,
I have chosen you and not cast you off";
fear not, for I am with you;
be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

Behold, all who are incensed against you shall be put to shame and confounded; those who strive against you shall be as nothing and shall perish.
 You shall seek those who contend with you, but you shall not find them; those who war against you shall be as nothing at all.

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.

Strengthen, Lord, for holy service the hands that take Your mysteries here; our bodies, by the Body nourished, quicken us with life divine.

## With Your worshippers abide; may Your love direct our ways;

Hear the prayers we lift before You, and accept our thankful praise, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

PRAYER FOR FAITH

Christ's Table.

If you are not a follower of Jesus, we invite you to reflect on the prayer at the bottom of

page 15, 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 has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Come to the Table...

#### 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

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION & INVITATION TO THE TABLE Adapted from Indian Communion Liturgy, 1923

**DIRECTIONS** 



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Amazing Grace text: St. 1-5, John Newton, 1779 St. 6, A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790 Harmony alt. Ben Weldy



### 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 God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**BENEDICTION**Romans 15

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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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

#### **THIS WEEK**

• **College Care Packages** - Today is the last time to write notes in the lobby. The boxes are being mailed tomorrow.

#### **UPCOMING**

• **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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