

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP



NEW ST PETER'S

DECEMBER 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

"On Christmas Night All Christians Sing"

Sussex Carol

**On Christmas night all Christians sing,
To hear the news the angels bring;
On Christmas night all Christians sing,
To hear the news the angels bring;
News of great joy, news of great mirth,
News of our merciful King's birth.**

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 61

Come to the God who hears your cry and listens to your prayer!
Come to the rock that stands high above us—
our refuge and strong tower.

Silence

LITURGY OF THE WORD Jeremiah 31 Psalm 60 Matthew 2

O God, we often feel rejected and defenseless,
in desperate need of restoration.
Our land is torn open;
come and repair our brokenness!

**You have set up a banner for those who fear You,
and so we flee to it for safety.
Deliver us—Your beloved ones—
and give us salvation by Your right hand!**

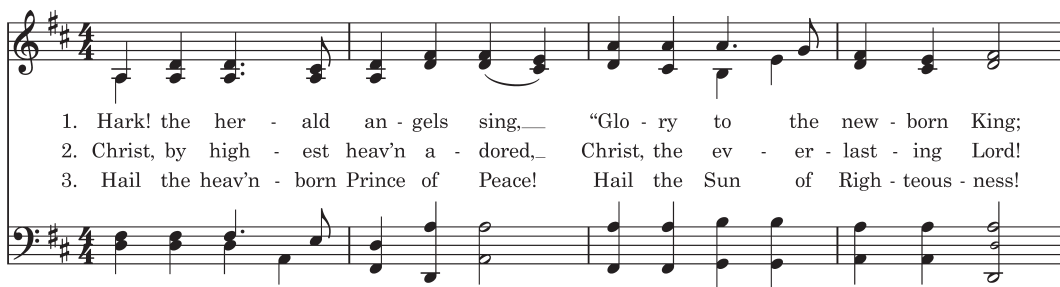
O LORD, give rest to our weary souls,
and replenish our languishing spirits.
Turn our mourning into joy,
and our sorrow into gladness!

**Fill our hearts with feasts of abundance
and satisfy us with Your goodness!
For You have called us out of the land of affliction
and into the kingdom of Your Son.**

INVOCATION

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

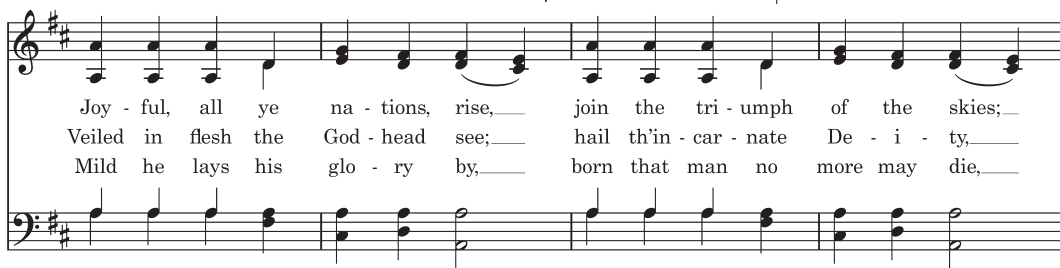
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text: Charles Wesley, 1739, 1753



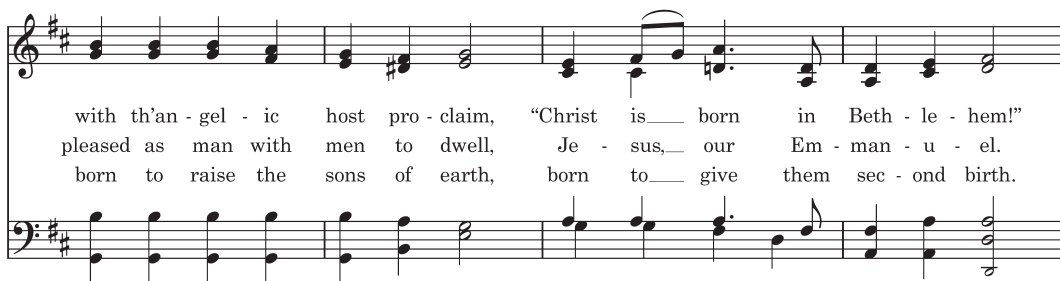
1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, — "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, — Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!
3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righ - teous - ness!



peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, — God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Late in time be - hold him come, — off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, — join the tri - umph of the skies; —
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; — hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty, —
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, — born that man no more may die, —



with th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is — born in Beth - le - hem!"
pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, — our Em - man - u - el.
born to raise the sons of earth, born to — give them sec - ond birth.

Refrain

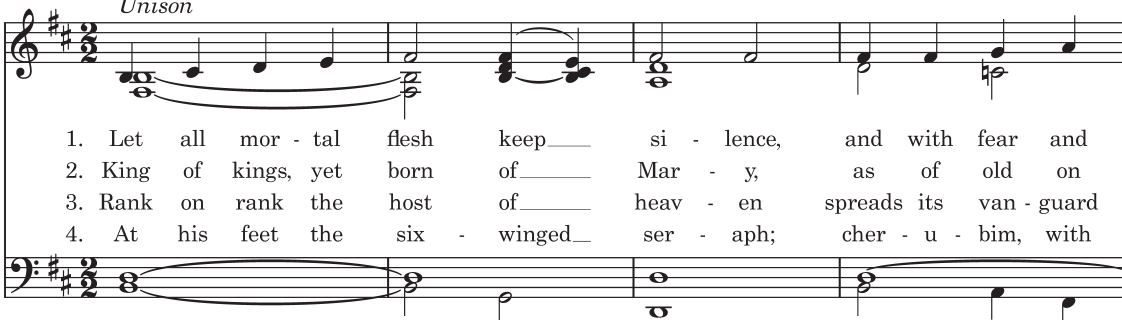


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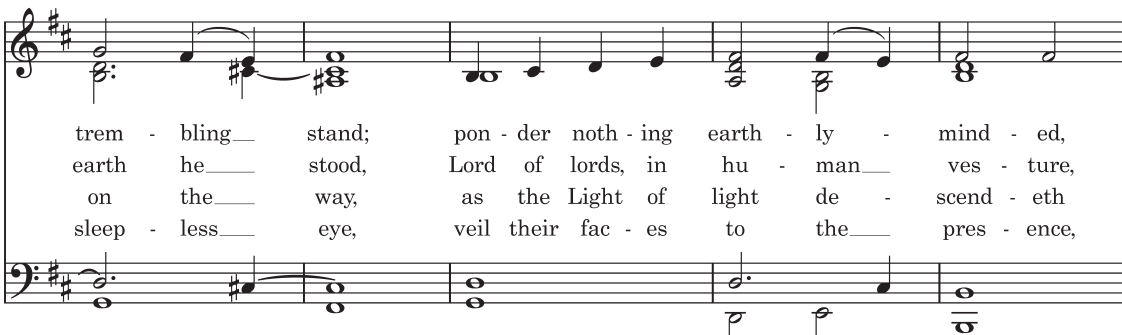
"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

*Picardy
Liturgy of St. James, 4th century*

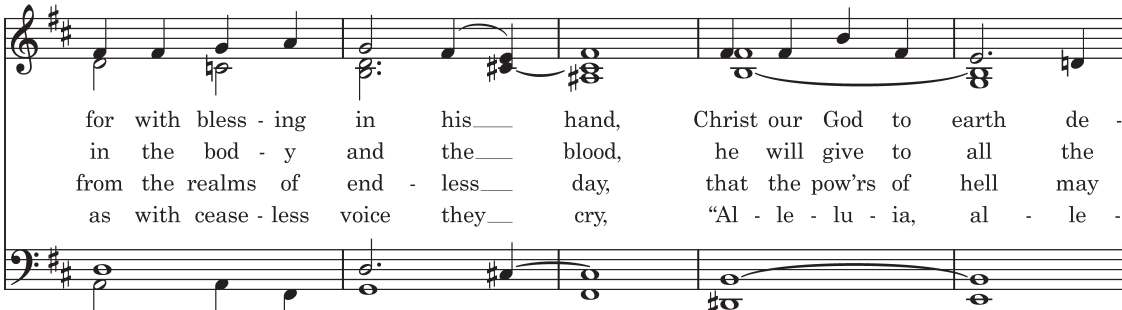
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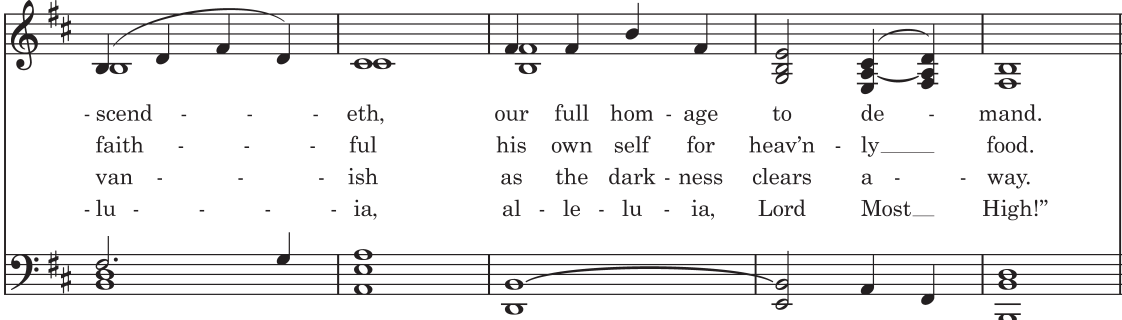
1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep — si - lence, and with fear and
 2. King of kings, yet born of — Mar - y, as of old on
 3. Rank on rank the host of — heav - en spreads its van - guard
 4. At his feet the six - winged — ser - aph; cher - u - bim, with



trem - bling — stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
 earth he — stood, Lord of lords, in hu - man — ves - ture,
 on the — way, as the Light of light de - scend - eth
 sleep - less — eye, veil their fac - es to the — pres - ence,



for with bless - ing in his — hand, Christ our God to earth de -
 in the bod - y and the — blood, he will give to all the
 from the realms of end - less — day, that the pow'rs of hell may
 as with cease - less voice they — cry, "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



- scend - - - eth, our full hom - age to de - mand.
 faith - - - ful his own self for heav'n - ly — food.
 van - - - ish as the dark - ness clears a - - way.
 - lu - - - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most — High!"

O Lord, Your faithfulness is great,
and Your steadfast love endures forever.

**Even though we hear Your calls to love and obey You,
we cling ever more tightly to our idols.
We give our hearts to the gods of this world—
money, power, sex—
and practice things which bring dishonor to the name of Christ.
We swear falsely, we lie, we hate, we steal, and we lust.
We indulge in patterns of shame
rather than live in a way that reflects Your glory.
In these and in other ways we forsake You.
Forgive us, dear LORD.
Meet us in Your mercy,
and bind us to Yourself in righteousness and justice.
Amen.**

Silent confession

People of God, the LORD has forgiven your iniquity in Christ Jesus, and
He will remember your sin no more.

**The grace of the LORD has found us in the wilderness,
He has appeared to us from far away.
He has loved us with an everlasting love
and has continued His faithfulness to us.
Thanks be to God!**

A reading from the Prophets: The LORD subdues even a wicked nation
for the purposes of His redemption.

*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**
Hosea 2, 4, 11

**ASSURANCE OF
PARDON &
INTERCESSORY
PRAYER**
Jeremiah 31

**OLD TESTAMENT
READING**
Habakkuk 1.1-11

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 blessing us with a place to worship these many years, and for giving
us our daily bread—both physical and spiritual,
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

“On Christmas Night All Christians Sing”

Sussex Carol

**All out of darkness we have light
Which made the angels sing this night;
All out of darkness we have light
Which made the angels sing this night:
“Glory to God and peace to men,
Now and forevermore. Amen.”**

¹³ Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, *“Rise, take the child and His mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy Him.”* ¹⁴ And he rose and took the child and His mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, *“Out of Egypt I called My Son.”*

¹⁶ Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men.

¹⁷ Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸ *“A voice was heard in Ramah,
weeping and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.”*

¹⁹ But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰ saying, *“Rise, take the child and His mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.”*

²¹ And he rose and took the child and His mother and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. ²³ And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that He would be called a Nazarene.

“What Kind of World Was He Born Into?”
Matthew 2.13-23

Corrupt

Tragic

Subdued

Following the holy fathers, we together confess the one and only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, at once complete in deity and complete in humanity, truly God and truly man with a rational soul and a body. He is of one substance with the Father in His deity, and at the same time of one substance with us in His humanity. He is like us in all respects, apart from sin. As regards His deity, begotten of the Father before the ages, but yet as regards His humanity begotten, for us men and for our salvation, of Mary the Virgin, the God-bearer. We also confess this one and the same Christ – Son, Lord, Only-begotten – in two natures without confusion, change, division or separation between them. They are together one and the same Son and only begotten Logos of God, the Lord Jesus Christ. This the prophets of old testified, our Lord Jesus Christ Himself taught us, and the creed of the fathers has handed down to us.

All join to praise at this holy feast, beholding the Godhead here on earth, and man in heaven. He who is above, now for our redemption dwells here below; and He that was lowly is by divine mercy raised.

**Come, then, let us observe the feast.
For God is now on earth, and man in heaven.**

For truly He took our flesh to sanctify us; He gives us His Spirit, that He may save us. And so we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**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*

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.

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

Es ist ein'Ros' entsprungen
text: German hymn, ca. 1500



1. Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath sprung,
2. I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the rose I have in mind;
3. This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the air;
4. O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man woe;



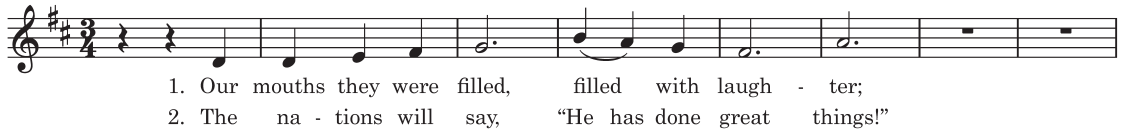
of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing, as men of old have sung. It
with Mar - y we be - hold it, the vir - gin moth - er kind. To
dis - pels glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - 'ry - where. True
O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry, who dost our weak - ness know, bring



came, a flow'r - et bright, a - mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.
show God's love a - right she bore to men a Sav - ior; when half - spent was the night.
man, yet ver - y God; from sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.
us at length, we pray, to the bright courts of heav - en and to the end - less day.

"Psalm 126"

Isaac Wardell, 2011
alt. Ben Weldy



Refrain



"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Gloria
text: Traditional French carol
alt. Ben Weldy

1. An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3. Come to Beth - le hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
Say what may the tid - ings be, which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o,

glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

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.**

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.

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
Numbers 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. We will resume classes on January 18, 2026.

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

- **Christmas Eve Service** - We will gather at Dallas Children's Theater at 4:00pm for our annual service. Childcare will be provided for those 0-3 years of age. The signup link is in Tuesday's email.
- **Church Office Closed** - The office will be closed December 25 until January 6, 2026. If you need pastoral assistance during this time, please contact one of our pastors directly. Also, please begin using the new address (see below). We have moved out of the SMU building.

UPCOMING

- **New Member Class** - Our next New Member Class will kick off with a preview on January 18 at 9 am here at the Dallas Children's Theater. If you are interested in learning more or signing up for the class, contact Stephen Buerger (stephen@newstpeters.org)
- **Spiritual Formation** - Life on the road with Jesus is one of intentionality. As we scatter into our various vocations throughout the week, our growth as Christ's disciples takes many forms. Find resources, such as reading plans and catechism, at newstpeters.org/formation.

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