

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP



CHRISTMAS EVE



DECEMBER 24, 2025

*“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those
with whom He is pleased!”*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Please be seated as we gather to sing. Congregants read the bolded text aloud.

Gathering

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Adeste Fideles

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.**

**Prayers
of Praise to
the Triune
God Who
Comforts the
Mourning**
Lamentations 2
2 Corinthians 1
Hebrews 2
John 14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in Him."

Blessed be Jesus, who was made like His brothers in every respect, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

For because He Himself has suffered when tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, and who teaches us and illuminates our hearts in the knowledge of Christ!

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Three in One. The same in substance; equal in power and glory!

Doxology
(Join your
voices in this
a cappella
hymn of praise)

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

"Good Christian Men Rejoice"

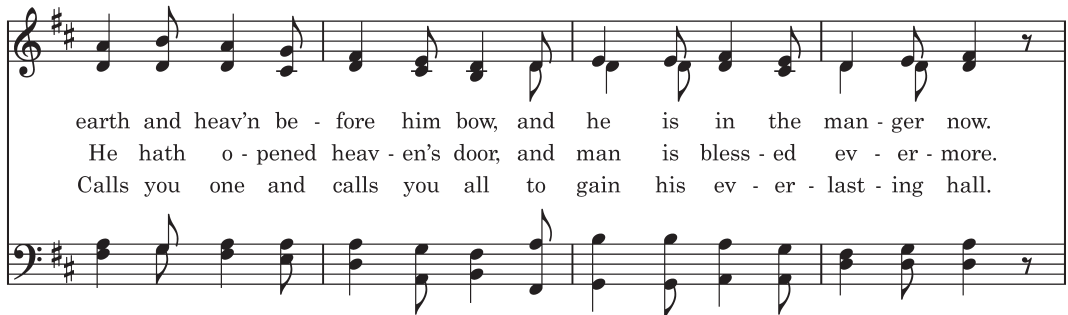
In Dulci Jubilo



1. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;
 2. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;
 3. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!



earth and heav'n be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
 He hath o - pened heav - en's door, and man is bless - ed ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

**A Voice Laments
the Raging of
the Proud**

Jeremiah 31

Psalms 2

Hebrews 5

A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more.

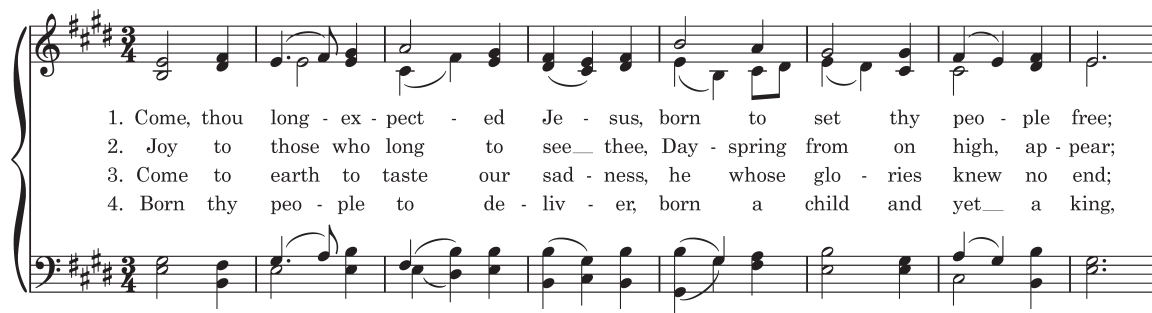
Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against His Anointed.

The Lord says to the King, “You are my Son; today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will make the nations Your heritage, and the ends of the earth Your possession.”


Christ exalted not Himself, but was appointed by the Father. In the days of His flesh, Jesus learned obedience through what He suffered. And being made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation for all who are in Him.

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

HYFRYDOL



1. Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
 2. Joy to those who long to see_ thee, Day - spring from on high, ap - pear;
 3. Come to earth to taste our sad - ness, he whose glo - ries knew no end;
 4. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet_ a king,



from our fears_ and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest_ in thee.
 come, thou prom - ised Rod of Jes - se, of thy birth we long_ to hear!
 by his life_ he brings us glad - ness, our Re - deem - er, Shep - herd, Friend.
 born to reign_ in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - real's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all_ the earth thou art,
 O'er the hills_ the an - gels sing - ing news, glad tid - ings of_ a birth:
 Leav - ing rich - es with - out num - ber, born with - in_ a cat - tle stall;
 By thine own_ e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all_ our hearts a - lone;



dear De - sire_ of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
 "Go_ to him, your prais - es bring - ing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."
 this_ the ev - er - last - ing won - der, Christ was born the Lord of all.
 by_ thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, raise us to_ thy glo - rious throne.

**The Children of
God Scatter
in Fear**
Isaiah 53
Zechariah 13

Good Shepherd, **You have never left us or forsaken us. You are always with us in the wilderness. Yet all we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way. Instead of calling on Your name, we scatter in fear, turning to other saviors—money, ease, escape, and more. When we consider the foolishness of the Gospel, we are tempted to despair. We despise weakness and suffering, though Jesus was born in weakness and humility. We run from true grief, though Jesus has offered to carry our sorrows. Forgive us, Lord. And bid us return to You, the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls!**

Silent confession

**The Lord
Brings Tidings
of Comfort
and Joy**
Jeremiah 31

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, “He who scattered Israel will gather him and will keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock. For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed you from hands too strong for you!”

And so we come to sing aloud! We shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD. He has turned our mourning into joy and have given us comfort and gladness for sorrow. Thanks be to God in Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Angels
Bring Good
News of Great
Joy for All
Peoples**
Luke 2

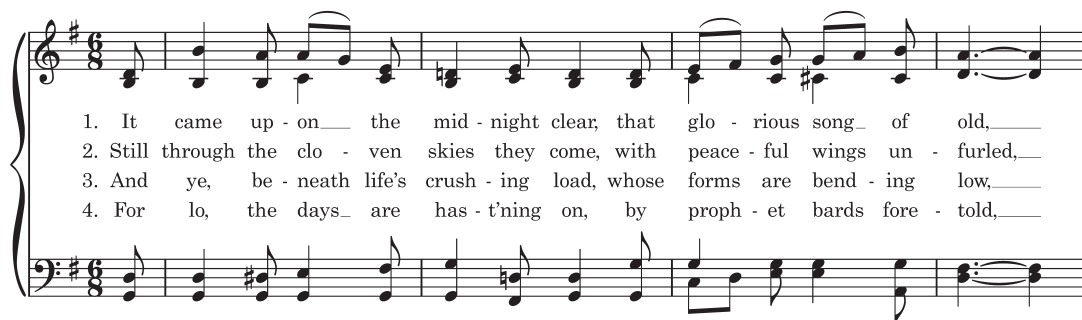
And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

**“Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!”**

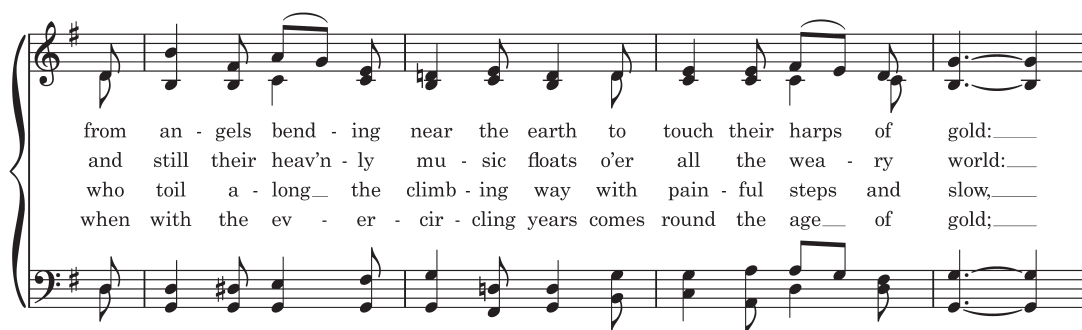
When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, **“Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”** And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. **And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.**

"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

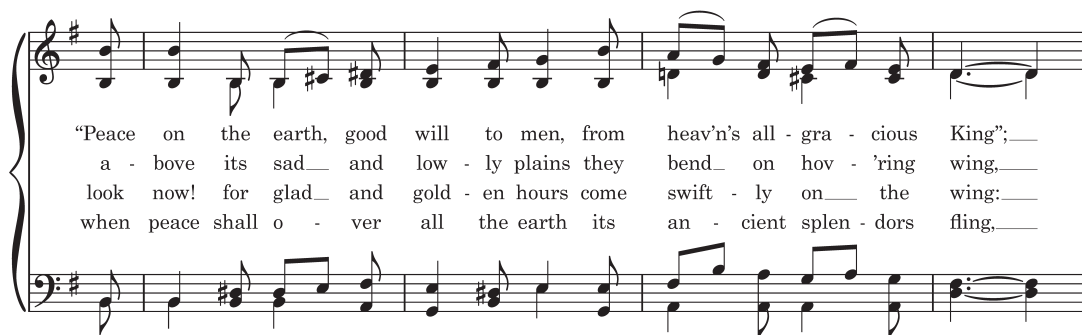
CAROL



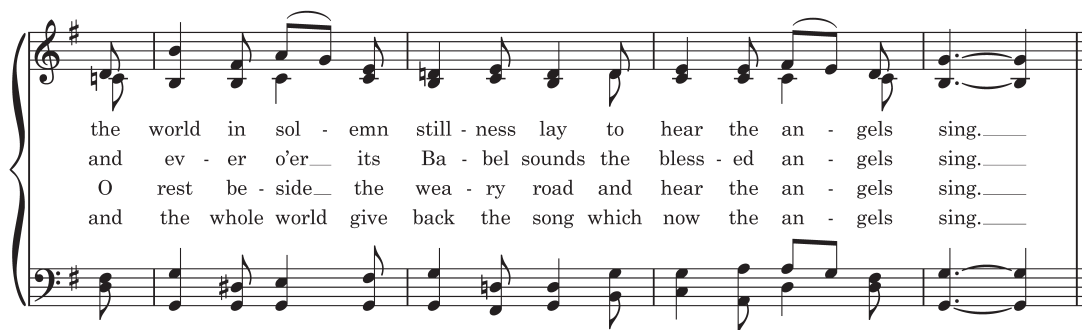
1. It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,____
 2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come, with peace - ful wings un - furled,____
 3. And ye, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,____
 4. For lo, the days are has - t'ning on, by proph - et bards fore - told,____



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:____
 and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world:____
 who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow,____
 when with the ev - er - cir - cling years comes round the age of gold;____



"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heav'n's all - gra - cious King";____
 a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,____
 look now! for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing:____
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,____



the world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.____
 and ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.____
 O rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing.____
 and the whole world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.____

O God, almighty and merciful,

You heal the broken-hearted, and turn the sadness of the sorrowful to joy. Let Your fatherly goodness be upon all whom You have made. Remember in pity all those who are this day destitute, homeless, elderly, infirm, or forgotten. Bless the multitude of Your poor. Lift up those who are cast down. Mightily befriend innocent sufferers, and sanctify to them the endurance of their wrongs. Grant this, O Lord, for the love of Him who for our sakes became poor, Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silence

Almighty God, whose Son had nowhere to lay His head:

Grant that all those who live alone may not be lonely in their solitude, but that, following in His steps, they may find fulfillment in loving You and their neighbors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence

Look with mercy, O God our Father, on all whose increasing years bring them weakness, distress, or isolation.

Provide for them homes of dignity and peace; give them understanding helpers, and the willingness to accept help; and as their strength diminishes, increase their faith and their assurance of Your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence

Almighty God, whose Son took upon Himself the afflictions of Your people:

Regard with Your tender compassion those suffering from anxiety, depression, or mental illness; bear their sorrows and their cares; supply all their needs; help them to put their whole trust and confidence in You; and restore them to strength of mind and cheerfulness of spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence

O blessed Lord, You ministered to all who came to You:

Look with compassion upon those who through addiction have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of Your unfailing mercy; remove from them the fears that beset them; strengthen them in the work of their recovery; and to those who minister to them, give patient understanding and persevering love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence

Hasten, O Father, the coming of Your kingdom;

And grant that we Your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold Your Son at His coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

May the Peace of the Lord be with you. **And Also with you.**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Adeste Fideles

**Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation!
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above:
"Glory to God, all glory in the highest";
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.**

"Tidings of Comfort and Joy"

**Sharing
the Peace
of Christ**

Doxology

Meditation
Jeremiah 31:15-20

"O Holy Night"

St. Louis



1. O ho - ly night, the stars are bright - ly shin - ing, it is the
2. Tru - ly He taught us to love one an - oth - er; His law is



night of the dear Sav - ior's birth; long lay the world in sin and er - ror
love and His gos - pel is peace; chains shall He break, for the slave is our



pin - ing, till he ap - peared and the soul felt its worth. A
broth - er, and in His name all op - pres - sion shall cease. Sweet



thrill of hope the wea - ry world re - joic - es, for yon - der breaks a
hymns of joy in grate - ful cho - rus raise we, let all with - in us



new and glo - rious morn! **D.S.** Fall on your knees! O hear the an - gel
praise His ho - ly name. Christ is the Lord! O praise his name for -



voic - es! O night di - vine! O night when Christ was
- ev - er! His power and glo - ry ev - er - more pro -

1.2.

D.S. after second stanza




born! O night di - vine! O night, O night di - vine!
- claim! His power and glo - ry ev - er - more pro - claim!



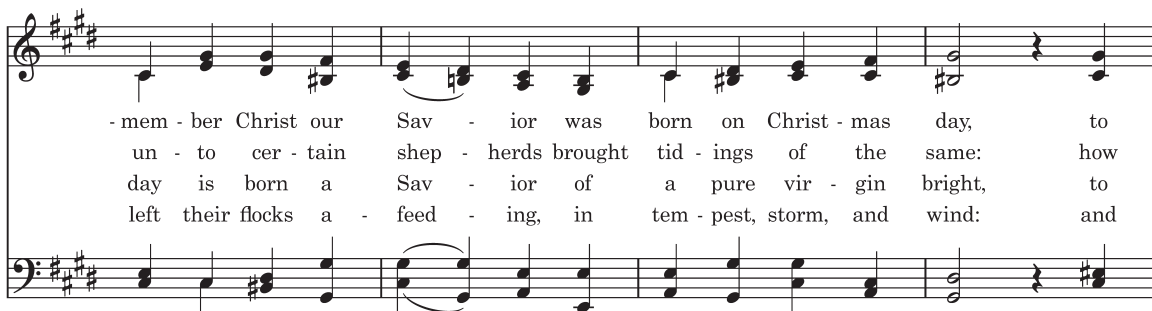
vine! O night, O night di - vine!

"God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen"

God Rest You Merry

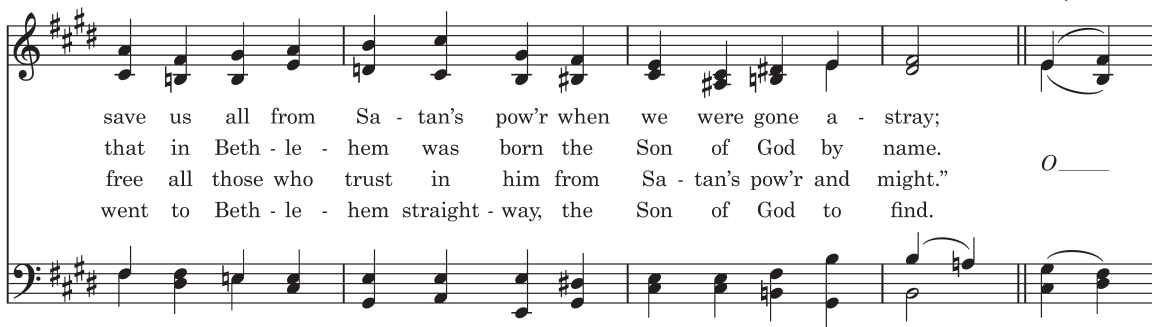


1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may, re -
 2. From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther, a bless - ed an - gel came; and
 3. "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "let noth - ing you af - fright; this
 4. The shep - herds at those tid - ings re - joice - ed much in mind, and



- mem - ber Christ our Sav - ior was born on Christ - mas day, to
 un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same: how
 day is born a Sav - ior of a pure vir - gin bright, to
 left their flocks a - feed - ing, in tem - pest, storm, and wind: and

Refrain



save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r when we were gone a - stray;
 that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name. O —
 free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's pow'r and might."
 went to Beth - le - hem straight - way, the Son of God to find.



tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and joy, O — tid - ings of com - fort and joy.

Benediction

2 Thessalonians 2
2 Corinthians 13

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

May we aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, and live in peace.

Rejoice, because the Son of God has become man!
Rejoice, because Jesus has brought to you the tender mercies of God!
Rejoice, because Jesus, who is at the Father's side, has come to make Him known!

**You have come to Your people once; come for us again.
Come again quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen!**

Postlude



Merry Christmas!

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

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



WELCOME

*Merry Christmas, and welcome to New St. Peter's.
As we gather to celebrate the hope of Jesus' incarnation and to wait in hope
for His return, may the Lord of glory inhabit our gathering and fill us up to
scatter on mission to a world in need of hope.*

*If you are a guest, we welcome you into the liturgy of advent in our
congregation, and we invite you to rejoice with us in the hope of the gospel.
We also invite you to engage with our church by visiting our website
(newstpeters.org), to learn more about our mission, our ministry, and our
people. Please make yourself at home, and come join us for worship on
Sundays at 10:15 am. If you have questions about our hope in Christ, we
invite you to speak to one of our pastors.*

May the Lord bless and keep you in this joyful season.

NEW ST. PETER'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

10440 East Northwest Highway
Dallas, Texas 75238
Phone 214.438.0120
jan.james@newstpeters.org

SUNDAY WORSHIP (Dallas Children's Theater)

5938 Skillman Street
Dallas, Texas 75231
214.978.0110

NEWSLETTER: www.newstpeters.org/contact

ELDERS: session@newstpeters.org

DEACONS: deacons@newstpeters.org

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP: wlt@newstpeters.org



Are you new to NSP?
Scan this QR code to fill
out a short visitor's form.

STAFF

Alex Dean, *Lead Pastor*
Stephen Buerger, *Associate Pastor*
Brittanie Brandenburg, *Dir. of Children's Ministry*
Alex McEwen, *Pastoral Intern (Youth)*
Jan James, *Office Administrator*

ELDERS: Brian Franklin, Jay Horne, Jeff Murray,
Blake Phillips, Jim Pocta, Mark Ratliff,
Rodman Ricketts, David Rice

DEACONS: Steve Adams, Steve Brown,
Steve Chambers, Grant Clay,
Jonathan Goetsch, Sam Hall, Ben Hillman,
Andrew Luter, Evan Opgenorth, Jano Pretorius,
Robert Waterman

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP TEAM: Sheryl Brown,
Tricia Horne, Linda Pocta, Arleen Ratliff, Melanie
Rice, Shannon Temple, Denise Walker