

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP



## NEW ST PETER'S

DECEMBER 28, 2025

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*“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

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

*NICAEA*

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 99

Praise the great and awe-inspiring name of GOD  
and worship at His footstool;  
for the LORD reigns and He is holy!

*Silence*

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

Psalm 99

1 Peter 2

From days of old Moses and Aaron were among His priests,  
Samuel was among those who called on His name.  
They called on the LORD and He answered them.  
He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud.

**LORD our God, You answered them.  
You were to Israel a forgiving God,  
though You punished their misdeeds.**

As you come to Christ, you yourselves 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.**

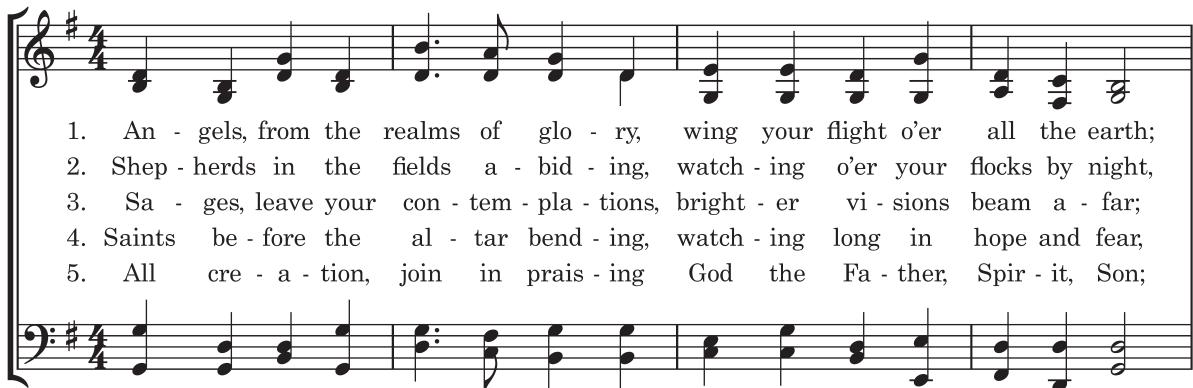
### INVOCATION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

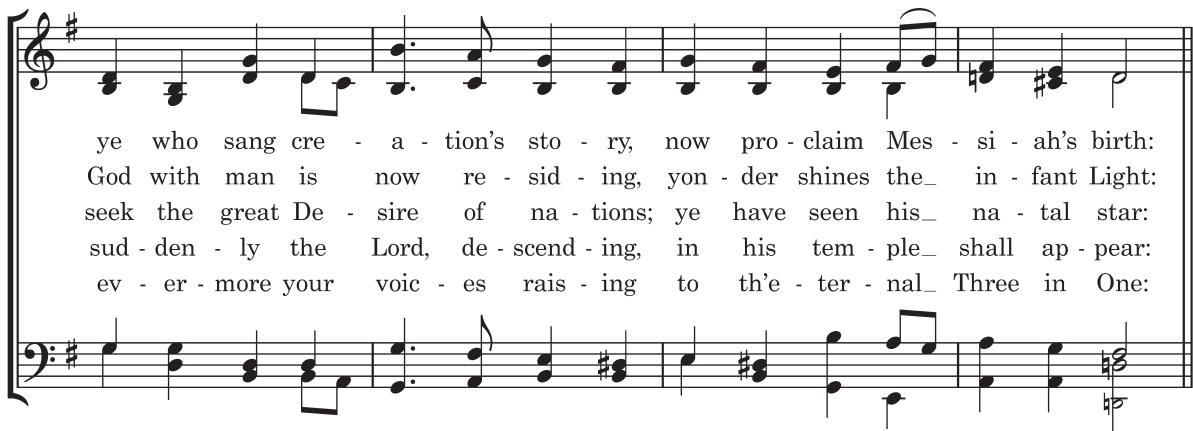
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.  
Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we  
also forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.  
Amen.**

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

Regent Square  
text: James Montgomery, 1816, 1825

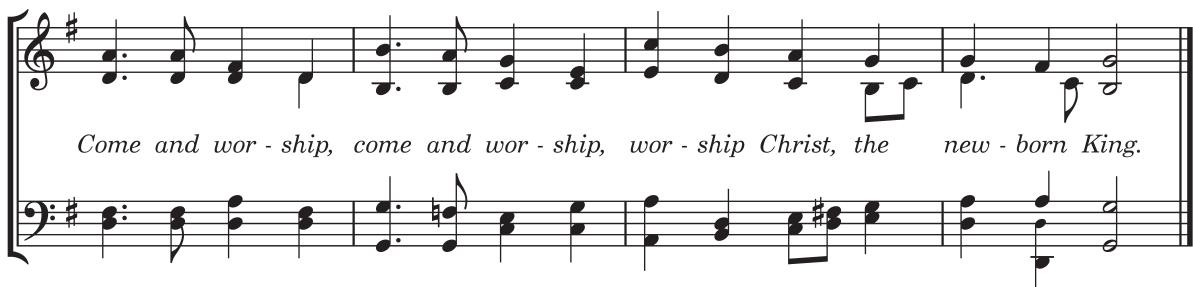


1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
2. Shep - herds in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,  
3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;  
4. Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in hope and fear,  
5. All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;



ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
God with man is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant Light:  
seek the great De - sire of na - tions; ye have seen his na - tal star:  
sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing, in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:  
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to th'e - ter - nal Three in One:

*Refrain*



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

"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, steadfast 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 thus - 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 2. word and deed;  
fix all my sight on your 3. work pre - pared;  
nev - er for - sak - ing, 4. hold me fast;

(Interlude)



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

On - ly in Je - sus,

hold me fast.

*Refrain*



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

Sing 3 times final refrain

Holy God, You have drawn near to Your people in mercy.

**Yet we confess that we have not always drawn near to You.**

**We have whispered gossip and spoken harsh words against others.**

**We have ignored the hungry, the lonely, and the oppressed.**

**We have chased after wealth, comfort, and praise more than Your will.**

**We have nurtured anger, envy, and resentment in our hearts.**

**We have failed to honor You with our time, our words, and our work.**

**We have neglected prayer, avoided scripture,  
and doubted Your promises.**

**We have trusted our own strength more than Your grace.**

**We have withheld forgiveness and held grudges too long.**

**Forgive us, O Lord.**

**Set our gaze on Christ alone.**

**Amen.**

**CONFESION  
OF SIN & PLEA FOR  
PARDON**  
1 Peter 2  
James 4

*Silent confession*

People of God, the LORD hears your cries and He is merciful.  
In Christ you stand forgiven before the Judge of the universe.

**Thanks be to God, who forgives our sins and calls us His own.  
Amen!**

**ASSURANCE  
OF PARDON**  
Psalm 99  
John 15

A reading from the Prophets: The LORD prepares the way for His coming kingdom.

**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**

**OFFERINGS  
& ALMS**  
Micah 6  
2 Corinthians 8

So may our abundance of joy overflow in a wealth of generosity through Jesus Christ our Lord. He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you?

**To do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with our God,  
knowing the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
that though He was rich, yet for our sake He became poor  
so that we by His poverty might become rich.**

**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**

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

*NICAEA*

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

<sup>1</sup> In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup> “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” <sup>3</sup> For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

*“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord;  
make His paths straight.’”*

<sup>4</sup> Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup> Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup> and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup> But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup> Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup> And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. <sup>10</sup> Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup> I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup> His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will clear His threshing floor and gather His wheat into the barn, but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire.”

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> John would have prevented Him, saying, “I need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?” <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup> And when Jesus was baptized, immediately He went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on Him; <sup>17</sup> and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

“What Kind of Kingdom Did He Bring?”

Matthew 3:1-17

**Promised**

**Surprising**

**Upside Down**

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...

WORDS OF  
INSTITUTION &  
INVITATION TO  
THE TABLE

Adapted from  
Antiochene  
Christmas Homily,  
386 AD

**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](http://newstpeters.org/give)*

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

*Elders, Deacons, and members of our Women's Leadership Team will be on stage near the musicians to pray with and for you.*

**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**

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Picardy  
Liturgy of St. James, 4th century

Unison

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 - scand - 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!"

# "Abide with Me"

Justin Smith  
text: Henry Lyte, 1847

1. A - bide with me; fast falls the e - ven - tide;  
2. Thou on my head, in earl - ly youth didst smile;  
3. I need Thy pres - ence, eve - ry pass - ing hour.  
4. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;  
5. Hold Thou Thy cross, be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord with me a - bide.  
And, though re - bel - lious, and per - verse mean - while,  
What but Thy grace, can foil the tempt - er's power?  
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bit - ter - ness.  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.

When oth - er help - ers, fail and com - forts flee,  
Thou hast not left me, though I oft left Thee,  
Who, like Thy - self, my guide and stay can be?  
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy vic - to - ry?  
Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

Help of the help - less,  
On to the close Lord,  
Through cloud and sun - shine, a - bide with me.  
I tri - umph still,  
In life, in death, Lord,

## "Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me"

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson,  
Michael Ferren, 2018

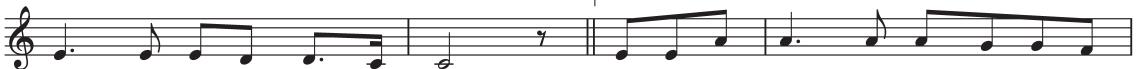


1. What gift of grace is Je - sus my re - deem - er; There is no more for heav - en now to  
2. The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en; For by my side, the Sav - ior He will  
3. No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en; The fu -ture sure, the price it has been  
4. With eve - ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus; For He has said that He will bring me



give. He is my joy, my right - eous - ness, and free - dom, My stead - fast  
stay. I la - bor on in weak - ness and re - joic - ing; For in my  
paid; For Je - sus bled and suf - fered for my par - don, And He was  
home; And day by day I know He will re - new me Un - til I

Repeat last X



love, my deep and bound - less peace. To this I hold, my hope is on - ly  
need, His pow - er is dis - played. To this I hold, my Shep - herd will de -  
raised to o - ver - throw the grave. To this I hold, my sin has been de -  
stand with joy be - fore the throne. To this I hold, my hope is on - ly



Je - sus; For my life is whol - ly bound to His; Oh how strange and di - vine, I can  
-fend me; Through the deep - est val - ley He will lead; Oh the night has been won, and I  
-feat - ed; Je - sus now and ev - er is my plea; Oh the chains are re - leased, I can  
Je - sus; All the glo - ry ev - er more to Him; When the race is com - plete, still my

To Coda ♀



sing: all is mine!  
shall o - ver - come! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
sing: I am free! When the  
lips shall re - peat:

♀ CODA



When the



race is com - plete, still my lips shall re - peat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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 God grant you the surety that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Come quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**  
Romans 8

**POSTLUDE**

*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)*

**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](http://www.newstpeters.org)



## ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

### THIS WEEK

- **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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