

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP



NEW ST PETER'S

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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

“God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory”

Ode to Joy

**God, all nature sings Thy glory, and Thy works proclaim Thy might;
Ordered vastness in the heavens, ordered course of day and night;
Beauty in the changing seasons, beauty in the storming sea;
All the changing moods of nature praise the changeless Trinity.**

CALL TO WORSHIP Hosea 6

Come, let us return to the LORD;
for He has torn us, that He may heal us;
He has struck us down, and He will bind us up.

Silence

LITURGY OF THE WORD Hosea 6 John 1

Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD;
His going out is sure as the dawn!

**The true light, which gives light to everyone, has come into the world.
He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him.**

The LORD desires steadfast love and not sacrifice,
The knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

**But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name,
He gave the right to become children of God,
who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh,
nor of the will of man, but of God.**

INVOCATION

"O Worship the King"

Lyons
text: Robert Grant, 1833
based On Psalm 104



1. O wor - ship the King all - glo - rious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly
2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the
3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told, Al - might - y, your
4. Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the
5. Frail chil - ren of dust, and fee - ble as frail, in you do we



sing his pow'r_ and his love; our shield and De - fend - er, the
light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep
pow'r has found - ed of old; has 'stab - lished it fast by a
air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills; it de -
trust, nor find_ you to fail; your mer - cies how ten - der, how



An - cient of Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
thun - der - clouds form, and dark is this path on the wings of the storm.
change - less de - cree, and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
- scends to the plain; and sweet - ly dis - tils in the dew_ and the rain.
firm to the end, our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

“Psalm 61 (Hear My Cry, O God)”

Brian Franklin, 2018



1. Lis - ten to my prayer, O God, from the ends of earth I call to You
 2. Be my ref - uge now, O God, tow - er strong a - gainst the en - e - my
 3. Pro - long the king's life, O God, may his years en - dure un - to all time



— When my heart is faint, O God, Lead me to the rock high - er than I
 — Keep me in Your tent, O God, Ref - uge un - der shel - ter of your wing
 — May he be en - throned, O God, O - ver him your love and faith - ful - ness



— So will I then ev - er sing praise to Your name. As I per -

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Refrain



- form all of my vows day af - ter day. O God, _



O God, _ Hear my cry, O God. O God, _



O God, _ Hear my cry, O God.

O God beyond all praising, You invite us to delight in honoring You.

**And yet so often we honor You with our mouths and hands,
while our hearts are far from You.**

**We honor as commandments the traditions of our fathers,
and we think they will make us acceptable in Your sight.**

**We hold back the true sacrifice of mercy,
breaking Your good law while pretending to keep it.**

Sin crouches at our door, and we fail to rule over it.

Instead, we feed it, inching further and further away from You.

**We justify our lust, our pride, and our greed
by calling them passion, confidence, and prudence.**

**We become jealous when You seem to honor others,
while we have not honored You in our hearts.**

Forgive us, Lord.

Move in our hearts, that we may truly serve You.

Fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.

Silent confession

Christian, the blood of Jesus speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.
He is the mediator of a new covenant, and His blood is poured out once
for all, for the forgiveness of your sins.

**So we lift our drooping hands
and strengthen our weak knees
and make straight paths for our feet
by the grace of God in Christ Jesus. Amen.**

A reading from Hebrews: God speaks through the faith of the unjustly
slain.

*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**
Genesis 4
Matthew 15

**ASSURANCE OF
PARDON &
INTERCESSORY
PRAYER**
Hebrews 12

**NEW TESTAMENT
READING**
Hebrews 11.1-4

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 giving Nathan Brandenburg and Hannah McEwen new jobs, for your
sustaining of those waiting for work, and for the dignity of our varied
callings,
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

“God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory”

Ode to Joy

**Clearer still we see Thy hand in man whom Thou hast made for Thee;
Ruler of creation’s glory, image of Thy majesty.
Music, art, the fruitful garden, all the labor of his days,
Are the calling of his Maker to the harvest feast of praise.**

¹ Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, *"I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD."*² And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground.³ In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground,⁴ and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering,⁵ but for Cain and his offering He had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell.⁶ The LORD said to Cain, *"Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen?"*⁷ *If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, and you must rule over it."*

⁸ Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him.⁹ Then the LORD said to Cain, *"Where is Abel your brother?"* He said, *"I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?"*¹⁰ And the LORD said, *"What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to Me from the ground."*¹¹ *And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand."*¹² *When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth."*¹³ Cain said to the LORD, *"My punishment is greater than I can bear."*¹⁴ *Behold, You have driven me today away from the ground, and from Your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me."*¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, *"Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold."* And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.¹⁶ Then Cain went away from the presence of the LORD and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

“By Faith: Abel”
Genesis 4.1-16

The Seed of Promise

The Offering of Faith

The Cry of Justice

**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.*

On the last night, the King of Kings was seated among the disciples.
 With His hands He broke the bread, and He said:

“Take; this is My body. Eat this in remembrance of Me.”

After supper He took the cup of the new covenant, and He said,

“This cup is in My blood, a memorial of Me for the days to come.”

“Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim My death
 until I come again to you, so in this hope, share in the mystery of faith...”

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 a
 Farci Communion
 Hymn (Iran),
 1 Corinthians 11*

First Communion
 (John Luter)

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

“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

O mein Jesu, Ich muss sterben
text: Thomas Kelly, 1804



1. Strick - en, smit - ten, and af - flict - ed, see him dy - ing on the tree!
2. Tell me, ye who hear him groan - ing, was there ev - er grief like his?
3. Ye who think of sin but light - ly nor sup - pose the e - vil great
4. Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, here the ref - uge of the lost;



'Tis the Christ by man re - ject - ed; yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he!
Friends thro' fear his cause dis - own - ing, foes in - sult - ing his dis - tress;
here may view its na - ture right - ly, here its guilt may es - ti - mate.
Christ's the Rock of our sal - va - tion, his the name of which we boast.



'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed Proph - et, Da - vid's son, yet Dav - id's Lord;
man - y hands were raised to wound him, none would in - ter - pose to save;
Mark the sac - ri - fice ap - point - ed, see who bears the aw - ful load;
Lamb of God, for sin - ners wound - ed, sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt!



by his Son God now has spo - ken: 'tis the true and faith - ful Word.
but the deep - est stroke that pierced him was the stroke that Jus - tice gave.
'tis the Word, the Lord's A - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
None shall ev - er be con - found - ed who on him their hope have built.

“Be Still My Soul”

Finlandia
text: Katharina von Schlegel, 1752



1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side; _____ bear pa - tient -
2. Be still, my soul: your God will un - der - take _____ to guide the
3. Be still, my soul: when dear - est friends de - part, _____ and all is
4. Be still, my soul: the hour is has - t'ning on _____ when we shall



- ly the cross of grief or pain; _____ leave to your God to
fu - ture as he has the past. _____ Your hope, your con - fi -
dark - ened in the vale of tears, _____ then shall you bet - ter
be for - ev - er with the Lord, _____ when dis - ap - point - ment,



or - der and pro - vide; _____ in ev - 'ry change he faith - ful will re -
- dence let noth - ing shake; _____ all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at
know his love, his heart, _____ who comes to soothe your sor - row and your
grief, and fear are gone, _____ sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re -



- main. _____ Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'n - ly Friend _____
last. _____ Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know _____
fears. _____ Be still, my soul: your Je - sus can re - pay _____
- stored. _____ Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, _____



— through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
— his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
— from his own full - ness all he takes a - way.
— all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”

Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Jordan Kauflin,
Matt Merker, Matt Papa, 2020



1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ a - lone, Christ a - lone.
2. What truth can calm the trou - bled soul? God is good, God is good.
3. Un - to the grave, what shall we sing? “Christ, he lives!” “Christ, He lives!”



What is our on - ly con - fi - dence? That our souls to him be - long.
Where is his grace and good - ness known? In our great Re - deem - er's blood.
And what re - ward will heav - en bring? Ev - er - last - ing life with him.



Who holds our days with - in his hand? What comes, a - part from his com -
Who holds our faith when fears a - rise? who stands a - bove the storm - y
There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and death will be de -



- mand? And what will keep us to the end? The love of
trial? Who sends the waves that bring us nigh Un - to the
- stroyed, And we will feast in end - less joy, When Christ is

Refrain



Christ, in which we stand. _____
shore, the rock of Christ? _____ *O sing ha - le - lu - ia! Our*
ours for - ev - er - more. _____



hope springs e - ter - nal; O sing ha - le - lu - ia! Now and



ev - er we con - fess Christ our hope in life and death.

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.**

And now may you have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

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
Ephesians 3

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.

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

- **Youth** - We do not meet on the first Wednesday night of each month. Plan to join us on March 11.

UPCOMING

- **Gathered Prayer** - Mark your calendars for March 15 as we take a break from our SOLD classes to spend some focused time in corporate prayer. Bring the whole family!
- **Cambodia Team** - A group of five will be going to minister to the MTW Cambodia team in April during their annual retreat and will also help dedicate the new church building in Luke and Sokha Smith's village. Look for more info soon on how you can support this team as we send them off.

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