

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP



NEW ST PETER'S

MAY 24, 2026

*“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

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

Lasst uns erfreuen

**All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

CALL TO WORSHIP Joel 2

Be glad, O children of Zion,
and rejoice in the LORD your God!

Silence

LITURGY OF THE WORD Joel 2 Acts 2

Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice,
for the LORD will restore to us the years
that the swarming locust has eaten.
We shall eat in plenty and be satisfied.

**Surely we know that He is in our midst.
He is the LORD our God,
and there is none else.
We shall never again be put to shame.**

For Jesus, whom God made both Lord and Christ,
was crucified and killed for us lawless men.
But God raised Him up,
because it was not possible for Him to be held by death.

**And now Christ is exalted at the right hand of God,
And we have received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit—
He who has been poured out on all flesh,
on everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself.**

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.**

“Psalm 96b (Let the Earth Rejoice)”

Brian Franklin, 2013



Let the heavn's be glad, Let the earth re - joice; let the sea__



“God the Spirit”

Matt Boswell, 2009
text: Samuel Stone, 1866



1. Ho - ly fount of in - spi - ra - tion, by whose gift the great of_ old,
2. Au - thor of the new cre - a - tion, Giv - er of the sec - ond birth,
3. When we wan - der, Lord di - rect us, keep us in the Mas - ter's way.



Spoke the word of rev - e - la - tion, mar - vel - ous and
May Thy cease - less ren - o - va - tion cleanse our souls from
Let Thy strong swift sword pro - tect us_ war - ring in the

1.2.
% Refrain



man - i - fold.
stains of_ earth. God the Spir - it, we a - dore Thee, in the Tri - une
e - vil_ day.



God - head One. One in love and pow - er and glo - ry



with the Fath - er_ and the_ Son._____ Shall the



church now faint or fear when the Com - fort - er is near?_

D.S. al Fine

Lord God, You call us to be holy as You are holy.

**But in our unbelief,
we struggle against the reign of sin in us and among us.
We often obey its passions and present our members to sin
as instruments for unrighteousness.
We practice the works of evil—
covetousness, malice, envy, and strife.
We gossip about and slander our brothers and sisters,
and we have hearts prone to pride and faithlessness.
We deserve Your righteous judgment, O God.
Apart from Your mercy, only death awaits us.
Show us Your abundant kindness and forbearance,
and lead us into the grace of repentance.
In Christ's name and for His sake, amen.**

Silent confession

Children of God, the wages of sin is death,
but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
For your old self was crucified with Him
in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing.

**Now if we have died with Christ,
we believe that we will also live with Him.
For we have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God,
and sanctification and eternal life await us in Christ Jesus.
Amen!**

A reading from Hebrews: By faith, pilgrims become strong through the power of the Holy Spirit.

*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**
Romans 1, 2, 6

**ASSURANCE OF
PARDON**
Romans 6

**NEW TESTAMENT
READING**
Hebrews 11.1-3, 32-35

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

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Lasst uns erfreuen

**Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for Thy Lord to hear;
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light,
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

¹ Samson went down to Timnah, and at Timnah he saw one of the daughters of the Philistines. ² Then he came up and told his father and mother, *“I saw one of the daughters of the Philistines at Timnah. Now get her for me as my wife.”* ³ But his father and mother said to him, *“Is there not a woman among the daughters of your relatives, or among all our people, that you must go to take a wife from the uncircumcised Philistines?”* But Samson said to his father, *“Get her for me, for she is right in my eyes.”*

⁴ His father and mother did not know that it was from the LORD, for He was seeking an opportunity against the Philistines. At that time the Philistines ruled over Israel.

⁵ Then Samson went down with his father and mother to Timnah, and they came to the vineyards of Timnah. And behold, a young lion came toward him roaring. ⁶ Then the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon him, and although he had nothing in his hand, he tore the lion in pieces as one tears a young goat. But he did not tell his father or his mother what he had done. ⁷ Then he went down and talked with the woman, and she was right in Samson’s eyes.

⁸ After some days he returned to take her. And he turned aside to see the carcass of the lion, and behold, there was a swarm of bees in the body of the lion, and honey. ⁹ He scraped it out into his hands and went on, eating as he went. And he came to his father and mother and gave some to them, and they ate. But he did not tell them that he had scraped the honey from the carcass of the lion.

²³ Now the lords of the Philistines gathered to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god and to rejoice, and they said, *“Our god has given Samson our enemy into our hand.”* ²⁴ And when the people saw him, they praised their god. For they said, *“Our god has given our enemy into our hand, the ravager of our country, who has killed many of us.”* ²⁵ And when their hearts were merry, they said, *“Call Samson, that he may entertain us.”* So they called Samson out of the prison, and he entertained them. They made him stand between the pillars. ²⁶ And Samson said to the young man who held him by the hand, *“Let me feel the pillars on which the house rests, that I may lean against them.”* ²⁷ Now the house was full of men and women. All the lords of the Philistines were there, and on the roof there were about 3,000 men and women, who looked on while Samson entertained.

²⁸ Then Samson called to the LORD and said, “O LORD God, please remember me and please strengthen me only this once, O God, that I may be avenged on the Philistines for my two eyes.”²⁹ And Samson grasped the two middle pillars on which the house rested, and he leaned his weight against them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other.
³⁰ And Samson said, “Let me die with the Philistines.” Then he bowed with all his strength, and the house fell upon the lords and upon all the people who were in it. So the dead whom he killed at his death were more than those whom he had killed during his life.
³¹ Then his brothers and all his family came down and took him and brought him up and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the tomb of Manoah his father. He had judged Israel twenty years.

“By Faith: Samson”

Judges 14.1-9, 16.23-31

Faith or Sight?

Flesh or Spirit?

Strength or Power?

**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.*

We draw near, O Lord, with true faith,
 and through Your mercy
 partake of the body and blood of our Life-giver, Jesus Christ.

**In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
 we give You thanks.**

For Christ our Savior is our peace and our propitiation,
 and in His name we proclaim our shared faith:through whom we
 proclaim the hope of our 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
 Ante-Nicene Liturgy*

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*

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 13, 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

“Yet Sovereign Mercy Calls, Return!”

Music by Benj Pocta
text: Anne Steele, (1716-1788)



1. How oft, a - las, this wretch - ed heart Has wan - dered from the Lord!_
2. And canst Thou, wilt Thou, yet for - give, And bid my crimes re - move?
3. Al - might - y grace, thy heal - ing power, How glo - rious, how di - vine!_



— How oft my rov - ing thoughts de - part, For - get - ful of His
— And shall a par - doned re - bel live To speak Thy won - drous
— That can to life and bliss re - store So vile a heart as



Word!_____ Yet sov - 'reign Mer - cy calls, “Re - turn!”
love?_____ Yet sov - 'reign Mer - cy calls, “Re - turn!”
mine!_____ Thy par - doning love, so free, so sweet,



Dear Lord, and may I come?_____ My vile in - grat - i -
Dear Lord, and may I come?_____ My vile in - grat - i -
Dear Sav - ior, I a - dore;_____ O keep me at thy



-tude I mourn; O take the wan - d'rer home._____
-tude I mourn; O take the wan - d'rer home._____
sa - cred feet, And let me rove no more._____

“We Are Not Overcome”

Isaac Wardell & Robert Heiskell, 2013



1. Flesh will fail, _ and bones will break; thieves will steal, the earth will
2. Put no trust in the earth, in the sod _ you stand up-
3. Have no fear _ for your life; _ turn your cheek, turn your



_ shake. Night will fall, _ the light will fade; The Lord will give
- on. Flow - ers fade _ in - to dust; The Lord will make
_ cheek. Bear the yoke of life and death; The Lord will give

Refrain



_ and take a - way. _
_ a place for us. _ *Be - cause of His great*
_ all life and breath.



love, we are not o - ver - come! _ *Be - cause of*



His great love, we are not o - ver - come! _

“His Mercy Is More”

Matt Boswell & Matt Papa, 2016



1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done; Om - nis - cient, all know - ing, He
 2. (What) pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam; What Fa - ther, so ten - der, is
 3. (What) rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us; His blood was the pay - ment, His



counts not their sum. Thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore;__
 call - ing us home. He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor;__ Our
 life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford;__



sins they are man - y, His mer - cy is more. 2. What



more. Praise the Lord!__ His mer - cy is more._____



Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev - 'ry morn; Our sins they are man - y, His mer - cy is



more. 3. What

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.**

May you be strengthened to comprehend with all the saints 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.

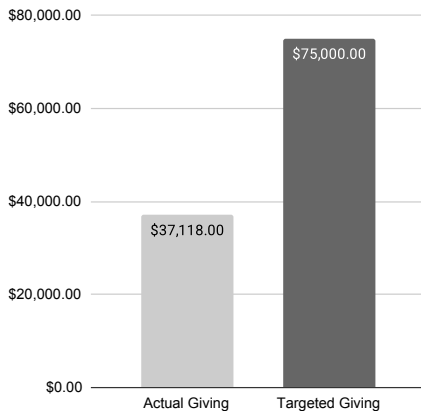
BUDGET UPDATE

“Normal growth, sacrificial giving” is our theme for this new season. To start with some good news: We have seen growth in attendance and in giving in recent months!

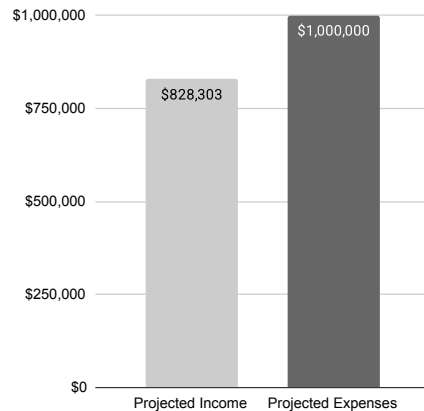
We are grateful for the Lord’s provision, and we are challenging ourselves to continue to sacrifice. With capital campaign giving, we are well on track to meet our debt covenants with our mortgage lender, but to meet our ambitious goal of being debt free in 3-5 years, we must also work to increase giving to the general fund.

As an aside, we are very grateful to have recieved generous year-end gifts to the alms fund, which is currently very healthy! We would humbly ask each of you to pray about our church’s current financial position and prayerfully evaluate what you are able to give as we move into this new season of property ownership.

PREVIOUS MONTH GIVING (APRIL)



PROJECTED DEFICIT AT FY-END (JUNE)



The projected deficit and giving above does not include capital campaign giving or expenditures—it is merely representing our general budget

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

- **Budget Update** - See page 15.
- **Youth End-of-Year Party** - Join us for games and dinner on May 30, 6:00- 8:00 pm in the youth room.

UPCOMING

- **20Somethings Summer Bible Study for College Students** - starts up on May 28. We will meet through the summer at 6:30 pm on Thursdays, and will be studying 1 Peter. We will meet at Daniel, Richard, and Justin's house. Please reach out to Abigail or Lucas for more information.
- **Women's Summer Book Study** - We are excited to join together this summer for an NSP Women's Summer Book Club, reading *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi. We will meet the second Monday of each month from 7:00 - 8:30pm on June 8, July 13, and August 10. The first meeting will be at Kelley Bruss's home. Please read chapters 1-14 for the first meeting.

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