



*Denton Presbyterian*

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

## **Membership Vows**

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**Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?**

**Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?**

**Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?**

**Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?**

**Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to study its purity and peace?**

# **Word**

DECEMBER 20, 2020

## **Call to Worship: Luke 2:13-14**

### **Hark the Herald Angels Sing**

**Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King:  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With th'angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"**

**{Refrain}**

**Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King."**

**Christ, by highest heav'n adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold him come,  
Offspring of the Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
Hail th'incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with men to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.**

**{Refrain}**

**Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
Ris'n with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.**

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### **THE FIRST WORD**

*We believe that God always initiates with sinners, so we begin worship with His word, His invitation to us to gather in His name.*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*There is a nursery available for children up to age 3. See pg 11-12 for other announcements.*

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## ***Invocation***

### **The First Noel**

**The first Noel the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they  
lay;  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.**

**[Refrain]  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
born is the King of Israel.**

**They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east, beyond them far;  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night.  
[Refrain]**

**And by the light of that same star  
three Wise Men came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it went.  
[Refrain]**

**Then entered in those Wise Men three,  
full reverently upon the knee,  
and offered there, in his presence,  
their gold and myrrh and frankincense.  
[Refrain]**

**Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord;  
That hath made heaven and earth of nought,  
And with hid blood our life hath bought.  
[Refrain]**

## ***Reading of the Gospel: Psalm 2***

Leader: 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, saying, "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us." He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill." I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, "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. You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

**Congregation: Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.**

## ***Pastoral Prayer***

### ***Corporate Confession of Sin***

**Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you and to one another, that we have sinned against you by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not always had in us the mind of Christ. You alone know how often we have grieved you by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways. Forgive us, we**

### **WHY DO WE READ THE GOSPEL?**

*Our main underlying problem that we cannot change is unbelief in God. The Good News is that He sent His Only Son to Die so that we might believe that which is already evident but that we reject.*

### **WHY DO WE CONFESS OUR SINS?**

*Because we recognize that things are not right with us, with one another, with creation, and with God. Part of who we are is to be right with God and with one another, so in recognition of this we confess.*

**pray you, most merciful Father; and free us from our sin. Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. Amen.**

### ***Silent Confession of Sin***

### ***Thanksgiving and Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 3:3-4***

*But you, O LORD, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head. I cried aloud to the LORD, and he answered me from his holy hill.*

### **As With Gladness**

**As with gladness men of old  
Did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light,  
Leading onward, beaming bright;  
So, most gracious God, may we  
Evermore be led to thee.**

**As with joyful steps they sped  
To that lowly cradle bed,  
There to bend the knee before  
Him whom heaven and earth adore;  
So may we with willing feet  
Ever seek thy mercy-seat.**

**As they offered gifts most rare  
At that cradle rude and bare;  
So may we with holy joy,  
Pure, and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to thee, our heav'nly King.**

**Holy Jesus, ev'ry day  
Keep us in the narrow way;  
And, when earthly things are past,  
Bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide,  
Where no clouds thy glory hide.**

### ***Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed***

**I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### ***Offerings***

#### ***Reading of God's Word: Micah 5:1-5a***

*Minister:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God!**

#### ***Hearing God's Word: Matthew 2***

*Minister:* May His Word Live in Us

*People:* **And bear much fruit to His Glory**

### ***The Sermon***

#### **WHY DO WE CONFESS OUR FAITH?**

*To remind us and those around us  
what we believe.*

#### **WHAT DO WE MEAN BY TAKING UP AN OFFERING?**

*The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

## ***Corporate Prayer of Response***

**Our Father Which art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven, give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen**

## ***Celebrating The Lord's Supper***

*Minister:* Brothers and sisters in Christ, the gospels tell us that on the first day of the week, the day on which our Lord rose from the dead, he appeared to some of his disciples and was made known to them in the breaking of bread. Come, then, to the joyful feast of our Lord.

### ***The Thanksgiving***

*Minister:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Minister:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right for us to give thanks. It is our joy and our peace, at all times and in all places to give thanks to you, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Christ our Lord.**

### ***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration***

***The Institution:*** *1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

“The Lord Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, ‘This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.’ In the same way, he took the cup, after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new

covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

*People:* **We who are many are one body, for we all share the same loaf.**

*Minister:* The cup for which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

*People:* **The cup which we drink is our participation in the blood of Christ.**

### ***The Invitation***

*Minister:* The gifts of God for the people of God.

### ***Silent Reflection***

## **Communion Hymns**

### **Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery**

**Come behold the wondrous mystery  
In the dawning of the King  
He the theme of heaven's praises  
Robed in frail humanity  
In our longing, in our darkness  
Now the Light of Life has come  
Look to Christ, Who condescended  
Took on flesh to ransom us**

**Come behold the wondrous mystery  
He the perfect Son of Man  
In His living, in His suffering  
Never trace nor stain of sin  
See the true and better Adam  
Come to save the hell-bound man  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment  
Of the law; in Him we stand**

**Come behold the wondrous mystery  
Christ the Lord upon the tree  
In the stead of ruined sinners  
Hangs the Lamb in victory  
See the price of our redemption  
See the Father's plan unfold  
Bringing many sons to glory  
Grace unmeasured, love untold**

**Come behold the wondrous mystery  
Slain by death the God of life  
But no grave could e'er restrain Him  
Praise the Lord; He is alive!  
What a foretaste of deliverance  
How unwavering our hope  
Christ in power resurrected  
As we will be when He comes**

### **Go Tell It on the Mountain**

**[Refrain]  
Go tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and everywhere;  
go tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born!**

**While shepherds kept their  
watching  
o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold throughout the heavens  
there shone a holy light.  
[Refrain]**

**The shepherds feared and trembled  
when lo! above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus  
that hailed our Savior's birth.  
[Refrain]**

**Down in a lowly manger  
the humble Christ was born,  
and God sent us salvation  
that blessed Christmas morn.  
[Refrain]**

**Benediction: Galatians 1:3-5**

*Grace to you and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself  
for our sins to deliver us from the present evil  
age, according to the will of our God and  
Father, to whom be glory forever and ever.  
Amen.*

### **The Doxology**

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

Denton Presbyterian exists to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to bear on the city of Denton through lifestyles of repentance, belief, loving God and loving our neighbors. You are officially set free to minister to one another and to the city of Denton.

### **Announcements**

#### **Lessons and Carols:**

We are planning to have a special service of Lessons and Carols tonight, Sunday, December 20th at 5:30 pm in the gym of First Presbyterian Church of Denton. Please plan to join us for a special celebration the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

#### **Church Building Search:**

Please be in prayer for our building committee as we search for a more permanent meeting place for the church.

#### **PRAYER MEETING:**

We are taking a break until the New Year.

#### **Women's Ministries.**

We are taking a break until the New Year. You can contact Lisa Tarplee at [lisa.tarplee@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.tarplee@gmail.com) or Angie Wilson at [atymonw@yahoo.com](mailto:atymonw@yahoo.com) for details.

### **Men's Fellowship.**

We are taking a break until the New Year. You can contact Robert Wagner at [robert.wagner9@gmail.com](mailto:robert.wagner9@gmail.com) for more information.

### **ONLINE GIVING:**

For ease of use, our website includes a link to give directly to DPC online. See [dentonpresbyterian.com](http://dentonpresbyterian.com) for details.

If you would rather mail in a check, the church address is:

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