



*Denton Presbyterian*

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

## **Membership Vows**

*Denton Presbyterian Church is a member church of the Presbyterian Church in America.*  
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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 27, 2020

## ***Call to Worship: Lamentations 3:22-24***

### **Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my father,  
There is no shadow of turning with thee:  
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
As thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.**

**{Refrain}**

**"Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy  
faithfulness!"  
Morning by morning new mercies I see:  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided—  
"Great is thy faithfulness," Lord unto me!**

**Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.  
{Refrain}**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.  
{Refrain}**

### ***Invocation***

#### **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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## **Jesus, Lover of My Soul**

**Jesus, Lover of my soul,  
Let me to thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll,  
While the tempest still is high:  
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide,  
Till the storm of life is past;  
Safe into the haven guide,  
O receive my soul at last!**

**Other refuge have I none,  
Hangs my helpless soul on thee;  
Leave, ah! leave me not alone,  
Still support and comfort me!  
All my trust on thee is stayed,  
All my help from thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head  
With the shadow of thy wing.**

**Thou, O Christ, art all I want;  
More than all in thee I find:  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,  
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is thy Name;  
I am all unrighteousness;  
False and full of sin I am,  
Thou art full of truth and grace.**

**Plenteous grace with thee is found,  
Grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound;  
Make and keep me pure within:  
Thou of life the Fountain art,  
Freely let me take of thee;  
Spring thou up within my heart,  
Rise to all eternity.**

## ***Reading of the Gospel: Romans 8:31-39***

Leader: What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

**Congregation: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure 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 us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

## ***Pastoral Prayer***

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

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I**

### **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.*

**shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

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

#### ***Thanksgiving and Assurance of Pardon: Romans 8:1-2***

*There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.*

### **Be Still My Soul**

**Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
Leave to your God to order and provide;  
In ev'ry change he faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly  
Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**

**Be still, my soul: your God doth undertake  
To guide the future as he has the past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still  
know  
His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.**

**Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,  
And all is darkened in the vale of tears,  
Then shalt you better know his love, his heart,  
Who comes to soothe your sorrow and your  
fears.**

**Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay  
From his own fullness all he takes away.**

**Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on  
When we shall be for ever with the Lord,  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.**

**Be still, my soul: when change and tears are  
past,  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

### ***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.**

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

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

## ***Offerings***

### **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.*

### ***Reading of God's Word: Psalm 46***

*Minister:* The Word of the Lord

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

### ***Hearing God's Word: 1 John 4:7-21***

*Minister:* May His Word Live in Us

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

## ***The Sermon***

### ***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:*** *I Corinthians II: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**

### **The Power of the Cross**

**Oh, to see the dawn  
Of the darkest day:  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men,  
Torn and beaten, then  
Nailed to a cross of wood.  
This, the power of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us,  
Took the blame, bore the wrath:  
We stand forgiven at the cross.**

**Oh, to see the pain  
Written on Your face  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin;  
Every bitter thought,  
Every evil deed  
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.  
This, the power of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us,  
Took the blame, bore the wrath:  
We stand forgiven at the cross.**

**Now the daylight flees,  
Now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.  
Curtain torn in two,  
Dead are raised to life;  
'Finished!' the victory cry.  
This, the power of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us,  
Took the blame, bore the wrath:  
We stand forgiven at the cross.**

**Oh, to see my name  
Written in the wounds,  
For through Your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death,  
Life is mine to live,  
Won through Your selfless love.  
This, the power of the cross:  
Son of God, slain for us.  
What a love! What a cost!  
We stand forgiven at the cross.**

## **Be Thou My Vision**

**Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my  
heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that  
Thou art  
Thou my best thought, by day or by  
night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence  
my light.**

**Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my  
true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me,  
Lord;  
Thou my great Father, and I Thy  
true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with  
Thee one.**

**Be Thou my battle shield, sword for  
my fight;  
Be Thou my dignity, thou my delight,  
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high  
tow'r:  
Raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r  
of my pow'r.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man's empty  
praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and  
always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my  
heart,  
High king of heaven, my treasure  
Thou art.**

**High king of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's  
sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.**

## **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**

### **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:**

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