



*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?**

## ***Call to Worship: 1 Chronicles 29:10-13***

### **Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and  
love.**

**Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light,  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!**

### ***Invocation***

#### **Thy Mercy My God**

**Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,  
The joy of my heart. and the boast of my tongue;  
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,  
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.**

**Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;  
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;  
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive,  
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.**

#### **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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**Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,  
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;  
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,  
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.**

**Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,  
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;  
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine  
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness  
mine.**

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Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness  
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### ***Reading of the Gospel: Psalm 32***

Leader: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

#### **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.*

**Congregation: Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you. Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but**

**steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord. Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!**

## ***Pastoral Prayer***

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

**O my Savior, help me. I am slow to learn, prone to forget, and weak to climb; I am in the foothills when I should be on the heights; I am pained by my graceless heart, my prayerless days, my poverty of love, my sloth in the heavenly race, my sullied conscience, my wasted hours, my unspent opportunities. I am blind while the light shines around me: take the scales from my eyes, grind to dust my heart of unbelief. Make it my highest joy to study you, meditate on you, gaze on you, sit like Mary at your feet, lean like John on your breast, appeal like Peter to your love, count like Paul all things but dung. I believe, help my unbelief. Amen**

### **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.*

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

### ***Thanksgiving and Assurance of Pardon: Lamentations 3:22-23***

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*

## **Speak O Lord**

**Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes for Your glory.**

**Teach us, Lord, full obedience,  
Holy reverence, true humility;  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail—  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.**

**Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory.**

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

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

### ***Confession of Faith: Hebrews 1:1-4***

**Long ago, at many times and in many ways,  
God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but  
in these last days he has spoken to us by his  
Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things,**

**through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.**

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### ***Offerings***

#### ***Reading of God's Word: 1 Kings 18:36-46***

*Minister:* The Word of the Lord

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

#### ***Hearing God's Word: James 5:13-18***

*Minister:* May His Word Live in Us

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

### ***The Sermon***

#### **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:*** *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**

### **Psalm 16 - Fullness of Joy**

**O God my refuge  
And my protection  
I have no other good besides  
Your saints who dwell on earth  
Get my affection  
In them is all of my delight**

**When men to idols pray  
They choose corruption  
And cast their Maker God aside  
I won't join in their way  
For it's destruction  
Their sorrows now be multiplied**

### **{Refrain}**

**You have made known to me the  
path of life  
Where no thief enters in to destroy  
At Your right hand will be only  
pleasures forever  
In Your presence is fullness of joy**

**You are my portion  
My cup of blessing  
The lines for me all pleasant fall  
So I will praise Your name  
With loud professing When I Your  
benefits recall**

**With You beside me, God  
I'm never shaken  
My heart and flesh will dwell secure  
And even in the grave  
I'm not forsaken  
You make Your Holy One endure  
{Refrain}**

**You have made known to me the  
path of life  
Where no tempter shall be to annoy  
At Your right hand will be only  
pleasures forever  
In Your presence is fullness of joy**

## **O Love That Will Not Let Me Go**

**O Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.**

**O light that followest all my way,  
I yield my flickering torch to thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
That in thy sunshines blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be.**

**O Joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be.**

**O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust lifes glory dead,  
And from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be.**

## **Benediction: Numbers 6:22-17**

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,

*The Lord bless you and keep you;*

*The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;*

*The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.*

“So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.”

## **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 meet on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm via zoom to pray for one another, for our church, for our community, for our nation and for the world. Please consider joining us. Email Pastor Wagner at [robert.wagner9@gmail.com](mailto:robert.wagner9@gmail.com) for the zoom link.

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

Women's Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, January 12. Women meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday from 7:00 - 9:00 PM in the gym at First Pres. 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 studying the parables of Jesus this Spring. We meet each Thursday evening at 7 pm at the home of Pastor Wagner at 2204 Woodbrook St in Denotn. Email Pastor Wagner at [robert.wagner9@gmail.com](mailto:robert.wagner9@gmail.com) for more information.

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