

To all who are weary and need rest,  
To all who mourn and long for comfort,  
To all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares,  
To all who fail and desire strength,  
To all who sin and need a Savior,  
This church opens wide her doors  
with a welcome from Jesus Christ,  
the Ally of his enemies,  
the Defender of the guilty,  
the Justifier of the inexcusable,  
the Friend of sinners.  
Welcome!

## *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***

MARCH 7, 2021

## ***Call to Worship: Revelation 5:11-13***

### **Rejoice, The Lord is King**

**Rejoice, the Lord is King;  
Your Lord and King adore;  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,  
And triumph evermore:**

**[Refrain]**

**Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.**

**Jesus, the Saviour reigns,  
The God of truth and love;  
When he had purged our stains  
He took his seat above:**

**[Refrain]**

**His kingdom cannot fail,  
He rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
The keys of death and hell  
Are to our Jesus giv'n:  
[Refrain]**

**Rejoice in glorious hope!  
Our Lord, the judge, shall come,  
And take his servants up  
To their eternal home.  
[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.*

### **FIND US AT**

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## **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.**

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

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we cannot change is unbelief in God.  
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Only Son to Die so that we might  
believe that which is already evident  
but that we reject.*

### ***Reading of the Gospel: Ezekiel 33:10-12***

Leader: “And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’ Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?”

**Congregation: “And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins.**

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### ***Pastoral Prayer***

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

**Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has wrought in us your holy will. 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:  
Ezekiel 36:25-26***

*I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.*

**How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds**

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**In a believer's ear!**

**It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,  
And drives away his fear.**

**It makes the wounded spirit whole,**

**And calms the troubled breast;**

**'Tis manna to the hungry soul,**

**And to the weary rest.**

**Dear Name! the Rock on which I build,**

**My Shield and hiding place,**

**My never-failing Treasury filled**

**With boundless stores of grace;**

**Weak is the effort of my heart,**

**And cold my warmest thought;**

**But when I see thee as thou art,**

**I'll praise thee as I ought.**

**Till then I would thy love proclaim**

**With ev'ry fleeting breath;**

**And may the music of thy Name**

**Refresh my soul in death.**

## ***Confession of Faith: 1 John 4:9-12***

**In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.**

## ***Offerings***

### ***Reading of God's Word: Psalm 42***

*Minister:* The Word of the Lord

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

### ***Hearing God's Word: Luke 13:22-35***

*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**

### **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*

## ***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**

### **My Jesus, I Love Thee**

**My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou  
art mine;  
For thee all the follies of sin I resign.  
My gracious Redeemer, my Saviour  
art thou;  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis  
now.**

**I love thee because thou hast first  
loved me,  
And purchased my pardon on  
Calvary's tree.  
I love thee for wearing the thorns on  
thy brow;  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis  
now.**

**I'll love thee in life, I will love thee  
in death;  
And praise thee as long as thou  
lendest me breath;  
And say, when the death-dew lies  
cold on my brow:  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis  
now.**

**In mansions of glory and endless  
delight,  
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so  
bright;  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on  
my brow:  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis  
now.**

### **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 tower:  
Raise thou me heavenward  
O Power of my power.**

**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: 2 John 3**

*Grace, mercy and peace will be with us,  
from God the Father and from Jesus Christ  
the Father's Son, in truth and love.*

## **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**

### **Family Meeting:**

We will have an informal meeting after worship on March 21st, where the elders will give an update on the status of our church.

**Pot Luck Lunch:**

We will be having a church wide pot luck lunch after church on March 21st. Please plan to join us for some lunch and fellowship.

**Time Change:**

Don't forget that we *spring forward* next week. So move your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed next Saturday night.

**Food Collection:**

We are beginning to collect can goods and other non-perishable foods to give to the Denton Christian PreSchool to help with some of the families in need in the school. Would you please consider bringing a few things each week to donate?

**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 7:30 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 Denton. Email Pastor 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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