

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

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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: Revelation 19:11-16

Crown Him with Many Crowns

**Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Lord of love;
Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.**

**Crown him the Lord of peace;
Whose pow'r a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end;
And round his pierced feet
Fair flowers of Paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.**

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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**Crown him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime:
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me:
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity.**

Invocation

A Debtor to Mercy Alone

**A debtor to mercy alone,
Of covenant mercy I sing;
Nor fear, with Thy righteousness on,
My person and offering to bring.
The terrors of law and of God
With me can have nothing to do;
My Savior's obedience and blood
Hide all my transgressions from view**

**The work which His goodness began,
The arm of His strength will complete;
His promise is yea and amen,
And never was forfeited yet.
Things future, nor things that are now,
Not all things below nor above
Can make Him His purpose forego,
Or sever my soul from His love.**

**My name from the palms of His hands
Eternity will not erase;
Impressed on His heart it remains
In marks of indelible grace.
Yes, I to the end shall endure,
As sure as the earnest is given
More happy, but not more secure,
The glorified spirits in heaven.**

Reading of the Gospel: Matthew 6:19-21, 24

Leader: “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Congregation: “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Corporate Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus, I have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek you in my daily life. My sins and shortcomings present me with a list of accusations, but I thank you that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ. Deliver me from every evil habit, every interest of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in me, everything that prevents me taking delight in you. 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: 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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 fulfil 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 power 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, 'til 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: The Apostles' Creed

**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.

Offerings

Reading of God's Word: Psalm 48

Minister: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Hearing God's Word: Luke 16:1-15

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

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: *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

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

**When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God:
All the vain things that charm me
most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**See, from his head, his hands, his
feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down:
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature
mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.**

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

**On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.**

**All o'er those wide extended plains,
Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns,
And scatters night away.**

[Chorus]

**I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for promised land,
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for promised land.**

**No chilling winds nor poisonous
breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more.
(Repeat chorus)**

**When shall I reach that happy place,
And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Fathers face,
And in His bosom rest?
(Repeat chorus)**

**Benediction: 2 Corinthians
13:14**

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the
love of God and the fellowship of the Holy
Spirit be with you all.*

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

Sunday Evening at the Park:

Please join us at South Lakes Park between the playground and the lake on Sunday evenings at 6 pm for some fellowship.

Session Listening Groups:

We are having a series of small group lunches after church in the coming weeks in order to share our vision for the church and listen to your hopes and dreams for the church as well. Please see the sign-up sheets on the table in the back.

Habitat for Humanity:

We are volunteering with Habitat for Humanity on Saturday, April 17 in the morning. We will be assisting in the construction of a home for one of their families. Please see the sign-up sheet on the table in the back.

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 are starting an in-person prayer meeting Sunday mornings before the worship service at 9:45 am to pray for the ministry of the church. ALL are welcome.

We will also continue to meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm via zoom to pray for one another, for our church. Please joining us. Email Pastor Wagner at robert.wagner9@gmail.com for info.

Women's Ministries.

Women's Bible Study meets 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 or Angie Wilson at 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 for more information.

ONLINE GIVING:

For ease of use, our website includes a link to give directly to DPC online. See dentonpresbyterian.com for details.

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