

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: Psalm 103:1-5

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

**All ye who hear, Now to his temple draw near,
Praise Him in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so
wondrously reigneth,**

**Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently
sustaineth!**

**Hast thou not seen, how all your longings have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and
defend thee!**

**Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend
thee;**

**Ponder anew, What the Almighty can do,
If with his love he befriend thee!**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises
before him.**

**Let the Amen, Sound from his people again;
Gladly for e'er we adore him.**

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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Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

**Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
Hold me with thy pow'rful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be thou still my Strength and Shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.**

Reading of the Gospel: James 2:14-19

Leader: What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

Congregation: But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder!

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.

How Sweet and Aweful Is the Place

**How sweet and aweful is the place
With Christ within the doors
While everlasting love displays
The choicest of her stores**

**While all our hearts and all our songs
Join to admire the feast
Each of us cry with thankful tongues
“Lord, why was I a guest?”**

**“Why was I made to hear Thy voice
And enter while there’s room
When thousands make a wretched choice
And rather starve than come?”**

**’Twas the same love that spread the feast
That sweetly drew us in
Else we had still refused to taste
And perished in our sin**

**Pity the nations, O our God
Constrain the earth to come
Send Thy victorious Word abroad
And bring the strangers home**

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.**

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*

Offerings

Reading of God's Word: Psalm 49

Minister: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Hearing God's Word: Luke 16:19-31

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

Before the Throne of God Above

**Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is
love**

**Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He
stands**

**No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart**

**When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me**

**Behold Him there, the risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself, I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God**

For All the Saints

**For all the saints,
who from their labors rest,
To Thee by faith
before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus,
be forever blessed.
Alleluia, Allelu...**

**Thou wast their rock,
their fortress and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain
in the well fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness
drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia, Allelu...**

**O may Thy soldiers,
faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the saints
who nobly fought of old,
And win with them
the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia, Allelu...**

**The golden evening
brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful
warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm
of paradise the blessed.
Alleluia, Allelu...**

**But lo! There breaks
a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant
rise in bright array;
The King of glory
passes on his way,
Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**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.

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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