

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**

APRIL 25, 2021

## ***Call to Worship: Psalm 100***

### **Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee**

**Joyful, joyful, we adore You,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You,  
Op'ning to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day!**

**All Your works with joy surround You,  
Earth and heav'n reflect Your rays,  
Stars and angels sing around You,  
Center of unbroken praise;  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain  
Praising You eternally!**

**Always giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living,  
Ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Loving Father, Christ our Brother,  
Let Your light upon us shine;  
Teach us how to love each other,  
Lift us to the joy divine.**

## ***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**

[facebook.com/DentonPres](https://facebook.com/DentonPres)

[dentonpresbyterian.com](https://dentonpresbyterian.com)

## ***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God***

**A mighty fortress is our God,  
A bulwark never failing;  
Our helper he amid the flood  
Of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe  
Doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and power are great;  
And armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.**

**Did we in our own strength confide,  
Our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right Man on our side,  
The Man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is he,  
Lord Sabaoth his name,  
From age to age the same,  
And he must win the battle.**

**And though this world, with devils filled,  
Should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed  
His truth to triumph through us.  
The prince of darkness grim,  
We tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure,  
For lo! his doom is sure;  
One little word shall fell him.**

**That Word above all earthly powers,  
No thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
Through him who with us sideth;  
Let goods and kindred go,  
This mortal life also;  
The body they may kill:  
God's truth abideth still;  
His kingdom is for ever.**

## ***Reading of the Gospel: Psalm 102:1-17***

Leader: Hear my prayer, O Lord; let my cry come to you! Do not hide your face from me in the day of my distress! Incline your ear to me; answer me speedily in the day when I call! For my days pass away like smoke, and my bones burn like a furnace. My heart is struck down like grass and has withered; I forget to eat my bread. Because of my loud groaning my bones cling to my flesh. I am like a desert owl of the wilderness, like an owl of the waste places;

**Congregation: I lie awake; I am like a lonely sparrow on the housetop. My days are like an evening shadow; I wither away like grass. But you, O Lord, are enthroned forever; you are remembered throughout all generations. You will arise and have pity on Zion; it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come. For your servants hold her stones dear and have pity on her dust. Nations will fear the name of the Lord, and all the kings of the earth will fear your glory. For the Lord builds up Zion; he appears in his glory; he regards the prayer of the destitute and does not despise their prayer.**

## ***PASTORAL PRAYER***

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

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

### **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.*

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

### ***Thanksgiving and Assurance of Pardon:***

#### ***Psalm 103:10-11***

*He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him.*

## **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.**

**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.**

## **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: Matthew 6:24-34***

*Minister:* The Word of the Lord

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

#### ***Hearing God's Word: Philippians 4:4-13***

*Minister:* May His Word Live in Us

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

### ***The Sermon***

#### **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*

## ***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**

**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 Savior, hide,  
Til lifes storm is past;  
Safe into the haven guide;  
Receive my soul at last.**

**Other refuge have I none,  
I helpless, hang on Thee;  
Leave, oh leave me not alone,  
Support and comfort me.  
All my trust on Thee is stayed,  
All help from Thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head  
In the shadow of Thy wing.**

**Thou, O Christ, are all I want,  
Here more than all 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,  
Let me take of Thee;  
Spring Thou up within my heart;  
For all eternity.**

## **It Is Well With My Soul**

**When peace, like a river,  
attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot,  
Thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul**

**[Chorus]**

**It is well (it is well)  
with my soul (with my soul)  
It is well, it is well with my soul**

**Though Satan should buffet,  
though trials should come,  
Let this blessed assurance control,  
That Christ has regarded  
my helpless estate,  
And hath shed His own blood for my  
soul.**

**(Repeat chorus)**

**My sin, oh the bliss  
of this glorious thought!  
My sin, not in part but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross,  
and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O  
my soul!**

**(Repeat chorus)**

**And Lord haste the day  
when the faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
The trump shall resound,  
and the Lord shall descend,**

**Even so, it is well with my soul.  
(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.

### **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](mailto: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 at Zerah's Coffee House for fellowship. 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:**

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