

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?**

# ***Word***

MAY 23, 2021

## ***Call to Worship: Psalm 90:1-2***

### **O God Our Help in Ages Past**

**O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home!**

**Beneath the shadow of Thy throne  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,  
And our defense is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God,  
To endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in Thy sight  
Are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.**

**O God our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,  
And our eternal home.**

## ***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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## **This Is My Father's World**

**This is my Father's world,  
And to my list'ning ears,  
All nature sings, and round me rings  
The music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world:  
I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
His hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is my Father's world,  
The birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white,  
Declare their Maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world:  
He shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass,  
He speaks to me everywhere.**

**This is my Father's world,  
O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world:  
The battle is not done;  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,  
And earth and heav'n be one.**

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

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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.*

### ***Reading of the Gospel: Ephesians***

#### ***I:15-23***

Leader: For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of

him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,

**Congregation: And what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.**

## ***PASTORAL PRAYER***

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

**Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.**

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

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*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.*

***Thanksgiving and Assurance of Pardon:  
Ephesians 1:7***

*In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.*

**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.**

### **Confession of Faith: Colossians 1:10-15**

**He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.**

### ***Offerings***

#### ***Reading of God's Word: Psalm 13***

*Minister:* The Word of the Lord

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

#### **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*

## ***Hearing God's Word: Luke 18:1-8***

*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:*** *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**

### **What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

**What a Friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer.**

**Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged:  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful,  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!**

**Are we weak and heavy laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Saviour, still our Refuge—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield thee,  
Thou wilt find a solace there.**

## **Jesus, With Thy Church Abide**

**Jesus, with thy church abide,  
Be her Saviour, Lord and Guide,  
While on earth her faith is tried:  
We beseech thee, hear us.**

**Keep her life and doctrine pure;  
Grant her patience to endure,  
Trusting in thy promise sure:  
We beseech thee, hear us.**

**May she one in doctrine be,  
One in truth and charity,  
Winning all to faith in thee:  
We beseech thee, hear us.**

**May she guide the poor and blind,  
Seek the lost until she find,  
And the brokenhearted bind:  
We beseech thee, hear us.**

**Arm her soldiers with the cross,  
Brave to suffer toil or loss,  
Counting earthly gain but dross:  
We beseech thee, hear us.**

## **Benediction: Hebrews 13:20-21**

*Now may the God of peace who brought  
again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the  
great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of  
the eternal covenant, equip you with  
everything good that you may do his will,  
working in us that which is pleasing in his  
sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be  
glory forever and ever. Amen.*

## **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.

### **Food Collection:**

Denton Christian Preschool is out for summer break, so we are taking a break from collecting food. We will resume the collection in August when School begins again. Thank you for your contributions.

### **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.**

We are on a break for the summer.

### **Men's Fellowship.**

We have finished our study for the Spring, and are taking a break for a few weeks.

**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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