

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?**

## ***Call to Worship: Revelation 7:9-12***

### **O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

**O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of his grace.**

**My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad,  
The honors of thy Name.**

**Jesus, the Name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'Tis life, and health, and peace.**

**He breaks the power of reigning sin,  
He sets the pris'ner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean,  
His blood availed for me.**

**He speaks and, listening to his voice,  
New life the dead receive;  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice;  
The humble poor believe.**

**Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,  
Your loosened tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Savior come;  
And leap, ye lame, for joy.**

### ***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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## **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  
mine.  
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine  
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness  
mine.**

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

### **6:16-24**

#### **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.*

Leader: In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.

**Congregation: To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim**

**the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak...Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.**

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

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

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

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

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

### **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.*

## **How Deep the Father's Love for Us**

**How deep the Father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss –  
The Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.**

**Behold the man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life –  
I know that it is finished.**

**I will not boast in anything,  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer;  
But this I know with all my heart –  
His wounds have paid my ransom.**

### ***Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism #1***

Question: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**Answer: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

## *Offerings*

### ***Reading of God's Word: Ezekiel 36:22-32***

*Minister:* The Word of the Lord

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

### ***Hearing God's Word: John 3***

*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:*** *I 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**

### **Not What My Hands Have Done**

Not what my hands have done  
Can save my guilty soul;  
Not what my toiling flesh has borne  
Can make my spirit whole.  
Not what I feel or do  
Can give me peace with God;  
Not all my prayers,  
And sighs and tears  
Can bear my awful load.

Thy work alone, O Christ,  
Can ease this weight of sin  
Thy blood alone O Lamb of God,  
Can give me peace within.

**Thy love to me O God,  
Not mine, O Lord, to Thee  
Can rid me of  
This dark unrest,  
And set my spirit free!**

**Thy grace alone, O God,  
To me can pardon speak;  
Thy power alone O Son of God,  
Can this sore bondage break.  
No other work, save Thine,  
No other blood will do,  
No strength save that,  
Which is divine,  
Can bear me safely through.**

**I bless the Christ of God;  
I rest on love divine;  
And with unfaltering lip and heart,  
I call this Savior mine.  
His cross dispels each doubt,  
I bury in His tomb  
My unbelief,  
And all my fear,  
Each lingering shade of gloom.**

**I praise the God of grace,  
I trust His truth and might  
He calls me His, I call Him mine,  
My God, my joy, my light  
Tis He Who saveth me,  
And freely pardon gives  
I love because  
He loveth me,  
I live because He lives!**

## **In Christ Alone**

**In Christ alone my hope is found;  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought  
and storm.**

**What heights of love, what depths of  
peace,  
When fears are stilled, when  
strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all—  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to  
save.**

**Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied;  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—  
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine—  
Bought with the precious blood of  
Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death—  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,**

**Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home—  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.**

## **Benediction: Ephesians 6:23-24**

*Peace be to the brothers, and love  
with faith, from God the Father and  
the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be  
with all who love our Lord Jesus  
Christ with love incorruptible.*

## **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**

### **Church Work Day:**

We will gather on Saturday, September 19 to clean the gym. Please come and lend a hand.

### **Church Nursery: URGENT NEED**

We are in need of nursery workers. If you would like to make yourself available to volunteer in the church nursery on a regular basis (once every 2 months or so) please email Sherry Bradford ([bradfordartists@verizon.net](mailto:bradfordartists@verizon.net)) or Pastor Wagner ([robert.wagner9@gmail.com](mailto:robert.wagner9@gmail.com)).

### **Sunday School:**

We are re-starting Sunday School classes beginning on September 12th. We will begin at 9:15 am each Sunday and Pastor Wagner will be leading us in a study of *Instruments in the Redeemer's Hand* by Paul Tripp. Please plan to join us.

### **Community Groups:**

We are going to start Community Groups again this Fall. We plan to have a group hosted in central Denton and then a group that will be centered further south. Details to come soon!

### **PRAYER MEETING:**

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

### **Women's Ministries.**

Please join us for a Women's Fellowship Dinner Kickoff on Tuesday, September 21 at 6:30 pm at 157 Chaparral Est in Shady Shores. We will have two

activities for this Fall for women of all ages. This Fall, women will meet once a month to enjoy a meal together and talk about Philippians. No books or homework will be required. Women will also meet for a monthly fellowship event. Details about these events to be announced each month.

**Men's Fellowship.**

We will be trying something a little different this Fall, We will be having a Bible Study at Pastor Wagner's house on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7pm at 2204 Woodbrook St in Denton. We will be studying the Life of David: A Man After God's Own Heart. Then on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays we will meet at East Side in Denton for fellowship and refreshments. Please join us.

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