



THE BOOK OF JAMES

FAITH THAT WORKS

*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 18:1-3*

### **Rock of Ages**

**Rock of Ages, cleft for me  
Let me hide myself in thee;  
Let the water and the blood,  
From thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure,  
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.**

**Not the labors of my hands  
Can fulfil thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears for ever flow,  
All for sin could not atone;  
Thou must save, and thou alone.**

**Nothing in my hand I bring,  
Simply to thy cross I cling;  
Naked, come to thee for dress,  
Helpless, look to thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the Fountain fly;  
Wash me, Saviour, or I die.**

**While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When mine eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown,  
See thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in thee.**

### *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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## **O God Beyond All Praising**

**O God beyond all praising,  
We worship you today  
And sing the love amazing  
That songs cannot repay;  
For we can only wonder  
At every gift you send,  
At blessings without number  
And mercies without end:  
We lift our hearts before you  
And wait upon your word,  
We honor and adore you,  
Our great and mighty Lord.**

**Then hear, O gracious Savior,  
Accept the love we bring,  
That we who know your favor  
May serve you as our king;  
And whether our tomorrows  
Be filled with good or ill,  
We'll triumph through our sorrows  
And rise to bless you still:  
To marvel at your beauty  
And glory in your ways,  
And make a joyful duty  
Our sacrifice of praise.**

### **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.*

### ***Reading of the Gospel: 1 Peter 1:3-7***

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

**Congregation: In this we rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, we have been**

**grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of our faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.**

## ***PASTORAL PRAYER***

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

**O my Savior, help me. I am slow to learn, prone to forget, and weak to climb; I am in the foothills when I should be on the heights; I am pained by my graceless heart, my prayerless days, my poverty of love, my sloth in the heavenly race, my sullied conscience, my wasted hours, my unspent opportunities. I am blind while the light shines around me: take the scales from my eyes, grind to dust my heart of unbelief. Make it my highest joy to study you, meditate on you, gaze on you, sit like Mary at your feet, lean like John on your breast, appeal like Peter to your love, count like Paul all things but dung. I believe, help my unbelief. Amen**

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

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

### **1 Peter 2:24**

*He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.*

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

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## **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.*

## **Jesus, Cast a Look on Me**

**Jesus cast a look on me,  
Give me sweet simplicity  
Make me poor and keep me low,  
Seeking only Thee to know**

**All that feeds my busy pride,  
Cast it evermore aside  
Bid my will to Thine submit,  
Lay me humbly at Thy feet**

**Make me like a little child,  
Of my strength and wisdom spoiled  
Seeing only in Thy light,  
Walking only in Thy might**

**Leaning on Thy loving breast,  
Where a weary soul can rest  
Feeling well the peace of God,  
Flowing from His precious blood**

**In this posture let me live,  
And hosannas daily give  
In this temper let me die,  
And hosannas ever cry!**

### ***Confession of Faith: New City Catechism***

**Q #24:** Why was it necessary for Christ, the Redeemer, to die?

**Answer:** Since death is the punishment for sin, Christ died willingly in our place to deliver us from the power and penalty of sin and bring us back to God. By his substitutionary atoning death, he alone redeems us from hell and gains

**for us forgiveness of sin, righteousness, and everlasting life.**

Q #29: How can we be saved?

**Answer: Only by faith in Jesus Christ and in his substitutionary atoning death on the cross; so even though we are guilty of having disobeyed God and are still inclined to all evil, nevertheless, God, without any merit of our own but only by pure grace, imputes to us the perfect righteousness of Christ when we repent and believe in him.**

## *Offerings*

### ***Reading of God's Word: Proverbs 3:1-12***

*Minister:* The Word of the Lord

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

### ***Hearing God's Word: James 1:1-12***

*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*

## **The Sacraments**

### **The Baptism of Nathaniel Jude Smith**

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

To the congregation:

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

### ***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**

### **Isaiah 43**

**When you pass through the waters,  
I will be with you,  
And the waves will not  
Overcome you.  
Do not fear,  
For I have redeemed you,  
I have called you by name,  
You are Mine.**

### **{Chorus}**

**For I am the Lord your God,  
I am the Lord your God,  
The Holy One of Israel,  
Your Savior.**

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The Holy One of Israel,  
Your Savior.**

**I am the Lord (do not fear) - 4x**

**When you pass through the fire  
You'll not be burned,  
And the flames will not  
Consume you.  
Do not fear,  
For I have redeemed you,  
I have called you by name,  
You are Mine.  
[Repeat chorus]**

## **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.**

## **Benediction: Jude 24-25**

*Now to him who is able to keep you from  
stumbling and to present you blameless  
before the presence of his glory with great  
joy, to the only God, our Savior, through  
Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty,  
dominion, and authority, before all time  
and now and forever. 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**

### **Church Work Day:**

We will gather on Saturday, September 18 to clean the gym. Please come and lend a hand.

### **Church Nursery:**

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 8:45 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.

### **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 or use the QR code below. If you would rather mail in a check, the church address is:

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