



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?**

# Word

OCTOBER 17, 2021

## *Call to Worship: Psalm 96:1-4*

### **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.**

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### **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: John 1:1-4, 14-18***

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

**Congregation: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came**

**through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.**

## ***PASTORAL PRAYER***

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

**Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in you there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy. We are spiritually poor, but you are rich and in Jesus Christ came to be merciful to the poor. Strengthen our faith and trust in you. We are empty vessels that need to be filled; fill us. We are weak in faith; strengthen us. We are cold in love; warm us, and make our hearts fervent for you that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbors. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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: Psalm 51:1**

*Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.*

### **Speak O Lord**

**Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your Holy Word  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness  
That the light of Christ might be seen today**

**In our acts of love and our deeds of faith  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes for Your glory**

**Teach us Lord, full obedience  
Holy reverence, true humility  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority  
Words of pow'r that can never fail  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief**

**Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory**

**WHY DO WE CONFESS  
OUR FAITH?**

*To remind us and those around us  
what we believe.*

**Confession of Faith: The Apostle's  
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: Proverbs (various)***

*Minister:* The Word of the Lord

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

### ***Hearing God's Word: James 3:1-12***

*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**

### **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:*** *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**

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

**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.**

### **Arise, My Soul, Arise**

**Arise, my soul, arise,  
Shake off thy guilty fears:  
The bleeding Sacrifice  
In my behalf appears:  
Before the Throne my Surety  
stands,  
My name is written on his hands.**

**He ever lives above,  
For me to intercede,  
His all-redeeming love,  
His precious blood to plead;  
His blood atoned for ev'ry race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of  
grace.**

**Five bleeding wounds he bears,  
Received on Calvary;  
They pour effectual prayers,  
They strongly plead for me;  
Forgive him, O forgive, they cry,  
Nor let that ransomed sinner die!**

**My God is reconciled;  
His pard'ning voice I hear;  
He owns me for his child,  
I can no longer fear;  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
And "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.**

## **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 School:**

We have re-started Sunday School classes. We begin at 9:15 am each Sunday and Pastor Wagner is leading us in a study of *Instruments in the Redeemer's Hand* by Paul Tripp. Please join us.

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

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 Philipians. 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.

### **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.

### **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.

## **Budget Update**

	Aug	Sept	YTD
Income	\$25,337	\$9,509	\$136,902
Expense	\$15,999	\$15,823	\$146,386
Net Income	\$9,338	-\$6,314	-\$9,484

## **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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