



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

DECEMBER 12, 2021

Call to Worship: Luke 2:10-12

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

**Gentle Mary laid her child
Lowly in a manger;
There he lay, the undefiled,
To the world a stranger.
Such a babe in such a place,
Can he be the Saviour?
Ask the saved of all the race
Who have found his favor.**

**Angels sang about his birth,
Wise men sought and found him;
Heaven's star shone brightly forth
Glory all around him.
Shepherds saw the wondrous sight,
Heard the angels singing;
All the plains were lit that night,
All the hills were ringing.**

**Gentle Mary laid her child
Lowly in a manger;
He is still the undefiled,
But no more a stranger.
Son of God of humble birth,
Beautiful the story;
Praise his Name in all the earth,
Hail! the King of Glory!**

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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Of the Father's Love Begotten

**Of the Father's love begotten
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending he,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see.**

**This is he whom heav'n-taught singers
Sang of old with one accord,
Whom the Scriptures of the prophets
Promised in their faithful word;
Now he shines, the long-expected;
Let creation praise its Lord.**

**O ye heights of heav'n, adore him;
Angel hosts, his praises sing;
All dominions, bow before him,
And extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Ev'ry voice in concert ring.**

**Christ, to thee, with God the Father,
And, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
Hymn, and chant, and high thanksgiving,
And unwearied praises be,
Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory.**

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: Hebrews 2:14-18

Leader: Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham.

Congregation: Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has wrought in us your holy will. 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: 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us of all unrighteousness.

What Child Is This?

**What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping,
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary!**

**Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through,
The Cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word Made Flesh,
The babe, the son of Mary!**

**So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;
Come, peasant, king, to own Him!
The King of Kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him!
Raise, raise the song on high!
The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy! joy! for Christ is born,
The babe, the son of Mary!**

Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things
visible and invisible.**

WHY DO WE CONFESS OUR FAITH?

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

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us men for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offerings

Reading of God's Word: Romans 1:18-23

Minister: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God!**

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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: Genesis 3:1-15

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

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

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

**Come behold the wondrous mystery in the dawning of the King.
He the theme of heaven’s praises robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness now the light of life has come.
Look to Christ, who condescended took on flesh to ransom us**

**Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man.
In His living, in His suffering never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man.
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in Him we stand.**

**Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption; see the Father’s plan unfold.
Bringing many sons to glory grace unmeasured, love untold.**

**Come behold the wondrous mystery;
slain by death the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain Him;
praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance;
how unwavering our hope.
Christ in power resurrected
as we will be when he comes.**

The First Noel

**The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in
fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their
sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so
deep.**

[Refrain]

**Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
born is the King of Israel.**

**They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east, beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and
night.**

[Refrain]

**And by the light of that same star
three Wise Men came from country
far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it
went.**

[Refrain]

**This star drew nigh to the
northwest,
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
and there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus lay.
[Refrain]**

**Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made heaven and earth of
nought
And with his blood our life hath
bought
[Refrain]**

Benediction: Revelation 22:21

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with
you all. 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

Baby Shower for Emma Wilson Tunnel:

We are having a baby shower for Emma on December 29th at 6:30 pm at the home of Noreen Geer. Her address is 433 Cannon Lane in Highland Village. All ladies and girls are invited.

Sunday School:

Sunday School is on break until January.

Women's Ministries.

We are on break until January. Have a great Christmas.

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.

Men's Fellowship will be on break until January.

ONLINE GIVING:

For ease of use, our website includes a link to give directly to DPC online. See 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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