



*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 26, 2021

## ***Call to Worship: Luke 2:13-14***

### **Hark, the Herald Angels Sing**

**Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King:  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With th'angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"**

**[Refain]**

**Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King."**

**Christ, by highest heav'n adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold him come,  
Offspring of the Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
Hail th'incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with men to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.**

**[Refain]**

**Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
Ris'n with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.**

**[Refain]**

### **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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## ***Invocation***

### ***Joy to the World***

**Joy to the world! the Lord is come:  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
And heaven and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns:  
Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make his blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness,  
And wonders of his love.**

### **Reading of the Gospel: Hebrews 2:10-15**

Leader: For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, saying, "I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise."

**Congregation: Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death**

#### **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.*

**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.**

## ***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: Hebrews 2:17**

*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.*

## **Angels We Have Heard on High**

**Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains**

**[Refrain]**

**Gloria, in excelsis Deo**

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**Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be,  
Which inspire your heavenly song?**

**[Refrain]**

**Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing,  
Come, adore on bended knee,  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.**

**[Refrain]**

## ***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.**

**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**

**WHY DO WE CONFESS  
OUR FAITH?**

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

**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: Psalm 2***

*Minister:* The Word of the Lord

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

### ***Hearing God's Word: 1 Samuel 17***

*Minister:* May His Word Live in Us

*People:* **And bear much fruit to His Glory**

## ***The Sermon***

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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*

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

### **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.**

### **Go Tell It on the Mountain**

**[Refrain]  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and everywhere  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born**

**While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night  
Behold throughout the heavens  
There shone a Holy light  
[Refrain]**

**The shepherds feared and trembled  
When, lo! Above the Earth  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed our Savior's birth  
[Refrain]**

**Down in a lowly manger  
Our humble Christ was born  
And brought us all salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn  
[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 Tunnell:**

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.

### **Men's Breakfast:**

We are having a Men's Breakfast on Saturday, January 15th. Please mark your calendars. We will share details in the coming weeks.

### **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 9:45 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](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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