

The king's heart is a stream of
water in the hand of the Lord;
he turns it wherever he will.

Proverbs 21:1

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

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

Call to Worship: John 6:68-69

Holy, Holy, Holy

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, Holy, Holy, all the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy
sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, Holy, Holy, though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.**

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth and
sky and sea;
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

Invocation

Come, Ye Sinners

**Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, love and power.**

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 10-11
for other announcements.*

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**Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh.**

[Refrain]
*I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in His arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.*

**Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better,
You will never come at all.**

**Let not conscience make you linger,
Not of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requireth
Is to feel your need of Him.**
[Refrain]

Reading of the Gospel: Romans 8:31-38

Leader: What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Congregation: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors

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.

through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Corporate Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, too often we forget that you are near. We pout and feel sorry for ourselves, thinking we must carry the burden alone. When our sins overwhelm us, we conclude we are unlovable, but you love us always, “you rejoice over us with gladness.” Enable us to live as one who has been loved from before the foundation of the world. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

(Based on Zephaniah 3:17 and Ephesians 1:4)

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 5:1

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 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.

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**

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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: Psalm 44

Minister: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Hearing God's Word: Esther 1

Minister: May His Word Live in Us

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

The Sermon

**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 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

There is a Fountain Filled with Blood

**There is a fountain filled with blood,
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains. (3x)
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains.**

**The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day;
And there have I, as vile as he,
Washed all my sins away. (3x)
And there have I, as vile as he,
Washed all my sins away.**

**E'er since by faith I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die. (3x)
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die.**

**Then in a nobler, sweeter song
I'll sing your power to save
When this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue
Lies silent in the grave. (3x)
When this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue
Lies silent in the grave.**

**Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood
Shall never lose its power,
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved, to sin no more. (3x)
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved, to sin no more.**

Amazing Grace

**Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found—
Was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!**

**Thro' many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.**

**And when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil
A life of joy and peace.**

**When we've been there ten thousand
years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's
praise
Than when we've first begun.**

**Benediction: 1 Thessalonians
5:23-24**

*Now may the God of peace himself sanctify
you completely, and may your whole spirit
and soul and body be kept blameless at the
coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who
calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.*

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

Pot Luck Meal:

We will be having our monthly pot luck meal immediately after worship today. Please plan to stay and join us for some great food and great fellowship.

Prayer Meeting:

We have an in-person prayer meeting Sunday mornings before Sunday School and worship at 8:45 AM to pray for the church. Please join us for prayer.

Sunday School:

Sunday School begins at 9:15 am. This Sunday (9/10) we will begin our Fall Semester. The adults will be studying the Gospel of John.

Kids Sunday School:

We are starting a new class for younger elementary age children - Ages 4-8 - this Sunday (9/10). Robert Jones will be teaching on the Book of Genesis.

Women's Ministries

Evening Bible Study: The evening Bible study meets on the second Tuesday of each month. Dinner will be at 6:30, followed by Bible study through Jude. We are meeting at Angie Wilson's home this month - 157 Chaparral Est in Shady Shores.

Afternoon Bible Study: The afternoon Bible Study will be meeting on Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Adrian Dobbels (3220 Discovery Drive, Oak Point). We will be going through the book "The Promised One: Seeing Jesus in Genesis" by Nancy Guthrie.

Men's Fellowship.

- **Bible Study** - We are studying the book of Revelation at Robert Wagner's house (2204 Woodbrook St, Denton) on Thursday evenings at 7 pm.
- **Fellowship** - We will meet at a local restaurant on the **LAST Wednesday of the month** for food and fellowship. Please join us.

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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