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1 Peter 1:24-25

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

MARCH 17, 2024

Call to Worship: Psalm 145:1-3

O Worship the King

**O worship the king all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
Our shield and defender, the ancient of days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.**

**O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.**

**The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy pow'r hath founded of old;
Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.**

**Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;
And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.**

**Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!**

**O measureless might! ineffable love!
While angels delight to hymn thee above,
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
With true adoration shall lisp to thy praise.**

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 10-11 for other announcements.

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Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat

**Approach, my soul, the mercy seat,
Where Jesus answers prayer;
There humbly fall before His feet,
For none can perish there.**

**Thy promise is my only plea,
With this I venture nigh;
Thou callest burdened souls to Thee
And such, O Lord, am I.**

**Bowed down beneath a load of sin,
By Satan sorely pressed,
By wars without and fears within,
I come to Thee for rest.**

**Be Thou my shield and hiding place,
That, sheltered near Thy side,
I may my fierce accuser face,
And tell him Thou hast died!**

**O wondrous love! To bleed and die,
To bear the cross and shame,
That guilty sinners, such as I,
Might plead Thy gracious name!**

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: Ephesians 2:1-10

Leader: And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

**Congregation: But God, being rich in mercy,
because of the great love with which he loved
us, even when we were dead in our trespasses,
made us alive together with Christ—by grace**

you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Corporate Confession of Sin

As living temples of Your Holy Spirit, Father, we acknowledge the worldly ways of our hearts. Where love and joy should flourish, strife and grumbling have taken root. Peace and patience have given way to edginess and anxiety. In the place of kindness and goodness, bitterness and cruelty have emerged. Our capacity for faithfulness vanishes like smoke in the wind. Gentleness has been lost to a rough, ill-tempered nature. Instead of self-control, we have practiced gluttony, sloth, and excess. Turn Your face from our sins and erase all our wrongdoings. Create in us pure, steadfast hearts, O God. Do not cast us from Your presence, nor take Your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation and sustain us with a steadfast spirit. In Jesus' name. Amen. (based on Galatians 5 and Psalm 51)

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

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.

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.

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. (2x)**

**Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing waters flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be thou still my Strength and Shield. (2x)**

**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. (2x)**

Confession of Faith: The Apostles 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

WHY DO WE CONFESS OUR FAITH?

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

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.

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Offerings

Reading of God's Word: Isaiah 40:1-17

Minister: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Hearing God's Word: 1 Peter 1:12 - 2:3

Minister: May His Word live in us

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

The Sermon

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.

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

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 11:23–29*

“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. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.”

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

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

O sacred Head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed
down,
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, Thine only crown;
O sacred Head, what glory
What bliss 'til now was Thine
Yet though despised and gory
I joy to call Thee mine.

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered,
Was all for sinners gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression,
But Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor,
Vouchsafe me to Thy grace.

What language shall I borrow
To praise Thee, heavenly friend,
For this my dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?
Lord make me Thine forever,
Nor let me faithless prove
Oh let me never, never
Abuse such dying love.

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

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.

Benediction: Romans 15:13

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and
peace in believing, so that by the power of the
Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.*

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

Counseling Conference:

We are gathering a group to attend the "Equipped to Council" Conference April 25th-27th in Fort Worth that is put on by the Association of Biblical Counselors. Please consider joining us as we learn how to cultivate a culture of care for those in our church and community. For more information reach out to Lisa Tarplee 772-332-6885 or lisa.tarplee@gmail.com.

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. The adults are studying the Gospel of John.

Kids Sunday School:

We are starting a new class for younger elementary age children - Ages 4-8. Robert Jones will be teaching about Jesus.

Women's Ministries

Evening Bible Study: The evening Bible study meets on the second Tuesday of each month. Dinner will be at 6:30 pm, followed by Bible study through Jude.

Afternoon Bible Study: The afternoon Bible Study meets on Tuesday afternoon @ 1:30 pm. We are studying "Seeing Jesus in the Old Testament: The Lamb of God" by Nancy Guthrie. Books are \$14.00. We meet at the home of Adrian Dobbels at 3220 Discovery Drive, Oak Point. Please join us.

Men's Fellowship.

- Bible Study - We are studying the book of Revelation on Thursday evenings at 7 pm. We are meeting at the home of Robert Wagner at 2204 Woodbrook St in Denton.

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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1 Peter 1:22 - 2:3

22 Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, **23** since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; **24** for

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And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

2:1 So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. **2** Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— **3** if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

