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This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:22-24

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 24, 2024

Call to Worship: Revelation 5:9-10

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 pow'r of reigning sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me.**

**He speaks, and, list'ning 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 10-11 for other announcements.

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We Are God's People

**We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
born of his Spirit, established by his Word;
our cornerstone is Christ alone,
and strong in Him we stand:
O let us live transparently,
and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.**

**We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ
our Lord,
for we have known it, the love of God outpoured;
now let us learn how to return
the gift of love once giv'n:
O let us share each joy and care,
and live with a zeal that pleases heav'n.**

**We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
called to obey him, now risen from the dead;
he wills us be a family,
diverse yet truly one:
O let us give our gifts to God,
and so shall his work on earth be done.**

**We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,
formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's
grace;
we die alone, for on its own
each member loses fire:
yet joined in one the flame burns on
to give warmth and light, and to inspire.**

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: Psalm 118:19-25

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

Congregation: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success!

PASTORAL PRAYER

Corporate Confession of Sin

We confess, our Father, that we do not live up to the family name. We are more ready to resent than to forgive, more ready to manipulate than to serve, more ready to fear than to love, more ready to keep our distance than to welcome, more ready to compete than to help. At the root of this behavior is mistrust. We do not love one another as we should, because we do not believe that you love us as you do. Forgive us our cold unbelief. And make more vivid to us the meaning and depth of your love at the cross. Show us what it cost you to give up your Son that we might become your sons and daughters. We ask this in the name of Jesus our righteousness. 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

Assurance of Pardon: 1 Peter 3:18

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God.

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.

How Firm a Foundation

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you He has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee
to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.**

**"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.**

**"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to
shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."**

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
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**

**WHY DO WE CONFESS
OUR FAITH?**

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

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: Acts 4:1-12

Minister: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Hearing God's Word: 1 Peter 2:4-8

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.

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.**

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

The Institution: 1 Corinthians II: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

Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed

**Alas! and did my Saviour bleed,
And did my Sovereign die!
Would he devote that sacred head
For such a worm as I!**

**Was it for crimes that I had done
He groaned upon the tree!
Amazing pity! grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!**

**Well might the sun in darkness hide,
And shut his glories in,
When Christ, the mighty Maker,
died
For man the creature's sin.**

**Thus might I hide my blushing face
While his dear cross appears;
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
And melt mine eyes in tears.**

**But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away,
'Tis all that I can do.**

In Christ Alone

**In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought
and storm.**

**What heights of love, what depths
of peace,
When fears are stilled, when
strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of
Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll
stand.**

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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.

We are meeting at East Side near the Denton square for fellowship this Thursday evening at 7 pm. 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:

Denton Presbyterian Church
PO Box 51514
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1 Peter 2:4-8

4 As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, **5** you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. **6** For it stands in Scripture:

**“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”**

7 So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

**“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”**

8 and

**“A stone of stumbling,
and a rock of offense.”**

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

