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1 Peter 3:18

*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 31, 2024

## Call to Worship: *Philippians 3:7*

### Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision,  
O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me,  
save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought,  
by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping,  
Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom,  
and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and  
Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father,  
and I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling,  
and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle shield,  
Sword for my fight  
Be Thou my dignity,  
Thou my delight,  
Thou my soul's shelter,  
Thou my high tow'r;  
Raise thou me heav'nward,  
O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not,  
nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance,  
now and always:  
Thou and Thou only,  
first in my heart,  
High King of heaven,  
my treasure Thou art.

### 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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**High King of heaven,  
my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys,  
O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart,  
whatever befall,  
Still be my vision,  
O Ruler of all.**

## **Invocation**

### **His Mercy Is More**

**What love could remember no wrongs we have  
done;  
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their  
sum.  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore;  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.**

**[Refrain]**

**Praise the Lord! His mercy is more.  
Stronger than darkness; new every morn;  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.**

**What patience would wait as we constantly  
roam;  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home.  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.  
[Refrain]**

**What riches of kindness He lavished on us;  
His blood was the payment, His life was the  
cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.  
[Refrain]**

## **Reading of the Gospel: Psalm 95:1-7**

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

**Congregation: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

## ***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.**

### **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.*

### **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.*

### **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.*

## **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.**

### **Speak, O Lord**

**Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes for Your glory.**

**Teach us, Lord, full obedience,  
Holy reverence, true humility;  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail—  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.**

**Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory.**

## ***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 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: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11***

*Minister:* The Word of the Lord

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

### ***Hearing God's Word: 1 Peter 3:18***

*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

### **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*

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 11:23-29*

“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**

### **And Can It Be**

And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me who caused His pain?  
For me who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me?

**[Refrain]**

Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me!

He left His Father's throne above,  
So free, so infinite His grace!  
Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
For, O my God, it found out me!  
**[Refrain]**

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray;  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.  
**[Refrain]**

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.  
**[Refrain]**

### **Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me**

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

**The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need, His power is displayed**

**To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley He will lead**

**Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me**

**With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For He has said that He will bring me home  
And day by day I know He will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne**

**To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!**

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**Benediction: 2 Corinthians 13:14**  
*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

## **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](mailto: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 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](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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