

**NEW ST. PETER'S  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**February 21, 2021  
Celebration of Worship**



Welcome and thanks for joining us for worship online today. If you're visiting with us today, we especially welcome you. We invite you to receive with us God's gracious gifts: The reasoning of His Word, rest in His grace, renewal of His image in you, and the hope of restoration for all things.

**Parents:** Elementary age readers may engage with the worship service both during and after by using the ***Work for Young Worshippers*** which can be found as a separate download on our website. You can also download the age appropriate lessons for ***Worship Training*** which you might do with your younger ones at another time.

*“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. I will dwell in you and walk among you; and I will be your God, and you shall be My people.”*

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STRIKING OF THE HOUR

***“Great is Thy Faithfulness”***

*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be*

*Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning, new mercies I see  
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me*

CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 96

Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! Sing to the LORD, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!

*Silence*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

PSALM 62, JOHN 3

God is my rock and my fortress! On Him alone rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God! **For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.** Trust in God at all times, O people! Pour out your heart before Him. He is a refuge for us! **For He did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him. Thanks be to God!**

INVOCATION

**HYMN: “God the Spirit”**

*Holy fount of inspiration, by whose gift the great of old  
Spoke the word of revelation, marvelous and manifold  
God the Spirit, we adore Thee, in the triune Godhead one  
One in love and power and glory, with the Father and the Son*

*Author of the new creation, Giver of the second birth  
May Thy ceaseless renovation, cleanse our souls from stains of earth  
God the Spirit, we adore Thee, in the triune Godhead one  
One in love and power and glory, with the Father and the Son*

*When we wander, Lord direct us, keep us in the Master's way  
Let Thy strong, swift sword protect us, warring in the evil day*

*Shall the church now faint or fear?  
When the Comforter is near?*

*God the Spirit, we adore Thee, in the triune Godhead one  
One in love and power and glory, with the Father and the Son  
[repeat]*

**CONFESSION OF SIN AND PLEA FOR PARDON**

JEREMIAH 17

Oh Lord, our sin is engraved on the tablet of our heart, so together we seek Your mercy and forgiveness. **Your word warns us that cursed is the one who trusts in man, who makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from You. So we confess that in these ways we have been tempted. In our daily distress we forget about Your kindness. Under attack from this world we depend on our own cleverness to escape. And feeling overwhelmed, our hearts turn to our chosen idols for relief. But we find in these things only parched places, wilderness, salty wasteland. Forgive us, Father! Help us again to see that You are our refuge, a stream of water for our thirsty souls. In Your mercy, give strength to our hearts and make us willing and able to live for You in faith.**

*Worshippers may continue to confess their sins in silence.*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON  
AND INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

PSALM 27

Children of God, lift up your heads, for your sin is forgiven! **I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living! I will wait for the LORD. Be strong, and let your heart take courage. Wait for the LORD! Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

A reading from the Gospel: Jesus demonstrates His authority as Lord of creation to the amazement of His disciples. (Mark 4:35-41)

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

May the peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*The musicians will play for a moment before singing so that you can share the peace with those in your home, or by text, etc.*

**DOXOLOGY**

***“Great is Thy Faithfulness”***

*Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love*

*Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning, new mercies I see  
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me*

**SERMON:** *“God, Our Refuge and Strength”* (Psalm 46)

*To the choirmaster. Of the Sons of Korah.  
According to Alamoth. A Song.*

- <sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.
- <sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,  
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
- <sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.
- <sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- <sup>5</sup> God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;  
God will help her when morning dawns.
- <sup>6</sup> The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
- <sup>7</sup> The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.
- <sup>8</sup> Come, behold the works of the Lord,  
how he has brought desolations on the earth.
- <sup>9</sup> He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the chariots with fire.
- <sup>10</sup> “Be still, and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth!”
- <sup>11</sup> The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

## 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.**

\*He descended into judgment and continued in the state of the dead until the third day.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND FENCING THE TABLE

COLOSSIANS 1, JOHN 6, SCOTTISH COMMUNION HYMN, 1881

Christ is all and in all, the eternal Word made flesh; Alpha and Omega, and King of creation.

**He is the Church's Head and the Church's Bridegroom, the blessed Savior who brings us peace.**

His flesh is true food for you, and His blood is your true drink forevermore.

**So satisfy our famished hearts, Lord, and pour Your heavenly health into our thirsty souls.**

Come to the Table...

### **HYMN: "O God of Our Salvation"**

*O God of Our salvation, who reigns upon the throne  
The sovereign Father, great is He, from whom all blessings flow  
O God of our salvation, from whom redemption comes  
O Father, Son, and Spirit, the blessed Three in One*

*Behold the Son, our Savior, who for our sins was slain  
The Christ who purchased with His blood, the wretched souls of men  
O God of our salvation, from whom redemption comes  
O Father, Son, and Spirit, the blessed Three in One*

*O God the Holy Spirit, revealing deity  
The fount of life and love divine, throughout eternity  
O God of our salvation, from whom redemption comes  
O Father, Son, and Spirit, the blessed Three in One  
[repeat]*

**PARTING LITURGY**

PSALM 18

Who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God? **His way is perfect! The word of the LORD proves true. He is a shield for all those who take refuge in Him!**

**BENEDICTION**

ROMANS 15

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.

**Come quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen.**

Any of our elders would be happy to pray for you on the phone if you would like to call them. Their names are listed below. For security purposes we will not list phone numbers here, but NSP members can find them in the church directory. If you don't have a printed directory then log into ShelbyNext with this link:

<https://newstpeters.shelbynextchms.com/user/login>

If you have not logged in before then follow the directions here:

<https://newstpeters.org/login>

If the elder you call is not able to answer then feel free to leave a message and he will call you back.

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