

**NEW ST. PETER'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
February 28, 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

“The Church’s One Foundation”

*The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord
She is His new creation, by water and the Word
From heav'n He came and sought her, to be His holy bride
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died*

CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 135

Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD, give praise, O servants of the LORD,
who stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God!

Silence

LITURGY OF THE WORD

PSALM 135, MATTHEW 16

Who do you say that Jesus is? **He is the Christ, the Son of the living God.**
Blessed are those who confess this truth! **For flesh and blood have not
revealed this, but the Father who is in heaven. For we know that the
LORD is great, whatever the LORD pleases, He does. His name endures
forever, His renown, throughout all ages.**

INVOCATION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

MATTHEW 6

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we also
forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

HYMN: “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

*Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia, Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia, Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice
Before His throne rejoice
Praise is His gracious choice
Alleluia, Amen!*

*Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia, Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia, Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend
To us He'll condescend
His love shall never end
Alleluia, Amen!*

*Praise yet our Christ again Alleluia, Amen!
Life shall not end the strain Alleluia, Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore
His goodness we'll adore
Singing forevermore
Alleluia, Amen!*

CONFESSION OF SIN AND PLEA FOR PARDON

MATTHEW 16, 1 PETER 2

Lord God Almighty, You have revealed Yourself to us in Your Holy Word. **Yet we do not set our minds on the things of God, but instead on the things of man. Lord, we confess that we would rather try to follow our own plan, instead of Yours. We confess that we would rather make much of ourselves, instead of denying ourselves, taking up our cross and following You. We would rather save our own lives, instead of losing them for Your sake. We confess that we would rather seek worldly gain at the expense of our eternal souls. We claim “freedom” but really use it as a cover-up for evil. So, Father in heaven, have mercy on us! Make us servants of You, the Living God, and we will be living stones built up as a spiritual house, a holy priesthood for Your Name.**

Worshippers may continue to confess their sins in silence.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON
AND INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

1 PETER 2

Church, once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. **Christ Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds we have been healed. Thanks be to God!**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

A reading from Exodus: Preparing to free them from bondage, God instructs the assembly of Israel on His redemptive design. (Exodus 12:1-6)

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

"The Church's One Foundation"

*Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued*

SERMON: "I Believe: The Holy catholic Church" (Matthew 16:13-23)

¹³ When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then He strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that He was the Christ.

²¹ From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, “*Far be it from You, Lord! This shall never happen to You.*” ²³ But Jesus turned and said to Peter, “*Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.*”

OFFERINGS AND ALMS

MICAH 6

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you?
To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

*Worshippers may give offerings and alms by visiting <https://newstpeters.org/>
(please select the “Alms Fund” option for alms gifts),
or by mailing a check to the church office.*

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: “Psalm 23 (The Lord's My Shepherd)”

*The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie
In pastures green, He leadeth me; The quiet waters by*

*My soul He doth restore again; And me to walk doth make
Within the paths, of righteousness; E'en for His own name's sake*

*Yea though I walk through death's dark vale; Yet will I fear no ill
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod; And staff me comfort still*

*My table Thou hast furnished; In presence of my foes
My head Thou dost with oil anoint; And my cup overflows*

*Goodness and mercy all my life; Shall surely follow me
And in God's house forevermore; My dwelling place shall be*

HYMN: "Jesus Paid It All"

*I hear the Savior say, "Your strength indeed is small
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all."*

*Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.*

*Lord, now indeed I find Your power, and Yours alone
Can change the leper's spots And melt the heart of stone
Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.*

*For nothing good have I whereby Your grace to claim
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calvary's Lamb
Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.*

*And when, before the throne I stand in Him complete
"Jesus, died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat
Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.*

HYMN: "Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken"

*Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow Thee
Destitute, despised, forsaken, Thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition, I've sought or hoped or known
Yet how rich is my condition; God and heaven are still my own.*

*Let the world despise and leave me, they have left my Savior, too
Human hearts and looks deceive me Thou art not, like them, untrue
O while Thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might
Foes may hate and friends disown me; show Thy face and all is bright.*

*Man may trouble and distress me, 'twill but drive me to Thy breast
Life with trials hard may press me, Heaven will bring me sweeter rest
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me, while Thy love is left to me
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me, were that joy unmixed with Thee.*

*Go, then, earthly fame and treasure, come disaster, scorn and pain
In Thy service, pain is pleasure; with Thy favor, loss is gain
I have called Thee Abba Father; I have stayed my heart on Thee
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather; all must work for good to me.*

*Haste thee on from grace to glory, armed by faith, and winged by prayer
Heaven's eternal days before thee, God's own hand shall guide us there
Soon shall close thy earthly mission; soon shall pass thy pilgrim days
Hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.*

PARTING LITURGY

EPHESIANS 2, MATTHEW 16

Beloved, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God! **Christ is building His Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. In Him we also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.**

BENEDICTION

EPHESIANS 3

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever.

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.

Scott Covington

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