



For what we proclaim is not ourselves,  
but Jesus Christ as Lord,  
with ourselves as your servants  
for Jesus' sake.

2 Corinthians 4:5

Soon afterward he [Jesus] went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him, and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's household manager, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their means.

Luke 8:1-3

What a diverse group of women, all healed by Jesus, and now sacrificially supporting his ministry out of their own means! One a social outcast, one who left the comforts of upper-class living to follow Jesus, and another one who was probably just like most of us. Ordinary women, but women whose lives had been forever changed by the Son of God.

To enjoy a wonderful poem that honors the sacrificial, nurturing love of women, which is a beautiful expression of the image of God, google:

*The Lanyard*, by Billy Collins

# The Lord's Day — May 13, 2018 A.D.

Welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus! If you are a guest with us, please be sure to sign our Welcome Pads when they are passed around before the service. Children are welcome in our worship. We have a nursery available for children 3 and under. Children 4 to 6 years of age may be dismissed to Children's Worship prior to the sermon. Thank you for joining us today and may the Lord richly bless you.

## Song of Assembly<sup>1</sup>

## And Can It Be

Wesley

And can it be that I should gain an in'trest 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, shouldst die for me?  
*Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*  
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'Tis myst'ry all! Th'Immortal dies: Who can explore His strange design?  
In vain the firstborn seraph tries to sound the depths of love divine.  
'Tis mercy all, let earth adore, let angel minds inquire no more.  
He left His Father's throne above so free, so infinite His grace!  
Humbled Himself so great His love! And bled for all His chosen race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.  
Long my imprisoned spirit lay, fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray, I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.  
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 th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

## Welcome and Announcements

## Report of the Living Church

Howard Shelden

## Responsive Call to Worship

from Deuteronomy 4:20 & Hebrews 13:15

Leader: The Lord has taken you and brought you out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be a people of his own inheritance, as you are this day.

People: Through Jesus then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name!

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**Hymn of Praise**

**O Worship the King**

**Grant**

O worship the King all glorious above, O gratefully sing His pow'r 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.

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

**Reading of the Word: *More Like A Flying Billboard, 30 feet by 15 feet***

**Zechariah 5:1-4**

Again I lifted my eyes and saw, and behold, a flying scroll! And he said to me, "What do you see?" I answered, "I see a flying scroll. Its length is twenty cubits, and its width ten cubits." Then he said to me, "This is the curse that goes out over the face of the whole land. For everyone who steals shall be cleaned out according to what is on one side, and everyone who swears falsely shall be cleaned out according to what is on the other side. I will send it out, declares the Lord of hosts, and it shall enter the house of the thief, and the house of him who swears falsely by my name. And it shall remain in his house and consume it, both timber and stones."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Confession of Sin**

**adapted from Charles Spurgeon's "Morning and Evening"**

**Father, forgive me for my absence of holy shame, and my unholy boldness in evil. Since the day of my new birth, I have doubted my Lord to his face, murmured unblushing in his presence, worshipped him in a slovenly manner, and sinned without bewailing myself on account of it. Were my heart not so hardened, I would display more holy fear and a far deeper contrition of spirit. Woe is me for I am undone, and much of my former stubbornness remains. Yet, blessed be the name of the Lord, my disease is not incurable! My Savior's precious blood is the remedy! His mercy will soften my heart, and his grace shall remove all of my guilt ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!***

**The Gospel According to Philippians**

**Philippians 3:7-9**

Whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith.

## **Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs**

### **Jesus, Lover of My Soul**

**Wesley**

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high;  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till life's storm is past;  
Safe into the haven guide, receive my soul at last!  
  
Other refuge have I none, I helpless hang on Thee,  
Leave, oh leave me not alone, still support and comfort me!  
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all help from Thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head in the shadow of Thy wing.  
  
Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of Thee;  
Spring Thou up within my heart, for all eternity.

### **Glorify Thy Name in All the Earth**

**Adkins**

Father, we love You, We worship and adore You,  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.  
Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name,  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth!  
  
Jesus, we love You, We worship and adore You,  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.  
Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name,  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth!  
  
Spirit, we love You, We worship and adore You,  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.  
Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name,  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth!

### **Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition**

**Elder Mike McMahan**

...Our Father who 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun doth, His successive journeys run;  
 His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.  
 People and realms of ev'ry tongue dwell on His love with sweetest song;  
 And infant voices shall proclaim, their early blessings on His name.  
 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring blessing and honor to our King.  
 Angels descended with songs again. And earth repeat the loud Amen.  
 What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
 What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh! Precious is the flow that makes me white as snow. No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
 Nothing can for sin atone, *Solo la sangre de Cristo*; Naught of good that I have done. *Solo la sangre de Cristo*.  
 This is all my hope and peace, *Solo la sangre de Cristo*; This is all my righteousness, *Solo la sangre de Cristo*.  
 Glory! Glory! This I sing, Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
 All my life, my cry shall be, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

## His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon<sup>2</sup>

**Series: Heart, Soul, Mind, Strength: Love the Lord your God      Pastor Tommy Lee**  
**VI. Paul to Pastor Timothy: “devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture”**  
**Luke 24:13-35 (page 885)**

## We Respond

### Ancient Words

DeShazo

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world.  
 They resound with God's own heart, O let the ancient words impart.  
 Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope.  
 In this world where'er we roam, Ancient words will guide us home.

*Ancient words ever true, changing me and changing you.  
 We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.*

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age.  
 Came to us through sacrifice, O heed the faithful words of Christ.  
 Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world.  
 They resound with God's own heart, O let the ancient words impart.

## Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Communion, also called The Lord's Supper or Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all committed followers of Jesus Christ to share in this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, who are at peace with God and their neighbor, and who seek strength to live in a deeper communion with Jesus. If you are not a Christian, or you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the Church.

*(Gluten free communion bread is available upon request; please speak to the pastor before the service or alert your server during communion.)*

<sup>2</sup> 4, 5, & 6 year-old children may be dismissed before the sermon to Children's Worship in room 173.

## Take My Life

Havergal/Tomlin

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise;  
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.  
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee;  
Take my voice and let me sing, always, only for my King.  
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee;  
Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect and use every pow'r as You choose.

*Here am I, all of me. Take my life, it's all for Thee.*

*Take myself and I will be ever, only all for Thee.*

Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne.  
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Your feet its treasure store;  
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

## Benediction<sup>3</sup>

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.

## Song of Faith

## We Are the Body of Christ

Hampton

One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise You, we are the body of Christ.  
One goal, one vision, to see You exalted, we are the body of Christ.  
And to this we give our lives, to see You glorified.  
One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise You,  
We are the body of Christ. We are the body of Christ.

## This Week

### Tuesday 6:30am

Men's Bible Study @ Java Jaay (Cultivate)

### Tuesday @ Noon

Men's Bible Study @ Kent's Office (Romans)

### Tuesday 6:30pm

Women's Bible Study @ NCC (Armor of God)

### Wednesday 7:30pm

Praise Worship Band Practice

### Friday 6:30am

Men's Bible Study @ Temple, Inc. (Ezekiel)

<sup>3</sup> Just as God called us into His presence at the beginning, so now He commands His blessing upon us as we depart. We look up and extend our hands in a posture of thanksgiving as we receive this great gift. Our final response to God's assurance of His peace and presence upon those who are in Christ is a chorus of joyful song.

## DPC Announcements

**Get More Connected:** Sign up for the weekly email by emailing Tonya at [tonya@decaturpca.org](mailto:tonya@decaturpca.org).

**Next Up!** The next four books of Scripture that we'll be reading together via the Cultivate daily readings will be 1 Timothy, Joel, Titus, & Ruth. Sign up today by emailing Tonya at [tonya@decaturpca.org](mailto:tonya@decaturpca.org)

**Midweek Ministries:** Will resume in September.

**Inquirers' Class:** So what is a "reformed church"? And what's it like to be a member at DPC? Sunday mornings, 9:30-10:30am (April 22 - June 03), we are having conversations about just these kinds of questions!

**Graduation Sunday:** There will be a reception honoring our 2018 graduates immediately following worship service next Sunday, May 20. Our 2018 High School graduates are Calli Lee, Sally Ann Missildine, Garrett Sexton, and Seth Thompson. There will be gift tables for each graduate located in the Café area, as well as cake and punch.

**Youth Memorial Day Weekend Swim Party:** Join us Noon to 4 pm on Saturday, May 26th at the Suggs' home, 721 Ferry St. Decatur. All middle school/high school youth and their families are invited! Celebrating a visit from our friends the Mulligans, we'll be grilling the burgers and dogs, but please bring a side dish, chips, desserts, or drinks  
\*Modest swim attire only, please!

**VBS:** Get ready to launch into hyperdrive at TimeLab VBS! Online registration is open NOW! Register your student Time Traveler(s) at: <https://decaturpresvbs.myanswers.com/timelab/> June 18-22, M-F, 9:00-12:00pm Rising K4-6th grade. Don't forget to order your Time Traveler a t-shirt for \$12.99. T-shirts will be mailed directly to you!

**Congratulations to our DPC College Graduates!** Jacob Carpenter-University of Mobile, Lee Godwin-Auburn, David Quinn-Auburn, Matthew Sasser-Auburn, Molly Schmidt-Mississippi State, Emily Smith-Auburn, and Jackson Walraven-Auburn.

**Sermon Outline Notes:** for adults and children are available on the back table.

# ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

SPRING 2018

SUNDAYS @ 9:30 AM

**"2 Peter"** - Join us as we study 2 Peter. Peter's second letter takes as its theme "the knowledge of God." It is written to provide direction to all who come after the apostolic age. The apostles knew that after their death the gospel message they preached would be challenged by many and discarded by some. This letter is meant to remind readers across the ages that the content of the apostles' message, as put forward in the preaching of Peter, reveals what it truly means to "know God." The class meets down and across the hall from the church office.

**Foundations of the Faith:** Join us as we study the book of James, where we learn how faith responds to difficult circumstances. This is the believer's daily walk. This class, led by Stuart Smith, meets in the Parlor (in the children/youth wing) and is open to everyone.

**Young Adult Class:** The Young Adult class, led by Nathan White, is going through a series on the Apostles' Creed, one of the oldest statements of the Christian faith joyfully professed by Christians from multiple traditions. Join us in the choir room, down the back hallway from the sanctuary as we spend one week studying each of the twelve articles of the creed.

**Sedona Class:** Led by George Godwin, we are currently studying through the Book of Acts. The class meets in the classroom down the back hallway from the sanctuary, across from the choir room. Guests are always welcome!

## Session

George Godwin  
Jeff Keith  
Mike McMahan  
Kent Quinn

Greg Smith  
Blake Temple  
Chip Walraven

## Diaconate

James Fudge  
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10:45am      Worship

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