



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

As Blaise Pascal put it in his famous wager: "You have to wager. It is not up to you, you are already committed." You can't not bet your life on something. You can't not be headed somewhere.

We live leaning forward, bent on arriving at the place we long for.

James K.A. Smith

# The Lord's Day — May 27, 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>

## You Have Been Good

Paris

O Lord, You have been good,  
You have been faithful to all generations.  
O Lord, Your steadfast love and tender mercy  
Have been our salvation.  
  
For by Your hand we have been fed,  
And by Your Spirit we have been led.  
O Lord, You have been good, You have been faithful  
to all generations.  
  
For by Your hand we have been fed,  
And by Your Spirit we have been led.  
O Lord, Almighty God, Father unchanging, upright and holy.  
O Lord, You have been good,  
You have been faithful, You have been good.  
You have been faithful, You have been good.

## Welcome and Announcements

## Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 36:5-9

Pastor: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds!

**People: Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O Lord.**

Pastor: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**People: They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights!**

Pastor: For with you is the fountain of life;

**All: In your light do we see light!**

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**Hymn of Praise**

**Facing a Task Unfinished**

Facing a task unfinished, That drives us to our knees  
A need that, undiminished, Rebukes our slothful ease  
We, who rejoice to know Thee, Renew before Thy throne  
The solemn pledge we owe Thee, To go and make Thee known

*We go to all the world, With kingdom hope unfurled  
No other name has power to save, But Jesus Christ The Lord*

We bear the torch that flaming, Fell from the hands of those  
Who gave their lives proclaiming, That Jesus died and rose  
Ours is the same commission, The same glad message ours  
Fired by the same ambition, To Thee we yield our powers

O Father who sustained them, O Spirit who inspired  
Savior, whose love constrained them, To toil with zeal untired  
From cowardice defend us, From lethargy awake!  
Forth on Thine errands send us, To labor for Thy sake

**Reading of the Word: *the domain of darkness***

**Colossians 1:13,14**

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Confession of Sin**

**Forgive me, God, for preferring shadows to daylight. Bring me out, Jesus. Bring me into your gospel of light**  
*...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!*

**The Gospel According to 1 Thessalonians**

**1 Thessalonians 1:9,10**

... you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

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

### **Father, Long Before Creation**

**Barnes**

Father, long before creation, Thou had'st chosen us in love,  
And that love so deep, so moving, draws us close to Christ above.  
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us, firmly fixed in Christ alone.

Though the world may change its fashion, yet our God is e'er the same;  
His compassion and His covenant, through all ages will remain.  
God's own children, God's own children, must forever praise His name.

God's compassion is my story, is my boasting all the day;  
Mercy free and never failing, moves my will, directs my way.  
God so loved us, God so loved us, that His only Son He gave.

Loving Father now before Thee, we will ever praise Thy love,  
And our songs will sound unceasing, 'til we reach our home above,  
Giving glory, giving glory, to our God and to the Lamb.  
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### **Charge and Prayer for our Short Term Missionaries**

**Elder Blake Temple**

Natasha Asmjed, Rob Bailey, Robert Bailey, Amber Clark, Jacquelyn Clay, Julie Ann Dorris, Kimberly Gavlas, Anne Marie Gavlas, Carol Godwin, George Godwin, Lee Godwin, Cassidy Goforth, Ashley Granados, Jan Howard, Howard Irwin, Mary Grace Lathem, Michael Lathem, Pate Lathem, Jefferson Markey, Hunter Mulder, Michelle Mulder, Tim Mulder, Grace Nelson, Christy Stipe, Elena Suggs, Jay Suggs, Mia Suggs, Sasha Suggs, & Seth Thompson.

### **His Tithes & Our Offerings**

**Sermon<sup>2</sup>**

**Series: Heart, Soul, Mind, Strength: Love the Lord your God**  
**VIII. Confession of Sin: Telling The Truth About Ourselves**  
**Isaiah 6:1-8 (page 571)**

**Pastor Tommy Lee**

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

## **We Respond**

### **From the Depths of Woe I Raise To Thee**

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lamentation;  
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication;  
If Thou iniquities dost mark, our secret sins and misdeeds dark:  
O who shall stand before Thee? O who shall stand before Thee?

To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth;  
Our works alas! are all in vain; in much the best life faileth:  
No man can glory in Thy sight, all must alike confess Thy might,  
And live alone by mercy. And live alone by mercy.

Therefore my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit;  
On Him my soul shall rest, His Word upholds my fainting spirit:  
His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort, and my sweet support:  
I wait for it with patience. I wait for it with patience.

Though great our sins and sore our woes, His grace much more aboundeth;  
His helping love no limit knows, our utmost need it soundeth.  
Our Shepherd good and true is He, who will at last His Israel free  
From all our sin and sorrow. From all our sin and sorrow.

## **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.)*

### **Through the Door**

**Cottrell**

Through the door, through the cross, Through the Lamb slain for us, we come.  
Through the One crucified, Through the Way, the Truth, the Life, we come.  
And the lost say "I am found", the blind say "I can see."  
The weak say "I am strong," the bound say "I am free."

*And we sing "Hallelujah, this is glory, Hallelujah, this is grace,  
Hallelujah, this is mercy flowing down"  
And we dance in the light of Your love,  
And we dance in the light of Your love and this is glory!*

Through the door You became, You have called and by faith we come.  
Through the door, in the name, Of the One mighty to save, Lord, we come.  
Death, where is your sting? The grave has lost the fight.  
Sin, where are your chains? The door is open wide.

Your love is deeper; Your mercy's wider;  
Your grace is greater than our sin. (Repeat)

*This is glory, through the door, through the cross, through the Lamb slain for us, we come.*

### **Benediction<sup>3</sup>**

**Romans 15:5,6**

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **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 6:30pm**

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

### **Friday 6:30am**

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

### **Wednesday 7:30pm**

Praise Worship Band Practice

<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!

**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, Mollie 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

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## Service Times

9:30am      Sunday School  
10:45am      Worship

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