



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

We.... are fully present to [God] as he is to us—not for what we get out of it or what he can do for us, but simply because he is God and worthy of our adoration. As he does not pursue us for instrumental purposes, so we do not pursue him for instrumental purposes. As our creator and redeemer, our highest aim is to be in his presence, worshipping and enjoying him forever.

James Davison Hunter

God is glorified not only in his glory's being seen, but by its being rejoiced in. When those that see it *delight* in it, God is more glorified than if they only see it.

Jonathan Edwards

The Lord's Day — June 3, 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 Assembly¹

Lo, He Comes

Wesley

Every eye shall now behold Him, robed in dreadful majesty.
Those who set at naught and sold Him, pierced and nailed Him to the tree.
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.

*Lo! He comes with clouds descending, once for our salvation slain.
Thousand, thousand saints attending, swell the triumph of His train.
Alleluia! Alleluia! God appears on earth to reign.*

Lo! He comes in glory shining, saints arise and meet your King.
Glorious captain of salvation, "welcome, welcome" hear them sing.
Shouts of triumph, Shouts of triumph, make the heav'ns with echoes ring.

Now redemption long expected, see in solemn pomp appear!
All his saints by man rejected, now shall meet Him in the air.
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the day of God appear.

Yea amen let all adore Thee, high on thine eternal throne.
Savior take the power and glory, claim the kingdom for thine own.
O Come quickly, O come quickly, alleluia, come Lord, come!

Welcome and Announcements

Report of the Living Church

Video from Joel & Judy Linton

Responsive Call to Worship

from Proverbs 22:2 & Psalm 9:2

Pastor: The rich and the poor meet together; the Lord is the Maker of them all.

People: We will be glad and exult in you;

All: We will sing praise to your name, O Most High!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 114

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Hymn of Praise

How Firm a Foundation

Rippon

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said, To you who for refuge to Jesus hath fled?

Fear not! I am with thee; O be not dismayed, For I am thy God and will still give thee aid.
I'll strengthen thee, help thee; and cause thee to stand, Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design, Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose; I will not, I will not desert to His foes.
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake!

Reading of the Word: *the DPC verse in its context*

2 Corinthians 4:1-6

Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

O God our Father, forgive us for thinking less of you than we ought; for we think your truth too high, your will too hard, and your power too remote; but they are not! We humbly ask that you resolve our confused minds with your word, redirect our divided wills with your law, restore our troubled consciences with your forgiveness, and revive our anxious hearts with your presence, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who loved us and gave himself for us ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

The Gospel According to 2 Thessalonians

2 Thessalonians 3:18

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Lord Most High

Harris/Sadler

From the ends of the earth (Echo), From the depths of the sea (Echo)
From the heights of the heavens (Echo), Your name be praised
From the hearts of the weak (Echo), From the shouts of the strong (Echo)
From the lips of all people (Echo), This song we raise Lord
Throughout the endless ages, You will be crowned with praises, Lord Most High
Exalted in every nation, Sovereign of all creation, Lord Most High be magnified

Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand

Alford/Dykes

Ten thousand times ten thousand in sparkling raiment bright,
The armies of the ransomed saints throng up the steep of light:
'Tis finished, all is finished, their fight with death and sin;
Fling open wide the golden gates, and let the victors in.
What rush of alleluias fills all the earth and sky!
What ringing of a thousand harps bespeaks the triumph nigh!
O day, for which creation and all its tribes were made;
O joy, for all its former woes a thousandfold repaid!
Bring near Thy great salvation, Thou Lamb for sinners slain;
Fill up the roll of Thine elect, then take Thy power, and reign;
Appear, Desire of nations, Thine exiles long for home;
Show in the heaven Thy promised sign; Thou Prince and Savior, come.

There Is A Fountain Filled with Blood

Cowper

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.
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The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away.
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away.
O dying Lamb, thy precious blood shall never lose its power,
Til all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.
Til all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.
Ever since, by faith, I saw the stream thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.
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His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon²

Pastor Vinnie Athey

“God is at Work”
Exodus 2 (page 45)

We Respond

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Williams

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou are mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore;
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing waters flow;
Let the fiery cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield;
Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

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.)

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

Before the Throne of God Above

Bancroft & Cook

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is "Love," who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav'n He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart.
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When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on him and pardon me.
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God.
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

Benediction³

1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my beloved brothers [and sisters!], be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Song of Faith

I Will Glory In My Redeemer

Cook

I will glory in my Redeemer, Who crushed the power of sin and death
My only Savior before the holy Judge
The Lamb who is my righteousness, The Lamb who is my righteousness
The Lamb who is my righteousness, I will glory in my Redeemer

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

³ 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

We Welcome Vinnie & Molly Athey! Vinnie grew up in Northern Virginia and graduated from Virginia Tech in 2010. After college, he did the RUF internship at the University of Florida and met his lovely wife Molly, who was the RUF intern at Florida State. They got married in 2014 and moved to Charlotte, NC where Vinnie earned his Masters of Divinity from Reformed Theological Seminary (2014-2017). They welcomed their son Rhys this past December. The Atheys are excited to be serving RUF at UAH!

Get More Connected: Sign up for the weekly email by emailing Tonya at 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

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!

Summer Book Study! Moms of little ones, join us for a Girls' Night Out (poolside, hopefully!) as we discuss The Ministry of Motherhood: Following Christ's Example in Reaching the Hearts of Our Children, by Sally Clarkson. We will meet every two weeks on Tuesdays (June 12 & 26, July 10 & 24) at 7 pm at the McMahan's home (507 Oak Street). Feel free to invite friends for a relaxing and encouraging evening. See Melissa for more details (256-566-8885, mkwmcman@msn.com)

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!

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

"I have stored up your word in my heart..."

Psalm 119:11

"Many Christians look on the Spiritual Discipline of memorizing God's Word as something tantamount to modern-day martyrdom. Ask them to memorize Bible verses and they react with about as much eagerness as a request for volunteers to face Nero's lions. How come? Perhaps because many associate all memorization with the memory efforts required of them in school. It was work, and most of it was uninteresting and of limited value.

"Frequently heard, also, is the excuse of having a bad memory. But what if I offered you one thousand dollars for every verse you could memorize in the next seven days? Do you think your attitude toward Scripture memory and your ability to memorize would improve? Any financial reward would be minimal when compared to the accumulating value of the treasure of God's Word deposited within your mind."

Donald S. Whitney

On various tables around the church, you'll find stacks of cards. Pick one up and stick it in your pocket. Throughout the month of June, read and reflect and pray through the verse you find printed there. You'll find yourself memorizing it. And, as Donald Whitney says above, you'll find the accumulating value of the treasure of God's Word deposited within your mind.

There's only one verse printed on the card per month, but if you're feeling ambitious, there are enough Bible references on the card to take you through the entire month, one verse per week.