



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

Your intellectual life is important.... for the simple reason that your very character, the kind of person you are and are becoming, is at stake. Careful oversight of our intellectual lives is imperative if we are to think well, and thinking well is an indispensable ingredient to living well.

Jay Wood

Our churches are filled with people who are spiritually born again, but who still think like non-Christians.

William Lane Craig

Thinking is a dying discipline in a society that throbs with activity.

Ravi Zacharias

The Lord's Day — August 5, 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

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

Traditional

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye,
To Canaan's fair and happy land where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains shines one eternal day;
There God, the Son forever reigns and scatters night away.

I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the Promised Land.

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No chilling winds nor pois'nous breath can reach that healthful shore,
And sickness, sorrow, pain, and death are felt and feared no more.

When shall I reach that happy place and be forever blest?

When shall I see my Savior's face and in His bosom rest?

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 105:4; Isaiah 55:6

Pastor: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!

People: Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 119:33-40

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Hymn of Praise

The Law of the Lord Is Perfect

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul.
The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

*More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold.
Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.*

The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart.
The commandments of the Lord are pure, enlight'ning the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever.
The judgments of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

Reading of the Word : *don't throw away your confidence*

Hebrews 10:32-39

But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one. Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. For, "Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay; but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him." But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name ...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!

The Gospel According to 1 John

1 John 1:5-2:2a

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

The Power of the Cross

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Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day. Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten then. Nailed to a cross of wood.

*This, the pow'r of the cross. Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath. We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh to see the pain written on Your face. Bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed crowning Your bloodstained brow.
Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath quakes as its maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life. "Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

Oh to see my name written in Your wounds, for through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love!

*This the pow'r of the cross. Son of God slain for us.
What a life, what a cost. We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Lead Me To The Cross

Fraser

Savior I come quiet my soul, remember redemption's hill,
Where Your blood was spilled, for my ransom.
Everything I once held dear, I count it all as loss

*Lead me to the cross, where Your love poured out, bring me to my knees, Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself, I belong to You, Oh lead me, lead me to the cross*

You were as I, tempted and tried, human
The word became flesh, bore my sin and death, now you're risen
Everything I once held dear, I count it all as loss

To your heart, to your heart. Lead me to your heart, lead me to your heart.

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.

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon²

Pastor Rick Stark

Rockpiles of Remembrance - Anchors of the Soul
Joshua 4:1-24 (page 180)

We Respond

Rock of Ages

Toplady

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, from Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfil Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

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 132.

Psalm 84

Londonderry Air

O Lord of hosts, how lovely is your dwelling place! I cry aloud, I long for your abode;
The joys of earth have left my soul unsatisfied: My heart and flesh desire the living God.
Within your walls the sparrow finds a nesting place, That near your altars she may have her young:
How happy those who dwell within your house, O Lord, By whom your holy praises are forever sung!
How happy those who have in you the strength they need, And in whose heart are Zion's pathways found!
The desert sands they make a place of water-springs, Till autumn rains refresh the barren ground.
From strength to strength they journey on their pilgrimage, Until in God's own presence they appear:
O Lord of hosts, do good to your anointed one; Receive my earnest prayer: O God of Jacob, hear!
How better, far, a single day within your courts, Than thousands spent in any other way;
I'd rather wait upon the steps beside your door, Than pitch my tent where wickedness holds sway.
For like a shield the Lord defends and covers us; He gives us grace and crowns with glory too,
And nothing good withholds from those that walk aright: O Lord of hosts, how happy all who trust in you!

Benediction³

Psalm 72:18,19

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen!

Song of Faith

Jesus, Only Jesus

Holy, King Almighty, Lord. Saints and angels all adore.
I join with them and bow before, Jesus, only Jesus. Jesus, only Jesus.

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

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 John, 1 Samuel, Revelation, & 2 Samuel. Sign up today by emailing Tonya at tonya@decaturpca.org

Frontline Prayer: Join us next Sunday night, August 12, at the church, at 6:00 pm for our monthly prayer meeting. *"[Prayer] gives us relief from the melancholy burden of self-absorption."* - Tim Keller

Refuge of Grace Graduation: Please join the Refuge of Grace for a Graduation Ceremony in honor of Shelly Burns, celebrating the completion of the Refuge of Grace Transformation Program. Sunday, August 12, 2:00-3:00 PM at DPC.

Ladies JOY Summer Breakfast: Tuesday, August 14th at 8:45 AM, in the cafe area, cost is \$5.00. Please bring along a picture from a special, happy time in your life to share with the group if you want. We will have a delicious homemade breakfast, and great time of fellowship. RSVP to tonya@decaturpca.org by August 10th. Any questions please call Edythe Truog at 407-925-6476. Feel free to invite a friend!

Midweek Ministries: Will resume September 5.

Women's Bible Study: This fall, the Women's Bible Study will meet on Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11:00 beginning September 11. It will be facilitated by Teresa Quinn and Annah Joseph. Childcare provided. *None Like Him: 10 Ways God is Different from Us (and Why That's a Good Thing)*, by Jen Wilkin. Available in the DPC Book Nook!

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

“There is no better illustration [of the benefit of Scripture memory] than Jesus' confrontation with Satan in the lonely Judean wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11). Each time the Enemy thrust a temptation at Jesus, He parried it with the sword of the Spirit. It was the Spirit-prompted recollection of specific texts of Scripture that helped Jesus experience victory.

One of the ways we can experience more spiritual victories is to do as Jesus did—memorize Scripture so that it's available for the Holy Spirit to take and ignite within us when it's needed."

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 August, 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 Holy Spirit taking it and igniting it within you when it's needed in warfare.

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.