



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

Look carefully then how you walk,  
not as unwise but as wise,  
making the best use of the time,  
because the days are evil.

The Apostle Paul

# The Lord's Day — August 19, 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>

## 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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## Welcome and Announcements

## Report of the Living Church

Pastor Scott Bridges

## Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 33:4-5; 8-9

**Pastor:** The word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness! He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

**People:** Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him! For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

## Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 119:49-56

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For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light.  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,  
Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven,  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

**Reading of the Word: *The Steadfast Love*****Psalm 33:10-22**

The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples. The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage! The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man; from where he sits enthroned he looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth, he who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds. The king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength. The war horse is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue. Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine. Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Confession of Sin**

**Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called us to be a servant people, but we do not do what you command. We are often silent when we should speak, and useless when we could be useful. Have mercy on us, O God. Forgive us and free us from sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!**

**The Gospel According to Revelation****Revelation 1:5b-7**

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

## Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

### 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.*

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!

### At the Cross (I Bow My Knees)

Morgan/Zschech

Oh Lord You've searched me, You know my way  
Even when I fail You, I know You love me

Your holy presence, surrounding me  
In every season, I know You love me  
I know You love me

*At the cross I bow my knee, where Your blood was shed for me  
There's no greater love than this, You have overcome the grave  
Your Glory fills the highest place, what can separate me now?*

You go before me, You shield my way  
Your hand upholds me, I know You love me

You tore the veil, You made a way  
When You said that it is done

And when the earth fades, falls from my eyes  
You stand before me, I know You love me  
I know You love me

## Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Kent Quinn

## His Tithes & Our Offerings

**Destination**  
**Isaiah 49: 1-16 (page 609)**

**We Respond By Confessing Our Faith:**

**I believe in one body, one Spirit, and one hope; I believe in one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all.**

**Great is the mystery of godliness! He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, and taken up in glory.**

**I believe that Christ will come again and restore all that was broken by our fall, and until that day dawns guide and keep me and his church by his grace and for his glory. Amen!**

**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.)*

**Holy Spirit**

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Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.  
Bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole.  
Cause Your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see;  
Give me passion for Your purity. Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within; may Your joy be seen in all I do—  
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin in each thought and deed and attitude,  
Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace.  
Turn my striving into works of grace. Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made,  
Show your power once again on earth; cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.  
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise. Lead us on the road of sacrifice  
That in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

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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 132.

**Benediction<sup>3</sup>**  
May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

**from Colossians 3:15**

**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**

<b>Tuesday 6:30pm</b> Women’s Bible Study @ NCC (Armor of God)	<b>Friday 6:30am</b> Men’s Bible Study @ Temple, Inc. (Ezekiel)
<b>Wednesday 7:30pm</b> 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 John, 1 Samuel, Revelation, & 2 Samuel. Sign up today by emailing Tonya at [tonya@decaturpca.org](mailto:tonya@decaturpca.org)

**Missionary Visit!** We'll have a corporate Sunday School class for all adults & youth next Sunday, August 26, in the sanctuary, starting at 9:30. Our missionary Bill Nikides will be visiting and giving us an update on his work. Come! Hear what Jesus is doing in faraway places and encourage a devoted missionary. *"Send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God. For they have gone out for the sake of the name."* ~The Apostle John

**NextGeneration Parent Meeting:** Sunday, September 2, immediately following worship in the Parlor to discuss classroom pick-up, upcoming events, and Health/Safety Policies.

**Midweek Ministries:** Will resume September 5.

**NEW Ladies Sunday School Class:** Beginning Sunday, September 9, we will be studying Galatians in the Library at 9:30 am. This will be a discussion based Bible study, facilitated by Barbara Brownlee, Elizabeth Lee, Julie Missildine and Holly Vinson. Open to all ladies, please join us!

**“JOY”- Empty Nesters Luncheon:** Our next luncheon will be Sunday, September 9, at the church after worship. Bring a dish to share for a time of food and fellowship. If you have questions see Nancy Waldron, Susan Brooks or Barbara Brownlee.

**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.

# ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

SUMMER 2018

SUNDAYS @ 9:30 AM

**New Class Starting!** Join us as we study the Westminster Confession of Faith. Written in 1646, it is a study of the doctrinal foundation of the Presbyterian Church. We will discuss the daily spiritual implications of good theology. Taught by Kent Quinn, Mike McMahon, Blake Temple and Scott Mayo. The class meets down and across the hall from the church office.

**Foundations of the Faith:** Join us as we study 1 Samuel, where God raises up a great prophet and priest in Samuel and a great king in David. But God was preparing his people for a much greater King, who would conquer sin and death forever! 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 Lord's Prayer. Join us in the choir room, down the back hallway from the sanctuary.

**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!

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## Session

George Godwin  
Jeff Keith  
Mike McMahan  
Kent Quinn

Greg Smith  
Blake Temple  
Chip Walraven

## Diaconate

James Fudge  
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John Lyons  
Scott Missildine  
Bill Nelson

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Sam Thompson  
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## Service Times

9:30am      Sunday School  
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