



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

The concept of eternal life in the New Testament is not primarily one of living forever in heaven, but of having a new kind of life now. This new kind of life is so different that those without it can be called dead, truly. This is a life of human flourishing; a life lived the way we were made to function; a life of virtue; character, and well-being lived like and for the Lord Jesus.

J.P. Moreland and Klaus Issler

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:17-18

Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

1 John 3:2

The Lord's Day — September 9, 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

Hosanna

Baloche

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You, we turn to You
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You, we long for You
'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day
In Your Presence all our fears are washed away, washed away

*Hosanna, hosanna! You are the God Who saves us, worthy of all our praises
Hosanna, hosanna! Come have Your way among us, we welcome You here, Lord Jesus*

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You, we turn to You
In Your Kingdom broken lives are made new, You make us new
'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day
In Your Presence all our fears are washed away, washed away

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

from Psalm 27:5

Pastor: The Lord will hide us in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal us under the cover of his tent; he will lift us high upon a rock!

People: And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 119:73-80

Hymn of Praise

Holy, Holy, Holy

Dykes

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee. Who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee, Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth, and sky and sea,
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

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Reading of the Word: *The Rage of Nations and the Reign of Christ***Psalm 2:1-12**

Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying, "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us." He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill." I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel." Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Merciful God, we confess that we have often failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray, and free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

Peace with God**Psalm 130:3-4**

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

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

Compassion Hymn

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There is an everlasting kindness You lavished on us
When the Radiance of heaven came to rescue the lost;
You called the sheep without a shepherd to leave their distress
For Your streams of forgiveness and the shade of Your rest.

And with compassion for the hurting, You reached out Your hand
As the lame ran to meet You and the dead breathed again;
You saw behind the eyes of sorrow and shared in our tears,
Heard the sign of the weary, let the children draw near.

*What boundless love, what fathomless grace, You have shown us, O God of compassion!
Each day we live, an offering of praise, As we show to the world Your compassion.*

We stood beneath the cross of Calvary and gazed on Your face,
At the thorns of oppression and the wounds of disgrace;
For surely You have borne our suffering and carried our grief
As You pardoned the scoffer and showed grace to the thief.

How beautiful the feet that carry this gospel of peace
To the fields of injustice and the valleys of need
To be a voice of hope and healing, to answer the cries
Of the hungry and helpless with the mercy of Christ.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Jeff Keith

...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.

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon²

Nathan White

The Curve of History Obadiah 1:1-21 (page 772)

² 4, 5, & 6 year-old children may be dismissed before the sermon to Children's Worship in room 132.

We Respond By Receiving New Members

The Lord Adds to His Church

To read more about our new members, see page 7.

*Kayla Eaton, Alice Green, Carrie Hill, Matt & Jenna McGough,
Phil & Karen Olin, Katrina Olin, & Shelby Sasser*

The Membership Vows (PCA Book of Church Order §57-5)

Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope except through His sovereign mercy?

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as become followers of Christ?

Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your abilities?

Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Kayla Ann Eaton

Prayer for the New Members

Elder Mike McMahan

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.)

Surrender

Cottrell

No more running, no more hiding. No pretending I'm OK.
No more struggling, no more fighting. Come and have Your way.

*I surrender, I bow down. I surrender, here and now.
I am captured, Yours forever. I surrender, I bow down.*

You pursue me, You have found me. I fall helpless at Your feet.
Your possession, I am conquered. Love has set me free.

I come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen king.

Benediction³

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

Song of Faith

Whom Shall I Fear (Angel Armies)

Cash, Cash & Tomlin

I know who goes before me, I know who stands behind
The God of angel armies is always by my side
The one who reigns forever , He is a Friend of mine
The God of angel armies is always by my side

This Week

Tuesday 6:30am Men’s Bible Study @ Java Jaay (Joshua)	Wednesday 6:00-7:30pm DPC Youth! (6 th -8 th Grade) DPC Youth! (9 th -12 th Grade)
Tuesday 9:30-11:00am Ladies Bible Study @ DPC (<i>None Like Him</i>)	Wednesday 6:15-7:30pm Worship Choir Practice
Tuesday @ Noon Men’s Bible Study @ Kent’s Office (Romans)	Wednesday 6:15-7:15pm Adult Open Door Study (Prayer)
Tuesday 6:30pm Women’s Bible Study @ NCC (Armor of God)	Wednesday 6:15-7:30pm Life Groups
Wednesday 5:00pm Middle School Choir / Soli Deo Gloria	Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm 4 Year Olds & Kindergarten / Kid’s Quest 1 st - 2 nd Grade / Kid’s Quest 3 rd - 5 th Grade / Kid’s Quest
Wednesday 5:30pm Church Family Meal	Wednesday 7:30pm Praise Worship Band Practice
Wednesday 6:00-6:30pm Kids Choirs: 5 Year Old - 2 nd Grade / Kids of the King 3 rd Grade - 5 th Grade / Dare 2 Declare	Friday 6:30am Men’s Bible Study @ Temple, Inc. (Ezekiel)

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.

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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

Midweek Ministries: Come join us every Wednesday night! Church family meal at 5:30 pm, followed by several ministry opportunities.

Church Family Meal: Wednesday nights, 5:30pm. Cost is \$5.00/per person, with a \$20.00 cap per family. The menu for this Wednesday, September 12: Chick-Fil-A, Chips, Salad, and Drink. Sign ups are not needed

NEW Ladies Sunday School Class: Began today. We are studying Galatians in the Library at 9:30 am. This is 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: Today 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.

Frontline Prayer: "Jack Miller... said you never see any gospel movement without prayer that is 'kingdom-centered, extraordinary, united and prevailing.'" — Tim Keller, from his article, *Gospel Movement: The Role of Prayer*. Frontline Prayer meets tonight @ 6:00 pm, at the Lees' home (2422 Jarvis St. SW). Come join us!

Women's Bible Study: This fall, the Women's Bible Study will meet on Tues. mornings from 9:30-11:00 beginning this Tuesday, Sept. 11th. It will be facilitated by Teresa Quinn and Annah Joseph. Childcare provided. *None Like Him*, by Jen Wilkin. Available in the DPC Book Nook!

Table Bridal Shower: We are having a table bridal shower for Joy Cowley & Brain Hubbard next Sun., Sept. 16 to celebrate their new life together. They are registered at Target. See Elizabeth Lee or Margie Thompson with questions.

Parenting in the 21st Century: All parents of youth are invited to the Lee home (2422 Jarvis St. SW) Sun., Sept. 23, 7:00 pm, for discussion about one of the most significant callings in the world. See Tommy with any questions.

Bridal Shower: for Anna Knowling, fiance of Nelson Littrell, on Sunday, October 7, 2:00 pm. at the home of Carol Godwin (1610 Brookmeade Road SE). Anna is registered at Bed Bath and Beyond, Williams Sonoma, Pottery Barn, Restoration Hardware and Lawrens.

Silent Auction Donations: Like last year, we'll have a silent auction at the Fall Festival to help fund RYM for our students. We can't do it without your support! One way to help is simply to participate in the auction, and we need items to sell. If you have any goods or services to donate for the auction, please email Nathan at nathan@decaturpca.org.

18-25 Year Olds: There is an amazing conference happening in January with the hopes of seeing a new generation live for the most loving cause in the universe: bringing people from every tribe, tongue, and nation into the everlasting joy of knowing and worshipping Jesus. Check it out at www.crossforthenations.org. See Tommy!

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

Introduction of New Members

Kayla Eaton is 20 years old and was born in Decatur, Alabama, where she currently lives with her grandparents. Kayla loves children and is a huge dog lover. She graduated from Decatur Heritage in 2016, and one day wants to be an elementary school teacher. Kayla has never had a home church and says she has found the perfect one for her at DPC.

Alice Green grew up in Tylertown MS where her family dairy farmed. She graduated from MUW and Southwest MS Nursing School and worked in critical care and hospice. After retiring several times she moved to her "little cabin in the woods" in Bankhead National Forest. She lives there with her dog Oliver Twist and two annoying cats, John Henry and Richard Parker. Alice enjoys hiking, gardening, reading, writing, taking naps outside in a hammock, and sitting on the porch with friends. She has three beautiful children and four most adorable grandchildren.

Carrie Hill was born and raised in Decatur, the daughter of Amy and Bryan Hill. She graduated from Decatur High School before attending Auburn University, where she received a B.A. in Public and Professional Writing in December 2017. She currently works for Decatur City Schools Foundation and Decatur City Schools as a Communications Assistant, and she will be an Assistant Coach for the Decatur/Austin Robotics Coalition this fall.

Matt & Jenna McGough Matt grew up in Hartselle AL. Jenna grew up in Moulton AL. They currently live in Danville AL. They were both homeschooled through Master's Hand Christian School, and met at Co-op. They married in 2016. Matt is a Crane Technician for Ace Industries and is the owner of McGough's Nuisance Wildlife Control. Jenna has her cosmetology license, but is currently a stay-at-home wife, and takes care of their three dogs.

Phil & Karen Olin have lived in Alabama (except for 5 years) since 1969. Phil was born in North Dakota, and Karen was born in Indiana. Phil taught at Westminster Christian Academy in Huntsville for many years, and then at the Army Learning Center at Redstone. Karen trained as an RN but spent many years doing various part-time jobs. They have 4 children and many grandchildren, and even great-grandchildren. They are happy to be at Decatur Presbyterian Church and near their son Kris and his wife Liz...transferring from Village Church (PCA) in Huntsville where Alex Shipman is pastor.

Katrina Olin has been the daughter of Phil & Karen Olin for all by three weeks of her life. She was born in Huntsville and was baptized at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Katrina loves to talk about sports, especially bowling and Roll Tide Alabama. She loves all kinds of music from Il Divo to "Holy, Holy, Holy" to "Hey Good Lookin'." Katrina has a good memory and knows a lot of catechism and knows state capitals. She loves living in Decatur to be close to her brother Kris, and his wife, Liz. Katrina is very social and never forgets a friend.

Shelby Sasser was born in Decatur, AL. She graduated from Decatur Heritage where she met her now husband, William Sasser. Shelby obtained her Global Business degree from Troy University. Since moving back to Decatur, she has joined Decatur Jaycees and is serving as a 2018-2019 Young Life leader. William and Shelby bought their first home together in May and are enjoying being puppy parents to their 6 month old Goldendoodle, Thach.