



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

No one could really say why he ran away. Or perhaps he didn't, but was kicked out of his home by his father for something foolish that he said or did. Either way, Paco found himself wandering the streets of Madrid, Spain with hopes of entering into a profession that would most likely get him killed – bullfighting. Those who train under a mentor have a good chance of surviving this profession, but Paco's memory of his mistakes and guilt over what happened blindly drove him to this one way street to suicide.

But that was the last thing his father wanted, which is why he tried something desperate which he desperately hoped would work. There was little to no chance that he would be able to find Paco by wandering the streets of Madrid , so instead he put an advertisement in the local newspaper El Liberal. The advertisement read,

*"Paco, meet me at the Hotel Montana at noon on Tuesday. All is forgiven! Love, Papa."*

Paco is such a common name in Spain that when the father went to the Hotel Montana the next day at noon there were 800 young men named Paco waiting for their fathers...and waiting for the forgiveness they never thought was possible!

Lane Palmer, summarizing a theme from one  
of the short stories of Ernest Hemingway

# The Lord's Day — September 23, 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>

## Come People of the Risen King

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Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring Him praise.  
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.  
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him,  
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

*Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice; O, Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night.  
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.  
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease;  
But follow us through all our days, with the certain hope of peace.  
Come, young and old from every land, men and women of the faith.  
Come, those with full of empty hands, find the riches of His grace.  
Over all the world His people sing; Shore to shore we hear them call  
The Truth that cries through every age, "Our God is All in All."

## Welcome and Announcements

## Preparation for Worship

## Grace Through Faith

## Kids of the King

We have been saved by grace through faith, We have been saved by grace through faith,  
We have been saved by grace through faith, not by ourselves, it is a gift of God.  
It's not the way we walk, It's not the way we talk, It's not the good we do that gets us up and through.  
It's not the prayers we pray, it's not the words we say. The grace of Jesus is the only way.

## Responsive Call to Worship

from Psalm 138:1-2

Pastor: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart!

**People: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness!**

**All: For you have exalted above all things your name and your word.**

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**Hymn of Praise**

**All Creatures of Our God and King**

**Francis of Assisi**

All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam,

O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear, Make music for thy Lord to hear, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright, That givest man both warmth and light,

O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, And worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him, alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, Three in One,

O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Reading of the Word: *"it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you" (from v.11)***

**Genesis 17:1-8**

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Confession of Sin**

**from Matthew 5**

Pastor: You are Lord and King over all things, and you humbled yourself to serve us.

**People: But we often think too highly of ourselves and refuse to take a humble place.**

Pastor: You taught us that in your kingdom: Blessed are the poor in spirit.

**People: But we have been rich in pride.**

Pastor: Blessed are those who mourn.

**People: But we have not known much sorrow for our sin.**

Pastor: Blessed are the meek.

**People: But we are rebellious by nature.**

Pastor: You exalt the humble.

**People: But we often exalt ourselves and seek praise and honor from everyone. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

*...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!*

**Behold, The One Who Takes Away Sin**

**John 1:29**

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

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

### **All I Have Is Christ**

**Kauflin**

I once was lost in darkest night, Yet thought I knew the way,  
The sin that promised joy and life, Had led me to the grave  
I had no hope that You would own, A rebel to Your will  
And if You had not loved me first, I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race, Indifferent to the cost  
You looked upon my helpless state, And led me to the cross  
And I beheld God's love displayed, You suffered in my place  
You bore the wrath reserved for me, Now all I know is grace

*Hallelujah! All I have is Christ, Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!*

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone, And live so all might see  
The strength to follow Your commands, Could never come from me  
O Father, use my ransomed life, In any way You choose  
And let my song forever be, My only boast is You

### **Praise God**

**Ken/Watts/Kauflin**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, In Heaven above and earth below.

Praise God the Father and the Son, Praise God the Spirit, three-in-one.

From all that dwell beneath the skies, Let the Creator's praise arise.  
Let our Redeemer's name be sung, Through every land, by every tongue.

Eternal are Your mercies Lord, Eternal truth attends Your Word.  
Your praise will sound from shore to shore, Till suns shall rise and set no more.

*In every land, by every tongue, Let our Redeemer's name be sung.*

### **Purify My Heart (Refiner's Fire)**

**Doerksen**

Purify my heart, let me be as gold and precious silver.

Purify my heart, let me be as gold, pure gold.

*Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire is to be holy set apart for You Lord.  
I choose to be holy, set apart for You my master, ready to do Your will.*

Purify my heart, cleanse me from within and make me holy.

Purify my heart, cleanse me from my sin, deep within.

## **Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition**

**Elder Jeff Keith**

## **His Tithes & Our Offerings**

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

**Series: Heart, Soul, Mind, Strength: Love the Lord your God**

**Pastor Tommy Lee**

### **XVII. The Sacrament Of Baptism**

**Colossians 2:8-15 (page 984)**

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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.

## The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Zachary Lee Cameron, Jr.  
Covenant Child of Zach & Candice Cameron

### Solemn Vows - Parents

*Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?*

*Do you claim God's covenant promises on his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?*

*Do you now present this child to be baptized into the Christian Faith, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with him and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy faith, and that you will strive, by all means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?*

### Solemn Vows - Congregation

*Do you, members of this congregation and also members of the Body of Christ outside of this local church, undertake this responsibility - assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?*

### Solemn Words to the Child

*Little child, Jesus Christ has come, he has fought, he has suffered. He has entered into the shadows of Gethsemane and the terrors of Calvary; he has uttered the cry "It is finished!" He has risen from the dead and ascended into heaven, and there he intercedes for his church. Today we have pledged to teach you all of these things, and our prayer for you is that you will always mature and grow in the grace and in the knowledge of our great Lord and Savior - Jesus Christ.*

### Prayer for Cam

Elder George Godwin

### 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.)*

### It Is Well with My Soul

Spafford

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."

*It is well, (it is well), with my soul, (with my soul), It is well, it is well with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
And has shed His own blood for my soul.

My sin, O the bliss of this glorious thought!  
My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,  
Even so-it is well with my soul.

**Song of Faith**

**Whom Shall I Fear (Angel Armies)**  
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

**Cash, Cash & Tomlin**

**This Week**

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

<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.

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## DPC Announcements

**Our hearts are full at the outpouring of love, support, and encouragement during our recent shower and wedding. We are very grateful to God for the gift of our DPC family as we start our new life together in Christ. To God be the Glory. Thank you, Brian & Joy Hubbard.**

**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 Revelation, 2 Samuel, Philemon, & Zechariah. Sign up today by emailing Tonya at [tonya@decaturpca.org](mailto: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 26: BBQ Potatoes, Salad, Bread, and Drink. Sign ups are not needed

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

**Inquirers' Lunch:** Sunday, October 7, immediately following worship, we'll enjoy a catered lunch along with time interacting on the *"gospel-centered"* church and what church membership might be like at DPC. Plan to stay with us until 2:00 pm. This lunch is an introduction to our 7-week Inquirers' Class. Any questions, see Rick.

**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.

**Youth, Night Games & Ice Cream:** Sunday night, October 7, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, meet at the Youth Room. Invite your friends! *"How did it get so late so soon?"*—Dr. Seuss, American philosopher and intellectual

**Next Generation Fun:** All 5-11 year olds and their families are invited to play a fun game of kickball after church on Sunday, October 14th. We will eat lunch together and then play kickball afterwards. Lunch will be provided. Remember to pack a change of clothes!

**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](mailto: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](http://www.crossforthenations.org). See Tommy!

**DPC 2019 Christian Faith & Life Conference:** Plan to join us for a great conference February 22-24. Our guest speaker will be Pastor Sandy Willson. For a taste of Pastor Willson's ministry, visit youtube and type in "Sandy Willson To The World."

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

# ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

FALL 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!

**Ladies Sunday School Class:** 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!

## Session

George Godwin  
Jeff Keith  
Mike McMahan  
Kent Quinn

Greg Smith  
Blake Temple  
Chip Walraven

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## Service Times

9:30am	Sunday School
10:45am	Worship

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