



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 31st Psalm is a universal psalm of thanks, a psalm of prayer, and a psalm of comfort, all at the same time. It is spoken in the person of Christ and of his saints, who, on account of the Word of God, are plagued their entire lives—inwardly with fears and troubles; outwardly with persecutions, slander, and contempt. Yet they are comforted and delivered by God out of all of them.

Martin Luther
1483-1546

The Lord's Day — October 28, 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

Forever

Tomlin

Give thanks to the Lord Our God and King, His love endures forever.
For He is good, He is above all things, His love endures forever.
Sing Praise! Sing Praise!

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm, His love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn, His love endures forever.
Sing praise! Sing praise! Sing Praise! Sing praise!

Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong, forever God is with us, forever and ever, forever.

From the rising to the setting sun, His love endures forever.
By the grace of God we will carry on, His love endures forever.
Sing praise! Sing praise! Sing praise! Sing praise!

Forever You are faithful, forever You are strong, Forever You are with us, forever and ever.

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 113:1-3

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!

Leader: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore!

All: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 119:129-136

Hymn of Praise

The Church's One Foundation

Stone

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the Word;
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth.
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

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'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest
Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won;
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Reading of the Word: *Jesus prays Psalm 31:5*

Luke 23:44-49

It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last. Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!" And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

from The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941

O Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserve your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

Mercy Unrestrained

Psalm 40:11

As for you, O Lord, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me!

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

God Of This City

Tomlin

You're the God of this city, You're the King of these people, You're the Lord of this nation, You are!
You're the Light in this darkness, You're the Hope to the hopeless, You're the Peace to the restless, You are!

There is no one like our God, There is no one like our God.

For greater things have yet to come, And greater things are still to be done in this city.

Greater things have yet to come, And greater things are still to be done in this city.

You're the Lord of creation, the creator of all things. You're the King above all Kings, You are!
You're the strength in our weakness, You're the love to the broken, You're the joy in the sadness, You are!

Greater things have yet to come, and greater things are still to be done here. There is no one like You, God."

I Saw the Cross

Carpenter

I saw the cross of Jesus, when burdened with my sin; I sought the cross of Jesus, to give me peace within;
He drew my soul to Him and then He cleansed it in His blood;
And in the cross of Jesus Christ I found my peace with God.

I love the cross of Jesus, it tells me what I am, A vile and guilty creature, saved only through the Lamb;
No righteousness nor merit mine, no beauty can I plead; Yet in the cross I glory, my title there I read.

I trust the cross of Jesus, in every trying hour, My sure and certain refuge, my never failing tower;
In every fear and conflict see I more than conqueror am;
Though living safe, or dying, through Christ, the risen Lamb.

*Safe, Safe am I, in the cross of Jesus! Still resting in a peace that is unshaken,
Then in glory I'll sing His wondrous power,
Where sin can never enter in, and death is known no more.
And in the cross of Jesus Christ I found my peace with God.*

Who Can Satisfy My Soul?

Jernigan

Who can satisfy my soul like You?
Who on earth could comfort me and love me like You do.
Who could ever be more faithful, true?
I will trust in You. I will trust in You, my God.

Living Water, rain down Your life on me,
Cleansing me, refreshing me with life abundantly.
River full of life, I'll go where You lead.
And I will trust in You, Lord, I will trust in You, my God.

*There is a fountain who is the King,
Victorious Warrior and Lord of everything.
My Rock, my Shelter, my very own,
Blessed Redeemer, Who reigns upon the throne!*

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder George Godwin

Singing to the Lord

You Cover Me

Worship Choir

Even though I walk through the valley of despair, when I can barely offer up a prayer,
Still You hear the cry in my heart before I speak. You hide me in the shelter of Your wings.
You cover me. You cover me. I'm resting in Your shadow, You're my strength and bravery.
You cover me. You cover me. I'm safe inside Your presence, You hold back the enemy. You cover me.
Every doubt is conquered by Your goodness and Your love, Your faithfulness, a refuge for my soul.
I will fear no evil; You are with me through it all, and in the struggle, I can hear Your song.
I'm free from the terror by night or the arrows by day; You are my strength. I'm free, come disaster or threat.
You are my defense; You are my shield.

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon²

Series: Learning and Living the Language of Faith
XXXI. All Other Ground Is Sinking Sand
Psalm 31 (page 461)

Pastor Tommy Lee

We Respond: with the Taking of Vows

Covenant Children Come to the Table

*Amariah & Lauren Young
Covenant Children of Stephen & Amanda Young*

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?

Prayer

Elder Chip Walraven

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.

I Will Wait for You

*I wait, my soul waits for the Lord. My hope is in His word.
More than the watchmen wait for light, my soul waits for the Lord.*

Out of the depths I cry to You, in darkest places I will call.
Incline Your ear to me anew, and hear my cry for mercy, Lord.

Were You to count my sinful ways, how could I come before Your throne?
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze, I stand redeemed by grace alone.

*I will wait for You, I will wait for You, on Your word I will rely.
I will wait for You, surely wait for You, till my soul is satisfied.*

So put Your hope in God alone. Take courage in His power to save,
Completely and forever won by Christ's emerging from the grave.

Now He has come to make a way, and God Himself has paid the price,
That all who trust in Him today, find healing in His sacrifice.

*I will wait for You, I will wait for You, through the storm and through the night.
I will wait for You, surely wait for You, for Your love is my delight.*

Benediction³

from 2 Peter 3:18

May we all grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

Song of Faith

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty

Fitts

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty, Who was, and is, and is to come.
Blessed be the Lord God Almighty, Who reigns forevermore.

This Week

Tuesday 6:30am

Men's Bible Study @ Java Jaay (Joshua)

Tuesday 6:30pm

Women's Bible Study @ NCC (Armor of God)

Tuesday 9:30-11:00am

Ladies Bible Study @ DPC (*None Like Him*)

Friday 6:30am

Men's Bible Study @ Temple, Inc. (Ezekiel)

Tuesday @ Noon

Men's Bible Study @ Kent's Office (Romans)

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

Daylight Saving Time: Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour this Saturday, November 3.

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 2 Samuel, Philemon, Zechariah, & Romans. 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.

Silent Auction: A silent auction at the Fall Festival helps fund RYM for our students. we can't do it without you! We have many donations, but we still need people to come participate! There will be baked goods, artwork, all kinds of services, & much more available. If you have donated, Nathan will contact you about getting the items.

2018 Fall Festival: This Wednesday, October 31, 5:30–8:00pm. Our fellowship and fun includes a trunk-or-treat theme, chili cookoff, bonfire, hayride, inflatables for the children, and Youth Silent Auction. For questions, contact Rick Stark or Tara Thompson. For entering a pot of chili, contact Amanda Young.

Candy Needed: Please bring a bag of individually wrapped candy to donate to our fall festival Trunk or Treat. A candy drop off box will be located in the Cafe' area. Contact Tara Thompson at taraathompson10@gmail.com if you would like to be a Trunk or Treat vehicle participate. (Decorating your trunk is optional, but of course fun!)

Women of Grace: Join us for a "Christmas In A Jar" demonstration & Gift Exchange Party this Saturday, November 3 from 10:00-Noon at DPC. Bring a gift to exchange valued less than \$20. Questions? Contact Allison Seale or Elizabeth Lee.

Monte Sano Youth Day! Come spend a day with our friends from Providence Presbytery youth groups this Sat., Nov. 3, noon to 4:00 pm. Cookout & Games @ Monte Sano State Park Main Pavilion. Mention "Westminster" at the gate, and you get in free. Transportation is on your own, unless you sign up for a ride in the Youth Room.

"JOY"- Empty-Nesters Cookout/Bonfire: Join us for a cookout and bonfire this Saturday, November 3 @ 4:30pm, at the Quinn's home (703 Busbey Road SW). Bring a dish to share for a time of food and fellowship. If you have questions see Nancy Waldron, Susan Brooks or Barbara Brownlee

Smith/Littrell Shepherding Group: You are invited to a luncheon after worship service this Sunday, November 4 in the Café Area. Please join us and bring a dish to share. Questions? Contact Greg Smith or Wade Littrell

Parenting in the 21st Century: All parents of youth are invited to the Lee home (2422 Jarvis St. SW) Sunday, Nov.18, 7:00pm, for discussion about one of the most significant callings in the world. Questions? See Tommy.

DPC 2019 Christian Faith & Life Conference: Plan to join us for a great conference February 22-24.

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.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

FALL 2018

SUNDAYS @ 9:30 AM

The Fun Adult Class! Join us as we study the Westminster Confession of Faith, a study of the doctrinal foundation of the Presbyterian Church. We discuss the daily spiritual implications of good theology. Led by Kent Quinn, Mike McMahan, Blake Temple and Scott Mayo. We meet down & 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. 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 and is open to everyone.

Young Adult Class: The Young Adult class, led by Nathan White, is going through the book of Jude. 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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Wade Littrell
John Lyons
Scott Missildine
Bill Nelson

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Sam Thompson
Michael Vinson
David Whitcomb
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Service Times

9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Worship

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