



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

There is an excellent story of a young man, that was at sea in a mighty raging tempest; and when all the passengers were at their wits' end for fear, he only was merry; and when he was asked the reason of his mirth, he answered, "That the pilot of the ship was his father, and he knew his father would have a care of him."

That great and wise God, who is our Father, hath from all eternity decreed what shall be the issue of all wars, what the event of all troubles; he is our pilot, he sits at the stern; and though the ship of the church or state be in a sinking condition, yet be of good comfort, our Pilot will have a care of us.

There is nothing done in the lower house of Parliament on earth, but what is first decreed in the higher house in heaven. All the lesser wheels are ordered and over-ruled by the upper. Are not five sparrows, saith Christ, sold for a farthing? One sparrow is not worth half a farthing. And there's no man shall have half a farthing's worth of harm more than God hath decreed from all eternity.

Edmund Calamy
1600-1666

The Lord's Day — November 4, 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

The Gospel Is True

Hampton

We have a hope that is living and love that never will end.

We have a God who's forgiven us while we were yet in sin.

We have a grace that's amazing; a free gift to know Him by faith,

To live for His praise and long for the day, when we see Him face to face.

Thank you, Jesus, Oh how we worship You.

Thank You, Jesus. Hallelujah, the gospel is true.

Hallelujah, the gospel is true.

We have been crucified with Him, buried and risen to life.

Now justified, soon glorified, we shall be made like Christ.

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 33:1-3

Pastor: Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

People: Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!

All: Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 119:137-144

Hymn of Praise

Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart

Rejoice, ye pure in Heart, Rejoice, give thanks and sing;

Your festal banner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King.

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing!

At last the march shall end, The wearied ones shall rest;

The pilgrims find their Father's house, Jerusalem the blest.

Then on, ye pure in heart, Rejoice, give thanks and sing:

Your glorious banner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King.

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Reading of the Word: *the plans of God's heart (Psalm 33:11)*

Romans 8:28-30

We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Responsive Confession of Sin

Pastor: Our patient Father, you have made us your children by grace.

All: But we have prodigal hearts, prone to wander and run from you and from all that is good for us.

Pastor: You offer us Fatherly love and a place at your side.

All: But we seek the illusion of freedom apart from you, and we seek our own loves and longings in other places. So we live with hearts far from you, following at a distance or running away where we think you cannot see.

Pastor: You offer us Fatherly wisdom.

All: But we prefer the folly of our own reckless path. Lord, have mercy on us ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

Our Compassionate Father

Psalm 103:8-13

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Indescribable

Story

From the highest of heights, to the depths of the sea, Creation's revealing your majesty.
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring; Every creature unique in the song that it sings;
All exclaiming:

*Indescribable! Uncontainable! You placed the stars in the sky and you know them by name. You are amazing God!
All powerful, untamable; awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim. You are amazing God!*

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go? Or seen Heavenly storehouses laden with snow?
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light? Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night?

None can fathom:

*Indescribable! Uncontainable! You placed the stars in the sky and you know them by name. You are amazing God!
Incomparable, unchangeable; You know the depths of my heart and you love me the same.
You are amazing God! You are amazing God!*

Your Great Name We Praise

Smith

Immortal, invisible God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes.
Most holy, most glorious the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious Your great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,
Not wanting or wasting You rule us in might.
Your justice like mountains high soaring above,
Your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

*Most Holy, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Your great name we praise.*

All life comes from You Lord to both great and small,
In all life You live Lord, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish, but quickly grow frail,
We wither and perish, but You never fail.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Your angels adore You all veiling their sight.
All praise we will render O Father of grace,
Till one day in splendor we see face to face.

Your Love, Oh Lord (Psalm 36)

Powell

Your love, Oh Lord, reaches to the heavens,
Your faithfulness stretches to the skies.
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains;
Your justice flows like the ocean's tide.

*And I will lift my voice to worship You my King,
And I will find my strength in the shadow of Your wings.*

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Chip Walraven

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon²

Series: Learning and Living the Language of Faith

Pastor Tommy Lee

XXXII. "Let the high praises of God be in their throats!" (from Psalm 149)

Psalm 33 (page 463)

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

O Worship the King

Grant

O worship the King all glorious above,
O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In You do we trust, nor find You to fail;
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

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.)

Breathe

Barnett

This is the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe,
Your holy presence living in me.
This is my daily bread, this is my daily bread,
Your holy Word spoken to me.
And I, I'm desp'rate for You,
And I, I'm lost without You.

You are the air I breathe, You are the air I breathe,
Your holy presence living in me.
You are my daily bread, You are my daily bread,
Your holy Word spoken to me.
And I, I'm desp'rate for You,
And I, I'm lost without You.
I'm desp'rate for You. I'm lost with You.

Benediction³

from Psalm 33:20-22

May your soul wait for the Lord, for he is your help and your shield. May your heart be glad in him, because you trust in his holy name. And may the steadfast love of the Lord be upon you, even as you hope in him.

Song of Faith

We Are the Body of Christ

Hampton

One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise You, we are the body of Christ.
One goal, one vision, to see You exalted, we are the body of Christ.
And to this we give our lives, to see You glorified.

One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise You,
We are the body of Christ. We are the body of Christ.

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

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, November 7: Chick-Fil-A, Salad, Chips, and Drink. Sign ups are not needed

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

Canned Goods Contest! A box has been placed outside of each Sunday School classroom. Please bring canned goods for the NCC for Thanksgiving! The class that collects the most cans by Wednesday, November 21st wins Krispy Kreme & OJ for their class on Sunday, December 2nd! Questions? Please contact Kristin Ladner at (256)345-9331.

Presbytery: Providence Presbytery (of which DPC is a member) will meet at DPC next Tuesday, November 6. We will worship together at 11:00, with Reverend Scott Bridges (PCA Unity Fund Development Coordinator) preaching. You are most welcome to join us!

Frontline Prayer: Sunday, November 11, at DPC, at 6:00 pm. *"One might pray and not be a Christian, but one could not possibly be a Christian and not pray. Romans 8:15 tells us that the spiritual adoption that has made us sons of God causes us to cry out in verbal expressions: 'Abba! Father.' Prayer is to the Christian what breath is to life, yet no duty of the Christian is so neglected."* - R.C. Sproul

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.

Secret Sister: will be starting again in January. If you would like to participate, there is a sign up form on the desk in the gathering room. Please return your form by December 30. For more information about Secret Sister, see Elizabeth Lee or the secret sister letter on the desk.

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!

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

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

".... More often than not, what renewed my faith was the reminder of God's promise in 1 Samuel 2:30, 'Those who honor me I will honor.'
Scripture memory is like reinforcing steel to a sagging faith."

Donald S. Whitney,
describing a difficult test of faith and where he found renewal

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 November, 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 that Scripture memory is like reinforcing steel to a sinking, slumping, sliding, slipping faith.

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.