



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

Proverbs 31:30

Be strong, and show yourself a man, and keep the charge of the Lord your God, walking in his ways and keeping his statutes, his commandments, his rules, and his testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn.

1 Kings 2:2-3

The Lord's Day — November 11, 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 Lord Is My Salvation

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The grace of God has reached for me, And pulled me from the raging sea
And I am safe on this solid ground, The Lord is my salvation

I will not fear when darkness falls, His strength will help me scale these walls
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun, The Lord is my salvation

*Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won, The Lord is my salvation*

My hope is hidden in the Lord, He flow'rs each promise of His Word
When winter fades I know spring will come, The Lord is my salvation

In times of waiting, times of need, When I know loss, when I am weak
I know His grace will renew these days, The Lord is my salvation

And when I reach my final day, He will not leave me in the grave
But I will rise, He will call me home, The Lord is my salvation

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son
Glory be to God the Spirit, The Lord is our salvation

Welcome and Announcements

Report of the Living Church

Agnes Ortega

Responsive Call to Worship

from 1 Peter 1:3,4

Pastor: Come! Let us bless the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead!

People: To an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for us!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 119:145-152

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Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above.

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n.

Reading of the Word: *My strength and song*

Isaiah 12:1-6

You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation." With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. "Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Gracious Father, we confess that we are often proud, prone to think too highly of ourselves and to credit ourselves when we do what is right. And so we live with hearts far from you. We feel entitled to be honored by others rather than grateful to be loved by you. We are reluctant to rejoice when others flourish, and we bear grudges that make us slaves to bitterness. We feel little sorrow for our sin, and we resist your gracious correction. Lord, have mercy upon us ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

But God...

Ephesians 2:4-7

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

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 or 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."

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Newton/Tomlin

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
T'was grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed!
*My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me,
And like a flood His mercy reigns; unending love, amazing grace.*
The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Chip Walraven

...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.

Singing to the Lord

Unto Thee O Lord

Kids of the King

Unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul, Unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul
Oh my God, I trust in Thee, Let me not be ashamed, Let not mine enemies triumph over me

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon²

Series: What Matters Most in the New Year
"The Laugh of God"
Luke 10:17-24 (page 868)

Pastor Rick Stark

We Respond

Beautiful Savior

Townend

All my days I will sing the song of gladness, give my praise to the fountain of delights.
For in my helplessness, you heard my cry, and waves of mercy poured down on my life.

*I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer. I will sing of the blood that never fails.
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed. Of death defeated and life without end.*

Beautiful Savior, wonderful counselor, clothed in majesty, Lord of history, you're the way, the truth, the life.
Star of the morning, glorious in holiness, you're the risen one,
heaven's champion, and you reign, you reign over all.

I long to be where the praise is never ending, yearn to dwell where the glory never fades.
Where countless worshippers, will share one song, and cries of worthy will honor the Lamb.

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.)

Be Still My Soul

Sibelius

Be still my soul: the Lord is on your side; Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to your God to order and provide; In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly Friend, Thro' thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake, To guide the future as He has the past.
Your hope, your confidence, let nothing shake; All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know, His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart, And all is darkened in the vale of tears,
Then shall you better know his love, his heart, Who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.

Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay, From his own fullness all he takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastn'ing on, When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief and fear are gone, Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past, All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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

Benediction³

2 John 1:3

Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love.

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)

Tuesday 9:30-11:00am

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

Tuesday @ Noon

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

Tuesday 6:30pm

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

Wednesday 5:00pm

Middle School Choir / Soli Deo Gloria

Wednesday 5:30pm

Church Family Meal

Wednesday 6:00-6:30pm

Kids Choirs:

5 Year Old - 2nd Grade / Kids of the King

3rd Grade - 5th Grade / Dare 2 Declare

Wednesday 6:00-7:30pm

DPC Youth! (6th-8th Grade)

DPC Youth! (9th-12th Grade)

Wednesday 6:15-7:30pm

Worship Choir Practice

Wednesday 6:15-7:15pm

Adult Open Door Study (Prayer)

Wednesday 6:15-7:30pm

Life Groups

Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm

4 Year Olds & Kindergarten / Kid's Quest

1st - 2nd Grade / Kid's Quest

3rd - 5th Grade / Kid's Quest

Wednesday 7:30pm

Praise Worship Band Practice

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.

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 14: Elena is Cooking, Salad, Bread, and Drink. Sign ups are not needed

Get More Connected: Sign up for the weekly email by emailing Tonya at tonya@decaturple.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@decaturple.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.

Frontline Prayer: Tonight, 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) next Sunday, Nov. 18, 7:00pm, for discussion about one of the most significant callings in the world. Questions? See Tommy.

Christmas Tree Sale! Help Young Life by purchasing your Fraser Fir - all sizes - beginning Friday Nov. 23rd at the Young Life Life House, 425 Moulton St., Mon-Thurs 4-8pm, Fri 11am-8pm, Sat 9am-8pm, Sun 1-8pm.

Outreach Opportunity: The JOY group will be hosting a holiday party for the adult day clients of the Center for the Developmentally Disabled, on Friday, November 30, 10:00-Noon. LOTS of volunteers are needed. A time of entertainment will precede a homemade lunch. RSVP to Tonya if you can be hands-on.

Christmas Cantata: Please join us and invite your friends tonight, Dec. 9th, 5:00-6:00 pm as the Worship Choir, Soli Deo Gloria, Dare 2 Declare and Kids of the King present "The King is Here". Come hear the story of our Savior's birth through music and scripture. Nursery will be provided. Reception to follow.

JOY Christmas Coffee: Join us for a time of fun and fellowship at the home of Doug & Mary Chism (2804 Montrose Drive SW). Tuesday, December 11, 10:00-Noon. Questions? See Barbara Brownlee, Nancy Waldron, or Susan Brooks.

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: Pastor Sandy Willson will return! To hear more from Sandy, in preparation for the conference go to youtube and type in Sandy Willson The Gospel Coalition. Our conference will be February 22-24

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

VETERANS DAY 2018

"The soldier above all others prays for peace, for it is the soldier who must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war."

Douglas MacArthur

"June 1944. A tense and tired world is awaiting word of an Allied invasion of Western Europe, crushed for years under the jackboots of the Nazi war machine.

"In the early morning hours of June 6, the news flashes over American radios: The greatest amphibious invasion in history has begun on the beaches of Normandy, France. As paratroopers leap from their planes and landing craft speed toward the coast, another great battle is being waged at home: a prayer battle, imploring God for victory over the dark forces of fascism.

"It's almost impossible to exaggerate the importance of the D-Day invasion. As one historian notes, 'Without question, a failed invasion of France would constitute a calamity of incalculable proportions for the Western allies.' Who knows how long it would have taken to organize a second invasion attempt—time that might have allowed a German victory.

"So as word of the assault trickled out, Americans began to pray. Stores closed, and prayer services were swiftly organized in small towns and big cities. Photographs taken on June 6 show just how widespread these prayers were. One picture shows a sign in the window of a novelty button shop reading, 'Sorry, no covered buttons today. We are praying for the success of the invasion.' A sign in front of a church reads, 'Come in and pray for Allied victory: Hourly intercessions on the hour.' Another photo shows Americans in a synagogue, bowing their heads in prayer. At a noon Mass, we see men and women on their knees, fervently praying.

"New York City Mayor Fiorello La Guardia took to the airwaves, urging citizens to 'send forth [their] prayers to Almighty God . . . to bring total victory . . . in [this] great and valiant struggle . . .' In Washington, President Roosevelt, who had sons in uniform, urged Americans to join him in prayer for all the nation's sons: 'With Thy blessing,' he prayed, 'We shall prevail over the unholy forces of our enemy.'

"And, by heaven, prevail they did. On D-Day, and in the bloody days that followed, allied soldiers brought to vivid life the words of Winston Churchill: 'We shall fight in France . . . We shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight on the fields and in the streets . . . We shall never surrender.'

"As President Reagan put it 40 years later, speaking at Normandy to surviving Army Rangers: 'These are the men who took the cliffs. These are the heroes who helped end a war.' Today, I can't help wondering: How much did the prayers of their loved ones back home have to do with this great victory?

"War correspondent Ernie Pyle, who arrived at Normandy on June 7, observed that the Allies achieved victory 'with every advantage on the enemy's side and every disadvantage on ours.' Despite this, he wrote, the total Allied casualties 'were remarkably low—only a fraction, in fact, of what our commanders had been prepared to accept.'

"Now that it is all over,' Pyle finished, 'it seems to me a pure miracle that we ever took the beach at all.' Yes, it WAS a miracle—a miracle backed up by millions upon millions of believers assaulting the gates of heaven."

"... We should set aside time to remember what they did. And then we should pray for the safety of our soldiers, airmen, sailors, and marines who are serving across the globe today—men and women fighting and sacrificing for the freedoms we—and others—enjoy."

— Eric Metaxas