



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

O, let us connect every joy with the hand of the Giver;
and in the manifold blessing which He scatters around the path of this world's journey,
may we never forget that it is a journey written in time.

Thomas Chalmers
1780-1847

The Lord's Day — December 30, 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

Come Ye Sinners

Smith

Come ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore.

Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity joined with power.

He is able, He is able; He is willing; doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come and welcome; God's free bounty glorify:
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall.

If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.

Not the righteous, not the righteous; sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream.

All the fitness He requireth is to feel your need of Him.

This He gives you, this He gives you, 'tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended; pleads the merit of His blood.

Venture on Him; venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.

None but Jesus, none but Jesus can do helpless sinners good.

Welcome and Announcements

Report of the Living Church

John Joseph

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 77:13,14

Pastor: Your way, O God, is holy. What god is great like our God?

People: You are the God who works wonders; you have made known your might among the peoples!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 123

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O for a thousand tongues to sing, my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.

Jesus! The Name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of reigning sin, he sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread thro' all the earth abroad, the honors of Thy name.

Reading of the Word: *Marks of a Christian Community*

Romans 12:9-18

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

O Lord our God, you know the ways this past year in which our lives have not represented truth and knowledge. You know the times in which we struggled to be warm and caring and the times when we did not choose goodness. Forgive us Lord, for those times when our lives did not reflect your love. Give us your help and healing in our lives that we may begin this New Year with hope and joy ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

In Whom We Have Redemption

Colossians 1:13,14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Lord for Your Glory

Hampton

Lord for your glory we sing Your praises.
We magnify Your holy name.
All for Your glory, Lord we bring blessing.
We seek to honor You all of our days.

*We lift our hands, we lift our praise to You.
We worship all You are in spirit and truth.
We give our hearts, we give our lives to You
We offer all we are for the glory of You.*

Almighty Father, we are Your children.
You have been faithful to Your own.
Lord, for Your glory we have been chosen.
We lay down all we have here at Your throne!

*We lift our hands, we lift our praise to You.
We worship all You are in spirit and truth.
We give our hearts, we give our lives to You.
We offer all we are, we offer all we have,
We offer all our lives for the glory of You.
For the glory of You!*

Come Praise and Glorify

Kauflin/Chester

Come praise and glorify our God, The Father of our Lord,
In Christ He has in heav'nly realms, His blessings on us poured
For pure and blameless in His sight, He destined us to be
And now we've been adopted through, His Son eternally

*To the praise of Your glory, To the praise of Your mercy and grace
To the praise of Your glory, You are the God who saves*

Come praise and glorify our God, Who gives His grace in Christ
In Him our sins are washed away, Redeemed through sacrifice
In Him God has made known to us, The myst'ry of His will
That Christ should be the head of all, His purpose to fulfill

Come praise and glorify our God, For we've believed the Word
And through our faith we have a seal, The Spirit of the Lord
The Spirit guarantees our hope, Until redemption's done
Until we join in endless praise, To God, the Three in One

Our Humility and the Humiliation of Christ Philippians 2:1-8 (page 980)

Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Almighty God, you have taught us to pray not only for ourselves but for all men: hear us as we pray for others, in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. For your holy Church on earth; for her ministers, elders, deacons, that all who love the Savior may love him truly and serve him faithfully:

People: We ask You to hear us, O Lord.

Pastor: For all who do not know the Gospel of your love in Jesus Christ, that you would be pleased to gather them into your fold:

People: We ask You to hear us, O Lord.

Pastor: For your missionaries, especially those known to and supported by us, that they may cause your light to shine in the dark places of the earth:

People: We ask You to hear us, O Lord.

Pastor: For our country, for our President and others in authority, that you would guide them in your wisdom:

People: We ask You to hear us, King of Kings.

Pastor: For the poor, the exploited, and those too weak to defend themselves from powerful oppressors; for those seduced into immoral behavior by our increasingly ungodly culture; and especially the women and unborn children abused, injured, and even murdered by the abortion industry in our country:

People: We ask You to hear us, gracious Lord.

Pastor: For all who are in sickness, sorrow, and trouble, that you would comfort and sustain them [the congregation may add their petitions here]:

People: We ask You to hear us, O Lord!

Pastor: We give you thanks and praise for the glorious company of the Apostles, prophets, and martyrs, and for the pleasant fellowship of the faithful in all ages:

People: In the strong name of Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen

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.

Be Thou My Vision

Hull

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son, Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Benediction³

Revelation 22:20-21

He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

Song of Faith

Let There Be Light

Let there be light, let it shine bright,
Piercing the darkness with dazzling white.
Hope for the hopeless was born on that night
When God sent His Son and said let there be light.

This Week

Tuesday 6:30pm

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

Friday 6:30am

Men's Bible Study @ Temple, Inc. (Mansfield's Book of Manly Men)

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

DPC Family, Once again you have blessed us beyond measure with your generous Christmas gifts! What a joy it is to serve our Lord and Savior here among you! You love us and care for us so lavishly and we are so thankful for each and every one of you! It is our prayer that together as the DPC Family we may be faithful to the Lord's calling! Thank you for loving us! Tommy, Rick, Nathan, Tonya, and Stu

Midweek Ministries: will resume January 9th.

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 Philemon, Zechariah, Romans, & Malachi. Sign up today by emailing Tonya at tonya@decaturpca.org

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 today, December 30. For more information about Secret Sister, see Elizabeth Lee or the secret sister letter on the desk.

Baby Shower: A Table Baby Shower for Jonathan and Megan Davis on the birth of their son, John Grady. A table will be set up next Sunday, January 5. Feel free to bring your gift or some diapers or other practical gifts and leave them on the table. See Elizabeth Lee with questions.

JOY (Empty-Nesters) Luncheon: The next JOY covered dish luncheon will be on Sunday, January 13, following the worship service.

Women's Bible Study: This winter and spring, the Women's Bible Study will meet on Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00 a.m., beginning January 15th. It will be facilitated by Teresa Quinn and Annah Joseph. Childcare provided. *In His Image: 10 Ways God Calls Us to Reflect His Character*, by Jen Wilkin. Available in the DPC Book Nook!

Pancake Breakfast: Sunday, February 3, the youth will host a pancake breakfast at 8:30am. You can help us with this by making a small donation that morning and eating some good food, and/or donating pancake mix, juice, or sausage patties. If you'd like to donate any of these items, email Nathan at nathan@decaturpca.org.

Missions Sunday: Plan to join us on Sunday, February 3 to hear Dr. Paul Kooistra preach on "Missions: The Heart of God". Dr. Kooistra will be speaking for both the worship service and a joint Sunday school.

Life Groups! The Wednesday night adult small groups ("doing life together in the context of the Word, prayer, fellowship and mission") will be multiplying and/or reshuffling, then relaunching in January. If you're not in a LG and want to be or are interested in leading one, please contact Rick Stark.

DPC 2019 Christian Faith & Life Conference: Pastor Sandy Willson will return! To hear another sermon from him, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/y894cbr4> Recommendation: Our Chief End. Our conference will be February 22-24.

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 Ephesians 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

Diaconate

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Service Times

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| 9:30am | Sunday School |
| 10:45am | Worship |

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