



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

What is our only hope in life and death?

That we are not our own but belong, body and soul, both in life and death, to God
and to our Savior Jesus Christ.

The New City Catechism, Question & Answer #1

For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live,
we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord.

So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

Romans 14:7,8

The Lord's Day — January 6, 2019 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

Who You Say I Am

Fielding/Morgan

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me.

I was lost, but He brought me in. Oh, His love for me. Oh, His love for me.

Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed. I'm a child of God, yes I am.

Free at last, He has ransomed me.

His grace runs deep. While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me. Yes, He died for me.

Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed. I'm a child of God, yes I am.

In my Father's house is a place for me. I'm a child of God, yes I am.

I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who You say I am.

You are for me, not against me. I am who You say I am.

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 84:1,5,7

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

People: Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion!

Leader: They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 124

Hymn of Praise

Psalm 84

Londonderry Air

O Lord of hosts, how lovely is your dwelling place! I cry aloud, I long for your abode;

The joys of earth have left my soul unsatisfied: My heart and flesh desire the living God.

Within your walls the sparrow finds a nesting place, That near your altars she may have her young:

How happy those who dwell within your house, O Lord, By whom your holy praises are forever sung!

How better, far, a single day within your courts, Than thousands spent in any other way;

I'd rather wait upon the steps beside your door, Than pitch my tent where wickedness holds sway.

For like a shield the Lord defends and covers us; He gives us grace and crowns with glory too,

And nothing good withholds from those that walk aright: O Lord of hosts, how happy all who trust in you!

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Reading of the Word: *Jesus, on Christian fasting*

Matthew 6:16-18; 9:14,15

And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.... Then the disciples of John came to him, saying, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" And Jesus said to them, "Can the wedding guests mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, eternal Father, we acknowledge and confess to you that we were born in unrighteousness. Our life is full of sin and transgression; we have not gladly received your Word nor followed your holy commandments. For your goodness' sake and for your Name's sake, be gracious to us, we pray, and forgive us all our sin, which is very great ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

There is Freedom

2 Corinthians 3:17,18

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Immortal, Invisible

Story

Immortal, You are not like a man, that You change Your mind or change Your plan.

Invisible, our human eyes can't see, the depths of Your majesty.

You're the God of forever and ever amen! The Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End.

We sing, "Hallelujah!" We worship in awe, Immortal, invisible God.

Immortal, You are not bound by death. You're the living God, my very breath.

Invisible, You are not bound by space, But Your glory is filling this place.

Yes, Your glory is filling this place.

Immortal yet You once died for me, To pay my debt, to set me free.

Invisible, You will not always be, 'Cause You're coming to reign as our King,

And the saints will fall down at Your feet.

Lead Me To The Cross

Fraser

Savior I come quiet my soul, remember redemption's hill,
Where Your blood was spilled, for my ransom.
Everything I once held dear, I count it all as loss

*Lead me to the cross, where Your love poured out, bring me to my knees, Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself, I belong to You, Oh lead me, lead me to the cross*

You were as I, tempted and tried, human, The word became flesh,
bore my sin and death, now you're risen
Everything I once held dear, I count it all as loss

Before the Throne of God Above

Bancroft & Cook

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is "Love," who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav'n He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart.
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on him and pardon me.
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God.
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Mike McMahan

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon²

Pastor Tommy Lee

"And when you fast..."
Luke 2:36-38 (page 858)

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

We Respond: with the Taking of Vows

A Covenant Child Comes to the Table

*Ethan Seale
Covenant Child of Jason & Allison Seale*

The Membership Vows (PCA Book of Church Order §57-5)

Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner 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 yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

Prayer for Ethan

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.)

Behold Our God

Baird/Altrogge

Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand?

Kings and nations tremble at His voice. All creation rises to rejoice.

Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of His words?

Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Behold our God, seated on His throne. Come, let us adore Him.

Behold our King, nothing can compare, come, let us adore Him!

Who has felt the nails upon His hands, bearing all the guilt of sinful man?

God eternal, humbled to the grave, Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

You will reign forever. Let Your glory fill the earth.

Benediction³
The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

Song of Faith

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

Fitts

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>In His Image</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. (<i>Mansfield’s Book of Manly Men</i>)

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

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 this Wednesday, January 9th.

New Leadership! DPC is thrilled to welcome back to the helm Debbie Smith as NextGen Ministry Coordinator! Tara Thompson, anticipating the birth of her 3rd child, has left big shoes to fill. We are thankful for the ministry fruitfulness under Tara and now grateful & excited for how the Lord will use Debbie among our families & children!

Baby Shower: A Table Baby Shower has been set up today for Jonathan and Megan Davis on the birth of their son, John Grady. Feel free to bring your gift or some diapers or other practical gifts and leave them on the table.

Special Guest Chris Accardy: Chris spoke at one of our Midweek Ministry meetings in the Fall, much to the encouragement of all who heard him, we have invited him back! He'll be speaking to a corporate Sunday School class and preaching God's Word for us on Sunday, January 13. Please plan to join us!

JOY (Empty-Nesters) Luncheon: The next JOY covered dish luncheon will be next Sunday, January 13, following the worship service. Questions? Please see Susan Brooks, Barbara Brownlee, or Nancy Waldron.

Frontline Prayer: *"Satan dreads nothing but prayer. Activities are multiplied that prayer may be ousted, and organizations are increased that prayer may have no chance. The one concern of the devil is to keep the saints from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work, prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but trembles when we pray."* -Samuel Chadwick. 6:00 pm, at the Lees' home (2422 Jarvis St. SW), Sunday, January 13.

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!

Congregational Meeting: A congregational meeting will be held immediately after the worship service on Sunday, January 27, to vote on your officer nominees. On the ballot will be Elders **Jay Suggs** and **Chip Walraven**, for re-appointment to the Session after a sabbatical or after the expiration of a three-year term. Deacon **Wade Littrell**, for re-appointment to the Diaconate after the expiration of a three-year term. Also, **Jason Seale**, for election to the office of elder. Jason has gone through officer training in 2018 and has been approved by the Session. See Tommy with any questions.

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.

"I have stored up your word in my heart..."

Psalm 119:11

6) Challenge them to memorize Scripture.

No discipline has been more helpful in the process of my spiritual maturity than the memorization of extended portions of Scripture. This commitment is quite doable, and will pay back huge interest for the investment made.

Scripture memorization will help a young man in his own personal walk with Christ, in his evangelism, in his (present or future) marriage and parenting, and in his ministry of the Word. This has been a central pillar of my discipleship of young men for decades.

from Andy Davis' article, *"Discipling Guys"*

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 January, read and reflect and pray through the verse you find printed there. You'll find yourself memorizing it. And, as Andy Davis says above, you may find that no discipline is more helpful than this one, for your growth in spiritual maturity.

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.