



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

Who* is God?

God is the creator and sustainer of everyone and everything. He is eternal, infinite, and unchangeable in his power and perfection, goodness and glory, wisdom, justice, and truth.

Nothing happens except through him and by his will.

The New City Catechism, Question & Answer #2

There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. . . . But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Psalms 86:8-10,15

**This catechism actually uses "what" instead of "who." But God is a who, not a what. So, we fixed it for them.*

The Lord's Day — January 13, 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

I Am the Lord Your God (Isaiah 43)

Unknown

When you pass through the waters I will be with you, And the waves will not overcome you.

Do not fear. For I have redeemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine.

For I am the Lord Your God, (I am Lord your God)

I am the Lord your God, (I... Am)

I Am the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I am the Lord, (Do not fear.), I am the Lord, (Do not fear.)

I am the Lord, (Do not fear.) I am the Lord. (Do not fear.)

When you pass through the fire you'll not be burned, And the flames will not consume you.

Do not fear. For I have redeemed you, I have called you by name, you are mine.

Welcome and Announcements

Report of the Living Church

George Godwin

Responsive Call to Worship

Ruth 2:4; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 105:3

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: Who made heaven and earth!

Pastor: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 125

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My hope is built on nothing less, Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne.

Reading of the Word: *"the very thing I was eager to do"*

Galatians 2:1-10

Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. I went up because of a revelation and set before them (though privately before those who seemed influential) the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure I was not running or had not run in vain. But even Titus, who was with me, was not forced to be circumcised, though he was a Greek. Yet because of false brothers secretly brought in—who slipped in to spy out our freedom that we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might bring us into slavery—to them we did not yield in submission even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you. And from those who seemed to be influential (what they were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality)—those, I say, who seemed influential added nothing to me. On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel to the circumcised (for he who worked through Peter for his apostolic ministry to the circumcised worked also through me for mine to the Gentiles), and when James and Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given to me, they gave the right hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. Only, they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your name
...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!

Life and Light

Psalm 36:9

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Wesley

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide, receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none, I helpless hang on Thee,
Leave, oh leave me not alone, still support and comfort me!
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head in the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, are all I want; here more than all I find:
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy name; I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am, Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart, for all eternity.

Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right

Rodigast

Whate'er my God ordains is right, His Holy will abideth
I will be still whate'er He doth, and follow where He guideth.
He is my God, though dark my road, He holds me that I shall not fall:
And so to Him I leave it all. He holds me that I shall not fall.

Whate'er my God ordains is right, He never will deceive me
He leads me by the proper path, I know He will not leave me.
I take, content, what He hath sent, His hand can turn my griefs away,
And patiently I wait His day. His hand can turn my griefs away.

Whate'er my God ordains is right, though now this cup I'm drinking
May bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it all unshrinking.
My God is true, each morn anew, sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart,
And pain and sorrow shall depart. sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart.

Whate'er my God ordains is right, here shall my stand be taken
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, yet am I not forsaken.
My Father's care is round me there, He holds me that I shall not fall
And so to Him I leave it all. He holds me that I shall not fall.
He is my God, though dark my road, He holds me that I shall not fall:
And so to Him I leave it all. He holds me that I shall not fall

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Mike McMahan

...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.

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon²

Pastor Chris Accardy

God is Great. Celebration is Good. Some People are Poor.

Leviticus 23:15-23 (page 101)

We Respond

Ancient Words

DeShazo

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world. They resound with God's own heart,
O let the ancient words impart. Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope.
In this world where'er we roam, Ancient words will guide us home.

*Ancient words ever true, changing me and changing you.
We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.*

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age. Came to us through sacrifice,
O heed the faithful words of Christ. Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world.
They resound with God's own heart, O let the ancient words impart.

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.)

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.*

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

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 Psalm 23:6

May goodness and mercy surely follow you all the days of your life, and may you dwell in the house of the Lord forever!

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 9:30-11:00am

Ladies Bible Study @ DPC (*In His Image*)

Tuesday @ Noon

Men's Bible Study @ Kent's Office (Minor Prophets)

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. (*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

We Welcome Chris & Shelley Accardy! Chris' upbringing was split between New England & the Pacific Northwest. After serving about 6 years in the US Air Force, he attended Plymouth State University while working for the New England Fellowship of Evangelicals. He met his wife Shelley while working for the NEF. After college, Chris and Shelley were married and he attended Covenant Seminary in St. Louis, eventually earning an M.Div. in 2000. In order to facilitate bi-vocational church planting he earned a B.S.N. in Nursing at the University of Memphis in 2015 and is a RN with experience in progressive care and pediatrics. Chris is a Mission to North America approved church planter and has been re-planting Grace Presbyterian Church in Grenada, Mississippi since 2015. Chris & Shelley have 4 adult children and 1 grandchild.

Midweek Ministries: Wednesday nights, 5:30pm - 7:30pm @ DPC. Come enjoy a cooked or catered meal (\$5/per or \$20/family) and then plug into a variety of fellowship & growth opportunities: Children's, Youth, Choir, Life Groups, Open Door Study.

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 Romans, Malachi, Matthew, & 1 Kings. Sign up today by emailing Tonya at tonya@decaturpca.org

JOY (Empty-Nesters) Luncheon: The JOY covered dish luncheon is today following the worship service.

Frontline Prayer: 6:00 pm TODAY, at the Lees' home (2422 Jarvis St. SW).

Women's Bible Study: will meet on Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00 a.m., beginning January 15th. Teresa Quinn & Annah Joseph will lead. Childcare provided. *In His Image: 10 Ways God Calls Us to Reflect His Character*, by Jen Wilkin. Available in the DPC Book Nook! Please come on the 15th having read the Introduction, as well as Chapter 1

RYM Fundraiser at Sam's Sports Grill: On January 24th, from 3:00-close, Sam's Sports Grill in Decatur will give 10% of their sales of all non-discounted food to our youth group's RYM fundraising efforts. Come enjoy some good food and help our students pay for RYM! See Nathan with any questions.

ROOTS Youth Winter Retreat: Our students will be attending a presbytery-wide retreat January 25-27. Please pray for this trip to be a great encouragement for all those who attend.

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, 8:00am-9:15. 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.

Youth Super Bowl Party: Youth room, 5:30 pm, Sunday, Feb. 3. Pizza and snacks will be provided. Bring a friend!

Youth Silly Supper: DPC, Friday, February 8, 6:30 pm. Come prepared for some silly.

DPC 2019 Christian Faith & Life Conference: Pastor Sandy Willson will return! February 22-24. Please mark your calendars. Stay tuned for more information.

**To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to all who will come—**

**this church opens wide her doors
and offers welcome in the name
of the Lord Jesus Christ.**