



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 the law of God stated in the Ten Commandments?

You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below—you shall not bow down to them or worship them. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony. You shall not covet.

The New City Catechism, Question & Answer #8

You shall have no other gods before me.

Exodus 20:3

The Lord's Day — February 24, 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

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Wesley

Arise, my soul arise, shake off your guilty fears, The bleeding sacrifice in my behalf appears.
Before the throne, my Surety stands, Before the throne, my Surety stands, My name is written on His hands.

Arise, arise, arise, arise my soul, arise! Arise, arise, arise, arise my soul, arise, Shake off your guilty fear and rise!

He ever lives above, for me to intercede, His all redeeming love, His precious blood to plead,
His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race, And sprinkles now the throne of grace.
Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary, They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me,
"Forgive him, oh forgive," they cry, "Forgive him, oh forgive," they cry, "Nor let that ransomed sinner die."

My God is reconciled, His pardoning voice I hear, He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear,
With confidence I now draw nigh, With confidence I now draw nigh, And "Father, Abba, Father" cry.

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

from 1 Corinthians 1:2; Psalm 147:1

Pastor: To the church of God, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

People: Praise the Lord!

Pastor: For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant,

All: And a song of praise is fitting!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 131

Hymn of Praise

How Great Thou Art

Hine

O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder, Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy pow'r thro' out the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

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And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation, And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art.

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Reading of the Word: *Why shall we give praise to God today?*

Psalm 147:2-6

The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names. Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. The Lord lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

adapted from Augustine, the prophet Jeremiah, and Calvin

Lord, our hearts are restless. They are deceitful and full of wickedness. Yet you are gracious. Lord, we ask that our hearts find their rest in you. Here are our hearts, Lord. We offer them to you, promptly and sincerely, for the sake of your Son ...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!

Words of Comfort

Isaiah 40:1,2

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

The Wonderful Cross

Watts/Tomlin

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down:
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

*O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross, Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross, All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.*

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an off'ring far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

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

To your heart, to your heart. Lead me to your heart, lead me to your heart.

At the Cross (I Bow My Knees)

Morgan/Zschech

Oh Lord You've searched me, You know my way, Even when I fail You, I know You love me

Your holy presence, surrounding me, In every season, I know You love me, I know You love me

At the cross I bow my knee, where Your blood was shed for me

There's no greater love than this, You have overcome the grave

Your Glory fills the highest place, what can separate me now?

You go before me, You shield my way, Your hand upholds me, I know You love me

You tore the veil, You made a way, When You said that it is done

And when the earth fades, falls from my eyes, You stand before me, I know You love me

I know You love me.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Greg Smith

Singing to the Lord

At The Cross

Worship Choir

Where there is hurt that fills the heart, where there is worry tearing us apart, where there is guilt and shame from a troubled past. Where there is fear over what will come, where there's regret over what's been done.

Where can you find forgiveness and peace that will last?

At the cross, at the cross you can lay it down. At the cross you can leave it now.

There's rest for the weary, hope for the hopeless, rescue for the lost at the cross.

Where did the arms that open wide invite the worst of us to come inside? Where did the blood flow down for me and for you? Where did the crowns of thorns declare the sov'reign Lord was suffering there?

Where did His cry, "It's finished" make all things new? At the cross, at the cross Jesus paid it all.

At the cross, at the cross, can you hear Him call?

There's rest for the weary, hope for the hopeless, rescue for the lost at the cross.

Where can a king and slave be found to fall alike on level ground, no matter who we are or where we've been?

At the cross, at the cross we are all the same. At the cross, at the cross we can all be saved!

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon²

Reverend Sandy Willson

**Boasting in the Cross
Galatians 6:14 (page 975)**

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...

Vows for the Office of Deacon

PCA Book of Church Order, §24-6

Re-Installation to the Diaconate of DPC: Deacon Wade Littrell

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the *Confession of Faith* and the *Catechisms* of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
4. Do you accept the office of deacon in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?
5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the Church?

Congregational Vow

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive this brother as a deacon, and do you promise to yield them all that honor, encouragement and obedience in the Lord to which their office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles them?

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 Saw the Cross

Carpenter

I saw the cross of Jesus, when burdened with my sin; I sought the cross of Jesus, to give me peace within;
He drew my soul to Him and then He cleansed it in His blood;
And in the cross of Jesus Christ I found my peace with God.

I love the cross of Jesus, it tells me what I am

A vile and guilty creature, saved only through the Lamb; No righteousness nor merit mine, no beauty can I plead;
Yet in the cross I glory, my title there I read.

I trust the cross of Jesus, in every trying hour, My sure and certain refuge, my never failing tower;
In every fear and conflict see I more than conqueror am;
Though living safe, or dying, through Christ, the risen Lamb.

*Safe, Safe am I, in the cross of Jesus! Still resting in a peace that is unshaken
Then in glory I'll sing His wondrous power, Where sin can never enter in, and death is known no more.
And in the cross of Jesus Christ I found my peace with God.*

Benediction³

from Colossians 3:15-17

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. May the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Song of Faith

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

God be with you till we meet again; By his counsels guide uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you: God be with you till we meet again.

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 (Minor Prophets)	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

We welcome Reverend Sandy Willson to our pulpit today! Sanders L. (Sandy) Willson is currently serving as interim senior minister at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Birmingham Alabama. Previously, Sandy was the senior minister of Second Presbyterian Church of Memphis for twenty-two years, during which time he actively promoted healthy race relations in Memphis in many ways. He also pastored Memorial Presbyterian Church in Elizabethton, Tennessee and Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church in Lookout Mountain, Tennessee. Sandy and his wife, Allison, are deeply grateful for five children, three daughters-in-law, a son-in-law, and twelve grandchildren.

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 Matthew, 1 Kings, James, and 2 Kings. Sign up today by emailing Tonya at tonya@decaturpca.org

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.

Faith Promise Update: Please make a "Faith Promise" pledge to support world missions by March 3rd. Notice that there is no place for your name on the pledge cards and that is intentional. So far we have 17 pledges for \$53,520. Our current spending level is about \$60,000 per year and we would love to add at least one new missionary.

"Soup For Souls": Fundraiser benefiting the Neighborhood Christian Center's children and youth ministry. Thursday, February 28, 5:30-7:30 pm, at Sykes Place (726 Bank Street). Tickets are \$30. For more information call: 256.351.7633 or decaturnc1994@gmail.com

Parenting in the 21st Century: Sunday night, March 3, all parents of 6th-12th graders invited to Tommy & Elizabeth's home, 2422 Jarvis St. SW. Dessert & Coffee & Roundtable Discussion.

JOY (Empty-Nesters) Luncheon: The next JOY covered dish luncheon will be next Sunday, March 10, following the worship service. Questions? Please see Susan Brooks, Barbara Brownlee, or Nancy Waldron.

Bridal Shower: For Christy Stipe, fiancé of Lee Godwin, will be Sunday, March 17, 2:00 pm at the home of Faye Temple (2012 Chapel Hill Rd. SW). Christy is registered at Jimmy Smith Jewelers, Crate and Barrel, Target, Williams Sonoma, and REI.

Junior & Seniors: We're going to dinner and UAH RUF together on Monday night, March 25. Mark your calendar; you won't want to miss it!

Youth Dance Party: Friday night, March 29, 6:30 pm. Stay "tuned"... get it? That was amazing.

DPC Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic 2019: June 4-11 & June 11-18. Trip details are on the website @ www.decaturpca.org See the "Ministries" at the top and click on "Short Term Mission Trips". Deadline for sign-ups is April 24 or when limited spaces are filled. Questions? Call or email Carol Godwin at 256-227-5614 or CarolG@pclnet.net.

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

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

WINTER 2019

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.

New Sunday School Class! The Foundations Class and Young Adult Class have merged! This class, led by Stuart Smith and Nathan White meets in the parlor. Our first series will be on 1 Corinthians. We'd love for you to join us!

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, Vicki Stephenson, and Sarah Crupi. Open to all ladies, please join us!

Session

George Godwin
Jeff Keith
Mike McMahan
Kent Quinn
Jason Seale

Greg Smith
Jay Suggs
Blake Temple
Chip Walraven

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Wade Littrell
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Service Times

9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Worship

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