

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 does God require in the ninth and tenth commandments?

Ninth, that we do not lie or deceive, but speak the truth in love. Tenth, that we are content, not envying anyone or resenting what God has given them or us.

The New City Catechism, Question & Answer #12

If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well.

James 2:8

The Lord's Day — March 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

Who Can Satisfy My Soul?

Jernigan

Who can satisfy my soul like You? Who on earth could comfort me and love me like You do. Who could ever be more faithful, true? I will trust in You. I will trust in You, my God.

Living Water, rain down Your life on me, Cleansing me, refreshing me with life abundantly. River full of life, I'll go where You lead. And I will trust in You, Lord, I will trust in You, my God.

There is a fountain who is the King, Victorious Warrior and Lord of everything. My Rock, my Shelter, my very own, Blessed Redeemer, Who reigns upon the throne!

Welcome and Announcements

Singing to the Lord

Fishers of Men

Dare 2 Declare & Kids of the King

Peter was a fisherman and worked out on the sea with his brother, Andrew, fishing happily, til one day they met Jesus walking by the sea. The words He spoke seemed crazy by the Sea of Galilee. "Come follow Me, follow Me, and I will make you fishers. Follow Me, follow Me, fishers of men.

How could they leave their work, the only thing they'd known, to follow this man Jesus, and even leave their home? But something in His eyes made them think again.

What if He was the One they'd waited for? And then they heard,

Leaving their nets behind and everything they'd caught, they turned towards Jesus and without another thought, never looking back, they let Him lead the way. Then they met others and they heard Jesus say,

Responsive Call to Worship

from Psalm 134:1,2

Pastor: Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who stand in the house of the Lord! **People: Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the Lord!**

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 135

Hymn of Praise

To God Be the Glory

Crosby

To God be the glory, great things He has done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, And opened the lifegate that we may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!

O Come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son, And give Him the glory, great things He has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood! To every believer the promise of God; The vilest offender who truly believes, That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done, And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; But purer and higher and greater will be, Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

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Reading of the Word: Where does God choose to live?

Selected Scriptures

But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built!... I will walk among you and will be your God, and you shall be my people... My dwelling place shall be with them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people... Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion, for behold, I come and I will dwell in your midst, declares the Lord... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth... And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth... If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him... And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age... For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people"... And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Our ever merciful and compassionate God, forgive our forgetfulness of your grace to us. We often demand of others a standard that we have failed to meet ourselves. We have related to others in terms of measuring up to this standard, rather than as fellow debtors to grace. We forget the greatness of our need and think ourselves worthy of your favor, and so demean others in thought, word, and deed. O Savior Lord, show us again the depth and breadth of your marvelous work on our behalf, that we may evermore, all the days of our lives, express an ever-increasing understanding of your gospel in our relationships to you and other, through the power of your Spirit at work within us ... Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!

Whosoever Believeth

John 3:16, King James Version

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Grace Like Rain

Collins

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! And I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see so clearly.

Hallelujah! Grace like rain falls down on me. Hallelujah! And all my stains are washed away, They're washed away.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing Your praise than when we first begun.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, Hallelujah all my stains are washed away, they're washed away.

In Christ Alone

Townend

In Christ Alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! Who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe! This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save. Till on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied, My every sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain: Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again! And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me, For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me; From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand; Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Kent Quinn

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon²

Series: Let Not Your Hearts Be Troubled (John 14:1) XI. The Promise of the Holy Spirit John 14:15-24 (page 901) **Pastor Tommy Lee**

We Respond By Receiving New Members

The Lord Adds to His Church

To read more about our new members, see page 5.

Jim & Chris Grumblatt Larry & Haley Strunk

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

Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners 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 yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

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

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Kylie Lynn Strunk & Skylar Hope Strunk Covenant Children of Larry & Haley Strunk

Solemn Vows - Parents

Do you acknowledge your children's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God's covenant promises on their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?

Do you now present these children to be baptized into the Christian Faith, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with them and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy faith, and that you will strive, by all means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Solemn Vows - Congregation

Do you, members of this congregation and also members of the Body of Christ outside of this local church, undertake this responsibility - assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of these children?

Solemn Words to the Children

Little child, Jesus Christ has come, he has fought, he has suffered. He has entered into the shadows of Gethsemane and the terrors of Calvary; he has uttered the cry "It is finished!" He has risen from the dead and ascended into heaven, and there he intercedes for his church. Today we have pledged to teach you all of these things, and our prayer for you is that you will always mature and grow in the grace and in the knowledge of our great Lord and Savior - Jesus Christ.

Prayer for New Members

Elder Jeff Keith

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.)

Above All LeBlanc

Above all powers, above all kings, Above all nature and all created things; Above all wisdom and all the ways of man, You were here before the world began.

Above all kingdoms, above all thrones, Above all wonders the world has ever known; Above all wealth and treasures of the earth, There's no way to measure what You're worth.

Crucified, laid behind the stone; You lived to die, rejected and alone; Like a rose trampled on the ground, You took the fall, were glorified above all.

Benediction³ Psalm 134:3

May the Lord bless you from Zion, he who made heaven and earth!

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.

God and God alone, is fit to take the universe's throne. Let everything that lives reserve its truest praise, for God and God alone.

Introduction of New Members

Jim and Chris Grumblatt were lifelong Michiganders who moved to Decatur in June 2018. Jim pioneered and pastored two churches over the years, and, being an electronics engineer, had his own company until he passed it on to his son. Jim is also an avid shooter, instructor and safety officer. Chris is a former legal assistant, seamstress, and crafter, and her favorite thing: grandma.

Larry and Haley Strunk were both born and raised in Michigan. Married almost 7 years, they have two little girls, Kylie and Skylar, and another girl on the way, due in July. They moved here with Haley's parents in July 2018. Larry had his own handyman business in Michigan and has continued the business since moving to Decatur! Haley is a stay at home mom, a piano and flute player, and a singer.

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)

DPC Announcements

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.

Christ Upon The Cross: As we prepare for the celebration of resurrection on Easter morning, it's good to spend some time reflecting upon the cross. There's a stack of booklets entitled "Christ Upon The Cross," in the DPC Book Nook. They include five great essays on the meaning and glory of the cross. They are free for the taking.

High School Juniors and Seniors: Meet in the parking lot of the Decatur Public Library at 4:45pm tomorrow, Monday, March 25. We'll leave together at 5:00 to enjoy dinner in Huntsville, followed by RUF large group at UAH. See Tommy with any questions.

Youth Dance Party: Join us for the Spring Fling Swing Dance this Friday night, March 29, 6:30 -8:30 pm. Make sure to get there on time for a short dance lesson from Mike and Melissa McMahan before we start! If possible, no jeans please.

Car Wash: The youth group is having a fundraising car wash this Saturday, March 30th, at Advance Auto Parts on the Beltline from 9:00-2:00. We would love to see you there! Youth workers, please either bring your lunch, or money for lunch, to the car wash. For questions, please contact Nathan at nathan@decaturpca.org.

Youth Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser: Next Sunday, March 31st, the youth will host a pancake breakfast. We'll begin serving food at 8:15. You can help us by making a small donation and eating some good food, or by donating juice or sausage patties. If you'd like to donate any of these items, email nathan@decaturpca.org.

Youth B*A*S*H*: We're having a B*A*S*H* (Building a Servant's Heart) event on Saturday, April 13th. Meet at the church at 8:30 that morning ready to do yardwork and we'll carpool to the house where we'll be serving. After we're done, we'll head back to the church where we'll have pizza for lunch.

Local Missions Committee Informational Meeting: Join us Sunday April, 14th immediately following the worship service in the Cafe' area. It should be about a 10 minute meeting.

Baby Shower: It's a boy! Join us for a baby shower for Jenna McGough Sunday, April 14 at 2:00 pm. Jenna is registered at Walmart and Target

Maundy Thursday Service: Our current sermon series has us studying what Jesus was doing and saying the Thursday night before Good Friday. What a great year to have a Maundy Thursday service! Thursday, April 18, 6:00pm. Expect it to be about 30-40 minutes.

DPC Good Friday Service: Friday, April 19, 6:00 pm. Invite a friend. "At the cross in holy love God through Christ paid the full penalty of our disobedience himself." — John Stott

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. Questions? Call or email Carol Godwin at 256-227-5614 or Carolg@pclnet.net.

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RYM PARENTING CONFERENCE

April 5 & 6

Not just for youth parents. For all parents, future parents, maybe future parents, for all who care about parents and students, and who hunger for wisdom regarding the challenges facing today's church.

<u>Friday night, April 5 (2 sessions, 7-9 pm):</u> these two sessions will be directed toward parents' hearts. Parenting is hard work, and we often get discouraged! But it's a high and holy calling. In these two sessions we'll be framing the work and calling of parents around the cross of Jesus Christ. What does it meant to live out the gospel, as a parent?

<u>Saturday, April 6 (2 sessions, 8:30-12:30 am):</u> these two sessions will be more of the nuts and bolts of parenting, where we deal with some of the difficult topics of today. In particular:

Digital Christianity: Thinking Biblically About Teens & Technology - Technology is a great good God has given to humanity. Sin, however, has tarnished all of God's good gifts and brings about chaos and confusion in this area of God's world. As parents and pastors, we must disciple our children in all areas of life; including technology. In this seminar, parents will receive a biblical framework to discuss many of the challenges they face with teens and technology.

Pornography: Preparing Our Kids for Worldly Images - Statistically speaking, church-goers are viewing pornography just as much as those who aren't attending church. While that is sobering enough, the average age of exposure to pornography is getting younger and younger. Part of our parenting in this area is preparing our children for a world that's filled with pornography. In this seminar, parents and pastors will receive many talking-points to educate and prepare their children and congregations for this dark aspect of our culture.