



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

Can anyone keep the law of God perfectly?

Since the fall, no mere human has been able to keep the law of God perfectly,
but consistently breaks it in thought, word, and deed.

The New City Catechism, Question & Answer #13

None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God.
All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.

Romans 3:10-12

The Lord's Day — March 31, 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

You Are Worthy of My Praise

Ruis

I will worship (repeat), with all of my heart (repeat);
I will praise you (repeat), with all of my strength. (repeat)
I will seek you (repeat), all of my days; (repeat)
And I will follow (repeat), follow all of Your ways (repeat).
*I will give You all my worship, I will give You all my praise.
You alone I long to worship, You alone are worthy of my praise.*
I will bow down (repeat), and hail You as King (repeat);
I will serve you (repeat), give You everything (repeat).
I will lift up (repeat), my eyes to Your throne (repeat);
And I will trust You (repeat), I will trust You alone (repeat).

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 116:1-2, 5

Pastor: I love the Lord, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

People: Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

Pastor: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 136

Hymn of Praise

Holy, Holy, Holy

Dykes

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee, Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth, and sky and sea,
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

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Reading of the Word: *"Put On the New Self"*

from Colossians 3:1-15

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all. Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

adapted from The Valley of Vision

O Lord, every day I am proven guilty in Your sight: a prayer-less heart; praise-less sounds; feigned compassion and best services as filthy rags. But even as my sins rise to heaven, the merits of the blessed Jesus soar above them. I appeal now from the throne of perfect justice to Your throne of boundless grace. Give me perpetual broken-heartedness; keep me always clinging to the Cross; flood me every moment with descending grace that I too might freely offer grace and mercy to others ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

The Gospel Pardon

Hebrews 10:12-14

But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God... For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Lo, He Comes

Wesley

Every eye shall now behold Him, robed in dreadful majesty.
Those who set at naught and sold Him, pierced and nailed Him to the tree.
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.

*Lo! He comes with clouds descending, once for our salvation slain.
Thousand, thousand saints attending, swell the triumph of His train.
Alleluia! Alleluia! God appears on earth to reign.*

Lo! He comes in glory shining, saints arise and meet your King.
Glorious captain of salvation, "welcome, welcome" hear them sing.
Shouts of triumph, Shouts of triumph, make the heav'ns with echoes ring.

Yea amen let all adore Thee, high on thine eternal throne.
Savior take the power and glory, claim the kingdom for thine own.
O Come quickly, O come quickly, alleluia, come Lord, come!

God, Be Merciful to Me

Redhead

God, Be Merciful to me, on Thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion Thou, blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true.

Cast me not away from Thee, let Thy Spirit dwell in me.

Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me, and return oh God to Thee.

Savior all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing Thy love.

Touch my silent lips oh Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.

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Our Great God

Ortega

Eternal God unchanging, mysterious and unknown,
Your boundless love unfailing in grace and mercy shown.
Bright seraphim in endless flight around Your glorious throne;
They raise their voices day and night in praise to You alone.

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!

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Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird;
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth;
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe,
Sing praises to the living God who rules them by His word.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Kent Quinn

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon²

Pastor Randy Nabors

The Radical Church
Acts 4:32-37 (page 912)

The Prayers of the People

Pastor: O Lord, we cry out to you for the Church:

People: We pray for all the churches in Decatur that proclaim your gospel; we pray for our sister churches in Providence Presbytery.

(Pray silently for the church.)

Pastor: O Lord, we cry out to you for all the people of the earth:

People: We pray for those who do not know you; we pray that your gospel would run in our city.

(Pray silently for your friends who do not yet believe the gospel.)

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

Pastor: O Lord, we cry out to you for our own nation:

People: Please give President Trump humility, wisdom, and trust in you. Please bless Governor Ivey and Mayor Bowling; please bring prosperity and peace to our city through your gospel.

(Pray silently for our leaders.)

Pastor: O Lord, we cry out to you for the poor and suffering of our community:

People: We pray for the poor; we pray for those who are sick and grieving; we pray for those who are discouraged and despairing.

(Pray silently for those who suffer.)

Pastor: O Lord, we cry out to you with our individual concerns and needs:

(Silently pour out your heart to your Father who gives you good gifts.)

Pastor: All of these things we ask of you in the name of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray saying:

All: 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.

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.)

Rock of Ages

Toplady

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, from Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfil Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow?
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death;
When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

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.

from Numbers 6: 24-26

Song of Faith
God and God Alone
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.

McHugh

Randy Nabors serves as MNA Coordinator of Urban and Mercy Ministries; New City Network Coordinator and the Pastor Emeritus of New City Fellowship in Chattanooga, a congregation that began as an inner-city Sunday school dating back to the late sixties. Randy was the organizing pastor in 1976 and the congregation continues its gospel-centered vision, living out the call of the gospel in racial reconciliation, ministry to the poor, and commitment to the city. Randy and Joan now work to develop and plant a coalition of urban, mercy-focused congregations called the New City Network. Joan and Randy are blessed with four children and eleven grandchildren.

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.

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DPC Announcements

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.

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.

JOY Lunch: JOY Ladies, you are invited to meet for lunch, Monday, April 8, @ 11:00am, at Curry's, 115 ½ Johnston Street SE. No need to RSVP, just show up. If you need a ride, please contact Tonya at office@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, at Nicole Smith's home, 2205 Lockerby Drive SW. 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

NextGen Easter Egg Hunt on the Farm: 2 yrs - Grade 5, Saturday, April 20, 10:00am = Noon @ the home of Mark Lowe & Amanda Littrell (200 McCleskey Private Drive, Hartselle). All kids and their parents are invited, bring your lawn chairs! Invite a friend! Questions? Contact Amanda at amanda@littrelllumbermill.com or 256-355-1468.

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.

Game Night: All ladies are invited to the WOG (Women of Grace) Game Night on Friday, April 26, 6:30pm at the church. We will be playing Bunco. If you know how to roll dice, then you can play. Come for fun, fellowship, prizes and snacks.

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



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.

Friday night, April 5 (2 sessions, 7-9 pm): 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 mean to live out the gospel, as a parent?

Saturday, April 6 (2 sessions, 8:30-12:30 pm): 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.