

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 sin?

Sin is rejecting or ignoring God in the world he created, rebelling against him by living without reference to him, not being or doing what he requires in his law—resulting in our death and the disintegration of all creation.

The New City Catechism, Question & Answer #16

Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.

Easter Sunday — April 21, 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

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous mystery, In the dawning of the King; He the theme of heaven's praises, Robed in frail humanity. In our longing, in our darkness, Now the Light of Life has come; Look to Christ, who condescended, Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery, He the perfect Son of Man; In His living, in His suffering, Never trace nor stain of sin. See the true and better Adam, Come to save the hell-bound man; Christ the great and sure fulfillment, Of the law; in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree; In the stead of ruined sinners, Hangs the Lamb in victory. See the price of our redemption, See the Father's plan unfold; Bringing many sons to glory, Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Slain by death the God of life; But no grave could e'er restrain Him, Praise the Lord; He is alive! What a foretaste of deliverance, How unwavering our hope; Christ in power resurrected, As we will be when He comes

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Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Pastor: O death, where is your victory? **People: O death, where is your sting?**

Pastor: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

People: But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

Pastor: Alleluia! Jesus Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 139

from 1 Corinthians 15:55-56

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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!

Reading of the Word: Do you believe this?

John 11:25-27

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Our Gracious Father, you sent your Son to die and rise to new life in order that death might be brought to an end and that we too might live a new life. Foolishly, however, we have, time and time again, chosen death over life. In our thoughts, words, and deeds we have rebelled against you and your intentions for us. In so doing, we have broken our fellowship with you whose love is better than life and whom to know is life itself. In so doing, we have hurt others, sometimes unintentionally and sometimes deliberately, and have diminished their lives. In so doing, we have damaged and despoiled ourselves who have been created to reflect your beauty. Father, forgive us our sin for Jesus' sake. And grant that your resurrection power might course through our entire being that we might walk in the ways of love and justice to the glory of your holy name ... Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!

God Forgives Us In Christ

2 Corinthians 5:15

And Christ died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed

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How can it be, the One who died, has borne our sin through sacrifice To conquer every sting of death? Sing, sing hallelujah.

For joy awakes as dawning light, when Christ's disciples lift their eyes. Alive He stands, their Friend and King; Christ, Christ He is risen.

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh, sing hallelujah. Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed; Christ is risen, He is risen indeed.

Where doubt and darkness once had been, they saw Him and their hearts believed. But blessed are those who have not seen, yet, sing hallelujah.

Once bound by fear now bold in faith, they preached the truth and power of grace.

And pouring out their lives they gained, life, life everlasting.

The power that raised Him from the grave, now works in us to powerfully save. He frees our hearts to live His grace; go tell of His goodness.

He's alive, He's alive! Heaven's gates are opened wide. He's alive, He's alive! Now in heaven glorified.

Morning Sun

On the first day of the week Mary came, the grave to seek; Jesus met her by the way on that first resurrection day!

Rising like the morning sun, bringing hope to everyone; Praise the Lord, his work was done; Jesus is my morning sun!

Hiding in that secret room, his disciples full of gloom and sorrow, Suddenly the Lord appeared, "Death is conquered, dry your tears!"

Then at last on the mountaintop, angels told them, "You should stop your crying, Jesus Christ will come again; what a glad reunion then!"

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today-He's Alive

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Christ, the Lord, is risen today. Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high. Alleluia! Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply: Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Dying once, He all doth save Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave! Alleluia!

He is alive. He's alive. He's alive. Jesus, the Lamb crucified. He is alive. He's alive. (Repeat)

Love's redeeming work is done. Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won. Alleluia! Death in vain forbids Him rise. Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

He is alive. He's alive. He is alive. He's alive. Jesus, the Lamb glorified. He is alive. He's alive! He's alive.

Singing to the Lord Here He Comes Worship Choir

Here He comes, stepping down from glory; Bethlehem is just the start of the story.

Here He comes. Oh, here He comes.

Here He comes, teaching in the temple, making timeless wisdom sound simple.

Here He comes to seek and save, to wash our every sin away. Hear the captives start to say, Here He comes!

Here He comes, giving sight to the blind man; calling out, giving life to a dead man.

Here He comes, hosannas loudly ringing; carries the cross along the road of suffering.

Here He comes, a miracle at sunrise; an empty tomb that's shouting, He's alive!

Here he comes, O glorious day! He is risen from the grave. All creation shouts His praise!

My heart beats with expectation. My soul aches with anticipation.

Oh, what a moment of celebration when we see Him in the sky!

Here He comes, stepping down from glory; coming back to finish the story.

Here He comes, and I can't wait for the dawning of that day when the angels finally say, Here He comes!

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon² Pastor Tommy Lee

Resurrection Convictions That Startle The World 1 Corinthians 15, selected verses (page 961)

We Respond By Confessing Our Faith: The Apostles' Creed³

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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.)

Behold Our God

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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.

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

³ The Apostle's Creed is a concise summary of Christian belief. As early as the second century it served as a baptismal confession. It developed and reached its current form by the ninth century. It is the most popular creed used in worship by Western Christians. The word "catholic' means universal.

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.

Benediction⁴ Hebrews 13:20,21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Song of Faith

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This Week

Tuesday 6:30am

Men's Bible Study @ Java Jaay (Mark)

Tuesday 9:30-11:00am

Ladies Bible Study @ DPC (will resume in the Fall)

Tuesday @ Noon

Men's Bible Study @ Kent's Office (Revelations)

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)

⁴ 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

Get More Connected: Sign up for the weekly email 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.

Officer Nominations: We will be accepting elder & deacon nominations the entire month of April. Officer qualification study guides, reflection papers, and nomination forms are available on top of the dresser in the foyer, along with the box in which to place your nomination. Please pray over any nomination you'd like to make, and read the nomination form carefully. Also, please note that these officers will be ending their three-year term (or have been on sabbatical), and are willing to stand for election to another term: George Godwin, Jeff Keith, Mike McMahan, Bill Nelson, Kent Quinn, Stuart Smith, Blake Temple, and David Zajic.

RYM Fundraiser at Sam's Sports Grill: On April 25th, 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.

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.

Youth Connect Day: We'll be hosting our friends from presbytery youth groups here at DPC on Saturday, April 27, from 11:00 - 3:00. Come dressed for shaving cream wars.

BIG News for the Dominican Republic Mission Trip! June 4-11 or 11-18. Cost reduced to only \$400 plus airfare (price for DPC members or regular visitors.) Best year to go! Sign ups extended to May 1. Trip details are on the website @ www.decaturpca.org See the "Ministries" at the top and click on "Short Term Mission Trips". Interested? Contact Rick Stark at the church or Carol Godwin at 256.227.5614.

Senior Highs: On Wednesday night, May 1, we will <u>not</u> meet at the church. We'll meet at Upsurge (1820 6th Ave SE) at 5:00pm. Jumping fun, following by dinner out.

Graduation Sunday: There will be a reception honoring our 2019 graduates immediately following worship service Sunday, May 5. Our 2019 High School graduates are Sadie Casteel, Jonah Little, Grace Nelson, and Bethany Smith. There will be gift tables for each graduate located in the Café area, as well as cake and punch.

Youth B*A*S*H* Due to rain, the B*A*S*H* (Building a Servant's Heart) event has been rescheduled to Saturday, May 11th. 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.

Congratulations to our DPC College Graduates! Christina Cook-UT Chattanooga, Ben Sexton-Auburn, Jessie Schieler-Auburn, and Tel Schieler-Auburn.

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

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ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

SPRING 2019 SUNDAYS @ 9:30 AM

The Fun Adult Class! Finishing Our Course with Joy: Guidance from God for Engaging with Our Aging by J.I. Packer. The book study is led by Scott Mayo and Blake Temple, author J. I. Packer challenges us to embrace old age as an opportunity for continued learning, careful planning, and heartfelt discipleship. So regardless of your age, all will benefit from a fellow traveler on the road to eternity. Please join us.

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 Diaconate

George Godwin	Greg Smith	James Fudge	Sam Thompson
Jeff Keith	Jay Suggs	Wade Littrell	Michael Vinson
Mike McMahan	Blake Temple	John Lyons	David Whitcomb
Kent Quinn	Chip Walraven	Scott Missildine	David Zajic
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Service Times

9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship

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