



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

Since we are redeemed by grace alone, through Christ alone, must we still do good works and obey God's Word?

Yes, because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, also renews us by his Spirit;
so that our lives may show love and gratitude to God; so that we may be assured of our faith by the fruits;
and so that by our godly behavior others may be won to Christ.

The New City Catechism, Question & Answer #34

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession,
that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.
Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy. Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from
the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable,
so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds
and glorify God on the day of visitation.

1 Peter 2:9-12

The Lord's Day — August 25, 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

James 1:17,18; Hebrews 12:28,29

Pastor: Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures!

People: Therefore let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 7

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For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light.
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

Reading of the Word: *"they were cut to the heart"*

Acts 2, selected verses

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language.... And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words".... Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

O Lord, you are our Father and Creator,

and we are the work of your hands;

You are our Shepherd, and we are your flock;

You are our Redeemer, and we are the people you have bought back;

You are our God, and we are your inheritance.

Therefore, do not be angry against us, to correct us in your wrath.

Do not recall our sin, to punish it, but chastise us gently in your kindness.

Undertake the work you have already begun in us by your grace,

that the whole earth may recognize that you are our God and Savior ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...*

Amen!

He Himself Bore Our Sins

1 Peter 2:24,25

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Come People of the Risen King

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Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring Him praise.
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice! One heart, one voice; O, Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease;
But follow us through all our days, with the certain hope of peace.
Come, young and old from every land, men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands, find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world His people sing; Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age, "Our God is All in All."

Our Great God

Ortega

Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm. Surround us with Your angels, hold us in Your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm. Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sov'reign God.

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God! Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!

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.

O Sacred Head

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down;
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown,
O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.
What Thou, my Lord, has suffered was all for sinners gain:
Mine, mine was the transgression, but Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor, vouch safe to me Thy grace.
What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever; and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to Thee.

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon²

Series: Let Not Your Hearts Be Troubled (John 14:1)

Pastor Tommy Lee

XXII. Our Spirit-Empowered Witness

John 16:4b-13 (page 902)

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Bear Truman Crupi

Covenant Child of Matthew & Sarah Crupi

Solemn Vows - Parents

Do you acknowledge your child'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 his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?

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

Solemn Words to the Child

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 Bear

Elder Jay Suggs

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.)

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

Holy Spirit

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Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see;
Give me passion for Your purity. Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within; may Your joy be seen in all I do-
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin in each thought and deed and attitude,
Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace. Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made,
Show your power once again on earth; cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise. Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

Benediction³

Psalm 20:1-2

May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you! May he send you help from the sanctuary and give you support from Zion!

Song of Faith

How Great Is Our God

Tomlin/Cash/Reeves

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see how great
How great is our God

This Week

Tuesday 6:30am

Men's Bible Study @ Java Jaay (1 Corinthians) *resumes September 10*

Tuesday 9:30-11:00am

Ladies Bible Study @ DPC (Revelation) *resumes September 10*

Tuesday @ Noon

Men's Bible Study @ Kent's Office (*will resume in the Fall*)

Tuesday 6:30pm

Women's Bible Study @ NCC (Gospel of Mark) *resumes September 3*

Friday 6:30am

Men's Bible Study @ Temple, Inc. (Paul's Letters to the Thessalonians)

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

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 Proverbs, Ezekiel, 2 Corinthians, and Song of Songs. Sign up today by emailing Tonya at tonya@decaturpca.org

Midweek Ministries: will resume September 11th.

Table Bridal Shower: A table bridal shower for Kayla Eaton and Sam McGough is today, Sunday, August 25. They are registered at Target or request Lowe's gift cards.

DPC Ladies, You are invited to attend an appreciation & informational luncheon for all women wanting to learn about *Flourish*, DPC's new Titus 2 women's discipleship ministry! Come join us after church today, Sunday, August 25th @ 12:30 in the cafe area for good food and fun fellowship! No commitments necessary. Childcare and lunch provided for children ages 0-5. Please RSVP to Annah Joseph at (256)822-8394 by 8/21 to reserve your free place!

“Welcome To DPC!” Kick-off Lunch: A special catered lunch for all our visitors and new friends of DPC will be immediately following worship, Sunday September 8th. Please RSVP with pastor Rick Stark (334.728.1409) or Tonya (in the church office, 256.351.6010).

Women's Bible Study: will meet on Tuesday mornings 9:30-11:00, beginning September 10. The study will be facilitated by Teresa Quinn and Annah Joseph. Childcare is provided. We will study the book of Revelation, guided by *Revelation: Let the One Who is Thirsty Come*, by Sarah Ivill. Please join us! Books are in the Book Nook for \$11.

Visitors, New Friends of DPC: Come join the "*Welcome To DPC!*" class beginning September 15, 9:30 – 10:30 in Youth Room #2. We will be learning together about the *church*, the *gospel*, the *reformed tradition*, and being a *member* of Decatur Presbyterian Church.

Silent Auction: We'll have another silent auction at the Fall Bonfire this year to help fund RYM for our students. This has been an incredibly successful fundraiser over the last two years and we hope it will be again, but we can't do it without your support! There are two ways that you can help. Obviously, we would love for you to come and bid on items at the auction, but we also need people to donate items! If you're interested in making a donation or have any questions, please email Nathan at nathan@decaturpca.org.

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

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

SUMMER 2019

SUNDAYS @ 9:30 AM

The Fun Adult Class! Life Explored: A study to assist us to uncover what we're really living for, and shows how, in Christ, God meets our deepest desire for happiness. "Life Explored" is designed to speak powerfully to those who do not consider themselves religious or know the Bible, this course will assist us in knowing how to help our neighbors find their happiness fulfilled in God. Join us in Room 167 across the hall from the church offices.

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 is 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 the books *Crazy Busy*, and *Learning Contentment* for the summer, 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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9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Worship

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