



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 do we believe about the Holy Spirit?

That he is God, coeternal with the Father and the Son, and that God grants him irrevocably to all who believe.

The New City Catechism, Questions & Answers #36

Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."

John 3:5-6

The Lord's Day — September 8, 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

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.

Now redemption long expected, see in solemn pomp appear!
All his saints by man rejected, now shall meet Him in the air.
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the day of God appear.

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!

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 9:1-2,10

Pastor: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

People: I will be glad and exult in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 9

Hymn of Praise

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Wesley

O for a thousand tongues to sing, my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.
Jesus! The Name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
He breaks the power of reigning sin, he sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.
My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread thro' all the earth abroad, the honors of Thy name.

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Reading of the Word: *Rivers of Living Water*

John 7:37-39; Revelation 22:1-2

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified... Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

adapted from Henry van Dyke

Most holy and merciful Father: we acknowledge and confess how we are so prone to evil and slothful in good; and all these, our shortcomings and offenses, against the leading of the Holy Spirit. You alone know how often we have wandered from Your ways, wasted Your gifts, forgotten Your love. But, O Lord, have mercy on us, who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased You. Teach us to hate our sins, cleanse us, forgive us, free us by Your Spirit and for the sake of Your dear Son ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

Assurance of Pardon in Christ

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

By Faith

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By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth with the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand, a place where peace and justice reign

*We will stand as children of the promise, we will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight*

By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death and rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go in the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news in every corner of the earth

We will stand...

By faith this mountain shall be moved and the power of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon His name

We will stand...

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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Compassion Hymn

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There is an everlasting kindness You lavished on us
When the Radiance of heaven came to rescue the lost;
You called the sheep without a shepherd to leave their distress
For Your streams of forgiveness and the shade of Your rest.

And with compassion for the hurting, You reached out Your hand
As the lame ran to meet You and the dead breathed again;
You saw behind the eyes of sorrow and shared in our tears,
Heard the sign of the weary, let the children draw near.

*What boundless love, what fathomless grace, You have shown us, O God of compassion!
Each day we live, an offering of praise, As we show to the world Your compassion.*

We stood beneath the cross of Calvary and gazed on Your face,
At the thorns of oppression and the wounds of disgrace;
For surely You have borne our suffering and carried our grief
As You pardoned the scoffer and showed grace to the thief.

How beautiful the feet that carry this gospel of peace
To the fields of injustice and the valleys of need
To be a voice of hope and healing, to answer the cries
Of the hungry and helpless with the mercy of Christ.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Jay Suggs

...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.

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon²

Nathan White

A River of Life and a Sea of Death
Ezekiel 47:1-12 (page 734)

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Zoey Grace Strunk
Covenant Child of Larry & Haley Strunk

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 her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her 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 her a godly example, that you will pray with her and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy faith, and that you will strive, by all means of God's appointment, to bring her 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 Zoey

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.)

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

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.

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.

Benediction³

from Dale Ralph Davis

Now the God who is mighty, the Lamb who is worthy, and the Spirit who is near, fortify you to live faithfully in these days and all the days until Jesus comes. Amen

Song of Faith

Jesus, Only Jesus

Holy, King Almighty, Lord. Saints and angels all adore.
I join with them and bow before, Jesus, only Jesus. Jesus, only Jesus.

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
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Tuesday @ Noon

Men's Bible Study @ Kent's Office (Revelation) resumes
September 10

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

Midweek Ministries: will resume this Wednesday, September 11th, 5:30pm - 7:30pm @ DPC. Come enjoy a cooked or catered meal (\$5/person or \$20/family) and then plug into a variety of fellowship & growth opportunities: Children, Youth, Choir, Life Groups, Open Door Study.

"Welcome To DPC!" A special catered lunch for all our visitors and new friends of DPC will be immediately following worship today. Even if you did not RSVP, please COME!

Frontline Prayer: Join us for Frontline Prayer tonight, September 8th, 6:00 at DPC. We will be praying for the class of 2022. If you have agreed to pray for someone in that class, please join us! *"This, then, is the prayer of faith: to ask God to accomplish what He has promised in His Word. That promise is the only ground for our confidence in asking."* - Sinclair Ferguson

Women's Bible Study: will meet on Tuesday mornings 9:30-11:00, beginning this Tuesday, 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: Visitors, New Friends of DPC: Come join the *"Welcome to DPC!"* class beginning next Sunday, 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.

JOY (Empty-Nesters) Luncheon: The next JOY covered dish luncheon will be next Sunday, September 15, following the worship service. Questions? Please see Susan Brooks, Barbara Brownlee, or Nancy Waldron.

BIGGER & BETTER: Youth Group, we meet in the Youth Room for a BIGGER & BETTER next Sunday, September 15, at 5:30pm. Bring a friend!

DR School Book Drive: DPC Music Ministry has the joy of furnishing books in Spanish for the school library in the DR! The school services over 400 students and they currently only have workbooks in their library. God is going to use his people here at DPC to fulfill this need! See the display table in the gathering area and consider bringing in a favorite children's book in Spanish or donating, through the end of October.

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

FALL 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 Daniel, in the library at 9:30 am. This is a discussion based Bible study, 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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Service Times

9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Worship

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