



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

How does the Holy Spirit help us?

The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sin, comforts us, guides us, gives us spiritual gifts and the desire to obey God;
and he enables us to pray and to understand God's Word.

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And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,
praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance,
making supplication for all the saints.

Ephesians 6:17-18

The Lord's Day — September 15, 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

O Church, Arise

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O Church, arise, and put your armor on; hear the call of Christ our Captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold, whose battle cry is love, reaching out to those in darkness.
Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on every side, we know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died, an inheritance of nations.
Arise, shine for your light has come, Arise, shine for the Risen Son
Lift your eyes, we are His radiant bride, Arise, o church arise!

Welcome and Announcements

Report of the Living Church

Larry Brooks

Responsive Call to Worship

Revelation 21:3-4; Psalm 99:9; 84:11

Pastor: And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

People: Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his holy mountain, for the Lord our God is holy!

All: The Lord bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 10

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Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does His successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on His name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns; the pris'ner leaps to lose his chains,
The weary find eternal rest, and all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!

Reading of the Word: *the pains of childbirth*

Romans 8:18-25

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Father in heaven, we need to be forgiven. You have said “Fear not, for I am with you,” yet we are fearful of the rejection and persecution of others. You have promised that your Word is powerful unto salvation, yet we doubt the power of your word to change ourselves or anyone else. You have said that your word is alive, a sharp two-edged sword, yet we neglect it and find it dull and irrelevant for our lives. You have called your people to bear witness to the truth of your word yet we often fail to believe it ourselves, let alone share it with others. Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love in Christ. Lord we believe, help our unbelief and forgive us for our sin ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

The Gift of God

Ephesians 2:8-9

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

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Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet, for the Conquerer has risen!

And as the stone is rolled away and Christ emerges from the grave,
This victory march continues till the day every eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit come, put strength in every stride, give grace for every hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful.

As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day when with Christ we stand in glory.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;

Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;

Praise His name, I'm fixed upon it, name of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come.

And I hope by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;

He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be!

Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee:

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love,

Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Jason Seale

His Tithes & Our Offerings

XXIV. Life at the Crossroads

John 16:16-22 (page 902)

We Confess Our Faith

from Psalm 34

Pastor: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad!

People: Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together! I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.

Pastor: The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

People: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack! The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

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.)

Give Me Jesus

In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,

Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus.

You can have all this world, just give me Jesus.

When I am alone, when I am alone, Oh when I am alone

Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus.

You can have all this world, give me Jesus.

When I come to die, when I come to die, Oh when I come to die,

Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus.

You can have all this world, give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus,

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You can have all this world, just give me Jesus.

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

Benediction³
May the Lord—who is the strength of his people, and a fortress of salvation—save you, bless you, be your shepherd, and carry you forever.

based on Psalm 28:8,9

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)	Wednesday 6:00-7:30pm DPC Youth! (6 th -8 th Grade) DPC Youth! (9 th -12 th Grade)
Tuesday 9:30-11:00am Ladies Bible Study @ DPC (Revelation)	Wednesday 6:15-7:30pm Worship Choir Practice
Tuesday @ Noon Men’s Bible Study @ Kent’s Office (Revelation)	Wednesday 6:15-7:15pm Adult Open Door Study
Tuesday 6:30pm Women’s Bible Study @ NCC (Gospel of Mark)	Wednesday 6:15-7:30pm Life Groups
Wednesday 5:00pm Middle School Choir / Soli Deo Gloria	Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm 4 Year Olds & Kindergarten / Kid’s Quest 1 st - 2 nd Grade / Kid’s Quest 3 rd - 5 th Grade / Kid’s Quest
Wednesday 5:30pm Church Family Meal	Wednesday 7:30pm Praise Worship Band Practice
Wednesday 6:00-6:30pm Kids Choirs: 5 Year Old - 2 nd Grade / Kids of the King 3 rd Grade - 5 th Grade / Dare 2 Declare	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.

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

Midweek Ministries: Join us each Wednesday, 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.

Women's Bible Study: meets each Tuesday morning 9:30-11:00. The study is facilitated by Teresa Quinn and Annah Joseph. Childcare is provided. We are studying 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: It's not too late! Come join the "Welcome to DPC!" meeting September 15 – October 27, 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: Join us today, 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 today, Sunday, September 15, at 5:30pm. Bring a friend!

Sanctity of Life: Biological Perspectives: On Sunday, October 6, DPC will host a special corporate Sunday School class, starting at 9:30. Please be on time! Agnes Ortega, Cameron Sheeler, and Tommy Lee will present.

Senior High Students: we're meeting in the Youth Room for pizza & a movie, Sunday, October 6, at 6:00pm. But this isn't a fun movie. It's about a very serious issue... an issue about which Christians must be strong. Come join us.

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.

**To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to all who will come—**

**this church opens wide her doors
and offers welcome in the name
of the Lord Jesus Christ.**