



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 should we pray?

The whole Word of God directs and inspires us in what we should pray,
including the prayer Jesus himself taught us.

The New City Catechism, Question & Answer #40

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:14-21

The Lord's Day — October 6, 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

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Baloché

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart, I want to see You, I want to see You.

*To see You high and lifted up shining in the light of Your glory,
Pour out Your power and love as we sing, "Holy, holy, holy."*

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart, I want to see You, I want to see You.

Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy, I want to see You.

Welcome and Announcements

Report of the Living Church

Pamela Bolding

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 117

Pastor: Praise the Lord, all nations!

People: Extol him, all peoples!

Pastor: For great is his steadfast love toward us,

People: And the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

All: Praise the Lord!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 13

Hymn of Praise

How Long Wilt Thou Forget Me

How long wilt thou forget me, O Lord, thou God of grace?
How long shall fears beset me, while darkness hides thy face?
How long shall griefs distress me and turn my day to night?
How long shall foes oppress me and triumph in their might?

O Lord my God, behold me, and hear my earnest cries;
Lest sleep of death enfold me, enlighten thou mine eyes;
Lest now my foe insulting should boast of his success,
And enemies exulting rejoice in my distress.

But I with expectation have on thy grace relied;
My heart in thy salvation shall still with joy confide;
And I with voice of singing will praise the Lord above,
Who, richest bounties bringing, has dealt with me in love.

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Reading of the Word: *Confidence*

1 John 5:14-15

This is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

O King of Glory, we confess that our praise of Your majesty has often been faint, our performance as citizens of Your kingdom treasonous. For we have surrendered to the enemy by our secret and our known sins. For our treason You died, Lord Jesus. For our restoration, You rose again. Draw us closer to You, that our eyes may catch the vision of You, and our hearts, the wonder of Your grace. By the Holy Spirit's continuing discipline, let us be loyal and loving servants of the King. Praise be to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit ...*Silent* & *Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!*

God is a Redeemer

Psalm 130:7-8; Galatians 3:13

O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.... Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree.”

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

From the Depths of Woe I Raise To Thee

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lamentation;
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication;
If Thou iniquities dost mark, our secret sins and misdeeds dark:
O who shall stand before Thee? O who shall stand before Thee?

To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works alas! are all in vain; in much the best life faileth:
No man can glory in Thy sight, all must alike confess Thy might,
And live alone by mercy. And live alone by mercy.

Therefore my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit;
On Him my soul shall rest, His Word upholds my fainting spirit:
His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort, and my sweet support:
I wait for it with patience. I wait for it with patience.

Though great our sins and sore our woes, His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows, our utmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is He, who will at last His Israel free
From all our sin and sorrow. From all our sin and sorrow.

The Potter's Hand

Zschech

Beautiful Lord, Wonderful Saviour, I know for sure,
All of my days are held in your hands, crafted into your perfect plan.
You gently call me into your presence, guiding me by Your Holy Spirit
Teach me, dear Lord, to live all of my life through Your eyes.
I'm captured by Your holy calling, set me apart,
I know you're drawing me to yourself, lead me Lord, I pray.

*Take me, mould me, use me, fill me. I give my life to the Potter's hand.
Call me, guide me, lead me, walk beside me. I give my life to the Potter's hand.*

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Blake Temple

Singing to the Lord

Thousand Tongues

Dare 2 Declare

I saw my guilt upon Your cross. I found new life from what was lost. I am free. How can it be? Yeah.
You broke the power of canceled sin. You brought this child back home again. I am free. How can it be?
O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of Your grace.
You crushed the darkness with Your love. You washed my white in crimson flood. I am free. How can it be?
Oh, I am free. How can it be?
You triumphed over my ev'ry mistake, over the depths of my shame, over the prison of fear.
You have the victories here. Over the sting of the grave, You are faithful and mighty to save.
Let all that's within me proclaim Your power, Your greatness, Your name.

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon²

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

Pastor Tommy Lee

XXVI. Whatever.

John 14:13,14; 15:7,16; 16:23b-24, 26-27 (page 901)

The Lord Adds to His Church

Johnathon Allen Chambers

The Membership Vows (PCA Book of Church Order §57-5)

Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope except through His sovereign mercy?

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as become follower of Christ?

Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your abilities?

Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

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

Prayer for John

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.)

Take My Life

Havergal/Tomlin

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise;
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee;
Take my voice and let me sing, always, only for my King.
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee;
Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use every pow'r as You choose.

Here am I, all of me. Take my life, it's all for Thee.

Take myself and I will be ever, only all for Thee.

Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Your feet its treasure store;
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

Benediction³

Numbers 6:24-26

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.

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.

Introduction of New Members

John Chambers is originally from Cullman, Georgia. He didn't have much experience with church before being invited to the DPC Youth Group in 2016/17. He's currently a student at Decatur High School and hopes, after college, to teach English in Japan.

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)

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.

Happy Anniversary! Tommy and Elizabeth Lee and their family are celebrating their ten year anniversary with the Church. We want to celebrate this special anniversary and show Tommy and his family our love and appreciation. Join us at a reception in their honor today, October 6th immediately following the worship service.

Senior High Students: we're meeting in the Youth Room for pizza & a movie, today, 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.

JOY Ladies! You are invited to meet for brunch, this Friday, October 11, @ 9:30am, at Whisk'D Cafe, 1051 Grant Street SE. No need to RSVP, just show up. If you need a ride, please contact Tonya at office@decaturpca.org

Frontline Prayer: *"Not to pray because you do not feel fit to pray is like saying, 'I will not take medicine because I am too ill.' Pray for prayer: pray yourself, by the Spirit's assistance, into a praying frame."* (C.H. Spurgeon) Meeting @ DPC, next Sunday, October 13, 6:00 pm.

FACE to FACE: all youth are invited to Mrs. Linda Hobar's presentation, "When Bible History & Church History Meet Face to Face." Sunday, Oct. 27, 4:00 pm, at DPC, \$10 at the door, \$8 advance ticket: PayPal, Libertasclassical@gmail.com

DPC/St. Peter's Fall Festival - October 30th, 5:30 – 8:00pm (218 Cedar Lake Rd. SW). There will be music, the annual Chili Cook-off, a bonfire, Trunk-or-Treat, games & hayrides. Lettttt's get ready to...R-U-M-B-L-E!!!!

DR School Book Drive: DPC Music Ministry has the joy of furnishing books in Spanish for the school library in the DR! 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.

Youth (6th-12th graders) & Families Trivia Night: Parents & Siblings Invited! Sunday Night, November 3, 6:00pm, DPC Gathering Room. Bring snacks / finger food to share; drinks will be provided.

Silent Auction: We are having a silent auction 11/6 - 11/13, in the Gathering room, to help fund RYM. This has been incredibly successful over the last two years and we hope it will be again, but we can't do it without your help! If you'd like to donate an item or have any questions, please email Nathan at nathan@decaturpca.org.

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

"I have stored up your word in my heart..."

Psalm 119:11

"DRAW PICTURE REMINDERS... Nothing elaborate here, just a few lines or stick figures beside each verse. But this makes the verse 'visual' and puts the picture-is-worth-a-thousand-words principle to work for you. One simple picture can remind you of a couple dozen words. This is especially true if the drawing illustrates some action described in the verse.

"For instance, with Psalm 119:11, you might make a crude drawing of a heart with a Bible inside to remind you of treasuring God's Word in the heart. For Ephesians 6:17, a sketch of a sword is an obvious reminder. You'll find this method particularly helpful when memorizing a section of consecutive verses. I realize that you are probably no more of an artist than I am, but no one else has to see the pictures and they can make Scripture memory easier."

—Donald S. Whitney

On various tables around the church, you'll find stacks of cards. Pick one up and stick it in your pocket. Throughout the month of October, read and reflect and pray through the verse you find printed there. You'll find yourself memorizing it. And try out Donald Whitney's advice above; you might find that memorization happens almost immediately!

There's only one verse printed on the card per month, but if you're feeling ambitious, there are enough Bible references on the card to take you through the entire month, one verse per week.