



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 the Lord's Supper?

Christ commanded all Christians to eat bread and to drink from the cup in thankful remembrance of him and his death. The Lord's Supper is a celebration of the presence of God in our midst; bringing us into communion with God and with one another; feeding and nourishing our souls. It also anticipates the day when we will eat and drink with Christ in his Father's kingdom.

The New City Catechism, Question & Answer #46

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

The Lord's Day — November 17, 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

Mighty to Save

Fielding/Morgan

Everyone needs compassion, a love that's never failing, let mercy fall on me.

Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior, the Hope of nations.

*Savior, He can move the mountains; my God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save
Forever, Author of salvation, He rose and conquered the grave; Jesus conquered the grave*

So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures; fill my life again

I give my life to follow everything I believe in, now I surrender.

Shine your light and let the whole world see, we're singing for the glory of the risen King. Jesus!

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Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 9:1-2

Pastor: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;

People: I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

Pastor: I will be glad and exult in you;

People: I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 19

Hymn of Praise

Wholehearted Thanksgiving

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Wholehearted thanksgiving to thee will I bring, in praise of thy marvelous deeds I will sing;

In thee I will joy and exultingly cry, thy name I will praise, O Jehovah Most High.

Thou, Lord, art a refuge for all the oppressed; all trust thee who know thee, and trusting are blest;

For never, O Lord, did thy mercy forsake, the soul that has sought of thy grace to partake.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to Jehovah, declare ye his fame, and give him all honor, for just is his name.

Give praise to Jehovah, the mighty deeds tell, of him who has chosen in Zion to dwell,
Of him to whom justice and vengeance belong, who visits the lowly and overthrows wrong.

Behold my affliction, thy mercy accord, and back from death's portals restore me, I Lord,
That I in the gates of thy Zion may raise, my song of salvation and show forth thy praise.

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Reading of the Word: *Jesus will build his church*

Matthew 16:13-18

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Faithful God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we come before you this morning, knowing the depths of our sin. Forgive us for our faithlessness. How quickly we turn away from your truth. Forgive us for our stubborn self-reliance, depending on ourselves rather than you. Forgive our discontent with the gifts you've given, always lusting for something new. Forgive us for listening to our own fear rather than trusting in you. Your Word is truth. We need truth. Forgive and restore us, we pray. Make ready our hearts to engage in our part of your larger story. Make us long for you and your glory. Give us the gift of faith, and lead us in the way everlasting ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

Peace with God through Jesus

Romans 5:1

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Sing to the King

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Sing to the King Who is coming to reign; Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain
Life and salvation His empire shall bring and joy to the nations when Jesus is King.

Come, let us sing a song, a song declaring we belong to Jesus, He is all we need.

Lift up a heart of praise, sing now with voices raised to Jesus, sing to the King.

For His returning we watch and we pray, we will be ready the dawn of that day
We'll join in singing with all the redeemed 'cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King!

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

Traditional

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye,
To Canaan's fair and happy land where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains shines one eternal day;
There God, the Son forever reigns and scatters night away.

I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the Promised Land.

I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the Promised Land.

No chilling winds nor pois'nous breath can reach that healthful shore,
And sickness, sorrow, pain, and death are felt and feared no more.

Thy Word

Smith/Grant

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path;

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way, Still You're there right beside me;

Nothing will I fear as long as You are near, Please be near me to the end

I will not forget Your love for me and yet, My heart forever is wandering;
Jesus be my Guide, and hold me to Your side, And I will love You to the end.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Chip Walraven

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon²

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

Pastor Tommy Lee

XXXI. Christ's Vision For His Church

John 17:11b,12a,15,17,18,20,21,23 (page 903)

We Respond By Receiving New Members

The Lord Adds to His Church

Matt & Jenna McGough

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

Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners 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 followers of Christ?

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

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

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

*Carter Wyatt McGough
Covenant Child of Matt & Jenna McGough*

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 him, 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?

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

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 Children

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 New Members

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.)

Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right

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Whate'er my God ordains is right, His Holy will abideth
I will be still whate'er He doth, and follow where He guideth.
He is my God, though dark my road, He holds me that I shall not fall:
And so to Him I leave it all. He holds me that I shall not fall.

Whate'er my God ordains is right, He never will deceive me
He leads me by the proper path, I know He will not leave me.
I take, content, what He hath sent, His hand can turn my griefs away,
And patiently I wait His day. His hand can turn my griefs away.

Whate'er my God ordains is right, though now this cup I'm drinking
May bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it all unshrinking.
My God is true, each morn anew, sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart,
And pain and sorrow shall depart. sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart.

Whate'er my God ordains is right, here shall my stand be taken
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, yet am I not forsaken.
My Father's care is round me there, He holds me that I shall not fall
And so to Him I leave it all. He holds me that I shall not fall.
He is my God, though dark my road, He holds me that I shall not fall:
And so to Him I leave it all. He holds me that I shall not fall.

Benediction³

from Psalm 103:17; 31:3

The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children. May he be your rock and your fortress, and for his name's sake may he lead you and guide you.

Song of Faith

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

This Week

Tuesday 6:30am

Men's Bible Study @ Java Jaay (1 Corinthians)

Tuesday 9:30-11:00am

Ladies Bible Study @ DPC (Revelation)

Tuesday @ Noon

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

Tuesday 6:30pm

Women's Bible Study @ NCC (Gospel of Mark)

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

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. (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 2 Corinthians, Song of Songs, Hebrews, and Nahum. 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.

JOY (Empty-Nesters) Luncheon: The next JOY covered dish luncheon is today, Sunday, November 17, following the worship service. Questions? Please see Susan Brooks, Barbara Brownlee, or Nancy Waldron.

Table Bridal Shower: There will be a table shower for Ben McGough and fiancée Kaitlyn Cheatham next Sunday, November 24. The table will be located in the gathering room. They are registered at Miss Muldrews and Bed Bath & Beyond, or Walmart gift cards would be appreciated.

WOG Kick Off to the Holidays event: Next Sunday, November 24, 5 pm at DPC. All women are invited to come spend a relaxing and low key evening before the stress of the holidays. Dinner will be provided. Seasonal activities provided for you like spa treatments, make & takes, fellowship, an inspirational area, food and door prizes.

Behold The Lamb of God Concert: Southwood Presbyterian Church are bringing Andrew Peterson's "Behold The Lamb of God" Christmas concert to Huntsville on their 20th anniversary tour! December 1 at 7:00 PM, @ the Von Braun Center. A great way to kick off the Christmas season. For tickets, visit www.southwood.org/beholdthelamb.

Gifts For Nursery Workers: We want to thank our nursery workers for the love they have shown our children over the past year! We have 5 workers. If you'd like to participate, please bring 5 of any type of item (lotions, candy, stationary, gift cards, etc.) to fill a gift basket for each worker. Please give these items to Erika Ladner by Dec. 11th.

Christmas Cantata: Please join us and invite your friends Sunday, Dec. 15th, 5:00-6:00 pm as the Worship Choir, Soli Deo Gloria, Dare 2 Declare and Kids of the King present "The Carols of Christmas". Come hear the story of our Savior's birth through music and scripture. Nursery will be provided. Reception to follow.

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! James has 59 commands in 108 verses, directing us to the royal law of King Jesus (2:8). The hasty reader may not see much of the gospel in James, but the double mention of God's grace at the rhetorical climax of the book shows that the gospel of James is still the message of God's grace for sinners. 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 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!

The WtDPC Class! Led by Pastor Rick Stark, this is a warm fellowship and opportunity for all our guests and any interested in understanding the life, theology, and direction of DPC. Room 142 at the end of the Children's wing.

Session

George Godwin
Jeff Keith
Mike McMahan
Kent Quinn

Jason Seale
Jay Suggs
Blake Temple
Chip Walraven

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Service Times

9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Worship

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