



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

Does the Lord's Supper add anything to Christ's atoning work?

No. Christ died once for all. The Lord's Supper is a covenant meal celebrating Christ's atoning work; as it is also a means of strengthening our faith as we look to him, and a foretaste of the future feast. But those who take part with unrepentant hearts eat and drink judgment on themselves.

The New City Catechism, Question & Answer #47

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us back to God...

1 Peter 3:18

# The Lord's Day — November 24, 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 Assembly<sup>1</sup>

### Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Alford

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;  
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.  
God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied;  
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit unto His praise to yield;  
Wheat and tares together sown unto joy or sorrow grown.  
First the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;  
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take His harvest home;  
From His field shall in that day all offenses purge away,  
Give His angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;  
But the fruitful ears to store in His garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come, to Thy final harvest home;  
Gather Thou Thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,  
There, forever purified, in Thy presence to abide;  
Come, with all Thine angels come, raise the glorious harvest home.

## Welcome and Announcements

### Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 20:7; 28:7

Pastor: Some trust in chariots and some in horses,

**People: But we trust in the name of the Lord our God.**

Pastor: The Lord is my strength and my shield, in him my heart trusts,

**People: And I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.**

## Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 20

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## Hymn of Praise

## Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart

Rejoice, ye pure in Heart, Rejoice, give thanks and sing;  
Your festal banner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King.

*Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing!*

Yes, on through life's long path, Still chanting as ye go,  
From youth to age, by night by day, In gladness and in woe.

Then on, ye pure in heart, Rejoice, give thanks and sing;  
Your glorious banner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King.

## Reading of the Word: *extravagant generosity of the Master...*

**Luke 14:12-24**

He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just." When one of those who reclined at table with him heard these things, he said to him, "Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!" But he said to him, "A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.'"

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## Confession of Sin

**Father, we confess that often we have lived as hesitant and ungrateful, failing to acknowledge Your extravagant generosity. Your mercy and grace, along with all Your gifts of providence has not captivated our hearts; we have not loved You but ourselves, and thus we have failed to invite others into Your generosity. In this, and so many other ways, we have been hard-hearted toward You. Have mercy on us for Jesus' sake; forgive; open our eyes; renew our hearts ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!**

## A Generous Pardon

**Romans 8:32**

He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

## 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."

### My Tribute

Crouch

How can I say thanks for the things You have done for me?  
Things so undeserved, yet You gave to prove Your love for me;  
The voices of a million angels could not express my gratitude.  
All that I am and ever hope to be, I owe it all to Thee.

*To God be the glory, to God be the glory, to God be the glory, for the things He has done.  
With His blood He has saved me, with His power He has raised me;  
To God be the glory for the things He has done.*

### My Worth Is Not In What I Own

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My worth is not in what I own; Not in the strength of flesh and bone  
But in the costly wounds of love, At the cross

My worth is not in skill or name, In win or lose, in pride or shame,  
But in the blood of Christ that flowed, At the cross

*I rejoice in my Redeemer, Greatest Treasure, Wellspring of my soul  
I will trust in Him, no other. My soul is satisfied in Him alone.*

As summer flowers we fade and die, Fame, youth and beauty hurry by,  
But life eternal calls to us, At the cross

I will not boast in wealth or might, Or human wisdom's fleeting light  
But I will boast in knowing Christ, At the cross

Two wonders here that I confess, My worth and my unworthiness  
My value fixed - my ransom paid, At the cross.

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon<sup>2</sup>

Pastor Rick Stark

**The Generosity of God**  
**2 Kings 6:1-6** (page 312)

We Respond

**Now Thank We All Our God**

**Rinkart**

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done, in Whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way,  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest Heaven.  
The one eternal God, whom earth and Heav'n adore;  
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

**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.)*

**My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness**

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My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who bore my pain;  
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again.  
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothes me in His light  
And wrote His law of righteousness with pow'r upon my heart.

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

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who walks beside;  
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly.  
Whose every promise is enough for every step I take;  
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who reigns above;  
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose every thought is love.  
For every day I have on earth is given by the King.

So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow Him. To love and follow Him.

### **Benediction<sup>3</sup>**

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

May you rejoice always, praying without ceasing, giving thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will God in Christ Jesus for you. Amen

### **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 6:30pm**

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

### **Friday 6:30am**

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

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<sup>3</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**Table Bridal Shower:** There is a table shower for Ben McGough and fiancée Kaitlyn Cheatham today, 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:** Today, 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 is bringing Andrew Peterson's "Behold The Lamb of God" Christmas concert to Huntsville! Next Sunday, December 1st at 7:00 PM, @ the Von Braun Center. A great way to kick off the Christmas season. For tickets, visit [www.southwood.org/beholdthelamb](http://www.southwood.org/beholdthelamb).

### **ROOTS Registration Due December 8th**

ROOTS Youth Winter Retreat, January 24-26, 2020. Registration forms have gone out. Cost: \$110 (includes t-shirt) is due December 8th. If you don't have a form, please see Tommy or Nathan.

**JOY Christmas Social:** Both ladies & gentlemen are invited to a Christmas Social & Ornament Exchange\* on Tuesday, December 10, from 10:00-noon at Doug & Mary Chism's, 2804 Montrose Drive SW ,(in Dunbarton across from DPC) \*Each person should bring an unwrapped ornament!

**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.

**Candlelight Christmas Eve Service:** A celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ!, Tuesday, December 24, 5:00 pm.

**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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