



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

Where is Christ now?

Christ rose bodily from the grave on the third day after his death and is seated at the right hand of the Father, ruling his kingdom and interceding for us, until he returns to judge and renew the whole world.

The New City Catechism, Question & Answer #49

He raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,
far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named,
not only in this age but also in the one to come.

Ephesians 1:20-21

The Second Sunday of Advent — December 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

As With Gladness Men Of Old

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As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.
As with joyful steps they sped, to that lowly cradle bed.
There to bend the knee before, Him whom heaven and earth adore.
So may we with willing feet, ever seek thy mercy seat.
As they offered gifts most rare at that cradle rude and bare;
So may we with holy joy, pure, and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heavenly King.
Holy Jesus, ev'ry day keep us in the narrow way;
And when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.
In the heav'nly country bright, need they no created light;
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;
There forever may we sing, alleluias to our King.

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

from Matthew 2:6; 1 Timothy 3:16

Pastor: And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.

People: Proclaim it among the nations! Great indeed, is the mystery of godliness:

All: Christ was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, believed on in the world, taken up in glory!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 22

Hymn of Praise

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

McDonald

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the law, in cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
O come Thou Rod of Jesse, free, Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come thou Key of David come, and open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

The Reading for the Second Sunday of Advent: Isaiah 11:1-10

William & Shelby Sasser

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Responsive Confession of Sin

from Isaiah 53:6; John 1:9-12,14

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. All we like sheep have gone astray.

People: We have turned—everyone—to his own way.

Pastor: The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.

People: He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

Pastor: But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become the children of God.

People: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory.... full of grace and truth.

Pastor: And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* **Amen!**

The Promise of Immanuel

Isaiah 7:14; 53:3,4

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.... Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Wesley

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"

Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!
 Late in time behold Him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.
 Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,
 Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
 Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."
 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness!
 Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing on His wings.
 Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die,
 Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth,
 Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Wesley

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;
 From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.
 Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;
 Dear Desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.
 Joy to those who long to see Thee, Day-spring from on high, appear;
 Come, Thou promised Rod of Jesse, of Thy birth we long to hear.
 O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth;
 "Go to Him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."
 Come to earth to taste our sadness, He whose glories knew no end;
 By His life He brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
 Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;
 This the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.
 Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king;
 Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
 By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
 By Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Moultrie

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
 Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand,
 Christ our Lord to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.
 King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood;
 Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood.
 He will give to all the faithful his own self for heav'nly food.
 Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way.
 As the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
 That the pow'rs of hell may vanish, as the darkness clears away.
 At his feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim, with sleepless eye
 Veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry:
 "Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Kent Quinn

...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.

Singing to the Lord

The Virgin Mary Had A Baby Boy

Worship Choir/Dare 2 Declare

The virgin Mary had a baby Boy, and they said His name was Jesus.

He came from the glory. He came from the glorious kingdom. Oh yes, believer.

The angels sang when the Baby was born, and proclaimed that His name was Jesus.

The wise men saw where the Baby was born, and they said that His name was Jesus.

He came down from the glorious kingdom!

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon²

Pastor Tommy Lee

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:21-23; Malachi 4:2; Luke 1:78-79; Isaiah 22:22

We Respond By Receiving New Members

The Lord Adds to His Church

Juliet Joseph

To read more about our new members, see page 6.

Covenant Child of John & Annah Joseph

Jared, Glynessa, Anna Bekah, and Lilly Cress, Gage & Rachel Crowder,

Jonathan & Megan Davis, Anita Ryan, Myron & Freda Thompson

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?

Prayer for New Members

Elder Jason Seale

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.

Because of Your Tender Mercy

Moffitt/Smith

Because of Your tender mercy, The morning light from heaven is about to shine, Is about to shine.

Because of Your tender mercy, Though we have walked in darkness, You will end our night,
You will end our night.

Let the heavens rejoice, let the angels sing, Let earth receive the King of kings. So holy, so worthy, You come to us.

Because of Your tender mercy, To ev'ry generation You have shown Your love, You have shown Your love.

Because of Your tender mercy, You are forever faithful, reaching down to us, Reaching down to us.

Because of Your tender mercy. Because of Your tender mercy.

Benediction³

Isaiah 60:1

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Song of Faith

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

McDonald

O come Thou Rod of Jesse, free, Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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.

ROOTS Registration Due Today

ROOTS Youth Winter Retreat, January 24-26, 2020. Registration forms have gone out. Cost: \$110 (includes t-shirt) is due today. 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* this 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 next 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.

Introduction of New Members

Gage & Rachel Crowder grew up in the Decatur area and graduated from Cornerstone Christian School. Though they were high school sweethearts, they will celebrate their first wedding anniversary next Sunday. Gage is a Bankers Assistant at Mutual of Omaha Mortgage, and Rachel works in retail at Better Than Before Consignment.

Jonathan & Megan Davis moved to Decatur about a year and a half ago from Birmingham and have been attending the DPC for about a year. Jonathan is a local optometrist and Megan works part time at as a nurse practitioner. They have one child named John Grady (1yr).

Anita Dewberry Ryan was born the second of ten children in Loree, Alabama, and spent much of her childhood moving from one place to another. She moved to Decatur in 1975, working for the State Highway Department as a draftsman and attending First Bible Church. After marrying, she and her husband moved to Mobile where Anita earning a BSME. Anita has worked in several other places, including Houston, Tx during Hurricane Ike. At retirement, she moved back to the beautiful Tennessee Valley in 2017.

**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.**