



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

Of what advantage to us is Christ's ascension?

Christ physically ascended on our behalf, just as he came down to earth physically on our account, and he is now advocating for us in the presence of his Father, preparing a place for us, and also sends us his Spirit.

The New City Catechism, Question & Answer #51

Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Romans 8:34

# The Fourth Sunday of Advent — December 22, 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>

## A Light Has Dawned

## Light

A light has dawned, a King has come, To redeem every heart and soul,  
Born unto us, Emmanuel, the Savior of the world. Let us adore and praise His name.

Angels rejoice and shepherds bow, at the sight of the holy Child,  
Men from afar searching to find the Savior of the world. Let us adore and praise His name.

*Hosanna in the highest, hosanna, let us sing. Hosanna in the highest, we give glory to the King, Glory to the King.*

You are the Christ, the Son of God, And the nations will rally to You.  
Let every heart come recognize the Savior of the world. Let us adore and praise His name.

## Welcome and Announcements

## Responsive Call to Worship

**Luke 1:68-70; Psalm 32:11**

Pastor: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old!

**People: Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!**

## Prayer of Adoration & Praise

**based on Psalm 24**

## Hymn of Praise

## Angels We Have Heard on High

## Traditional

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heav'nly song?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.

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## **The Reading for the Fourth Sunday of Advent: Isaiah 7:10-14**

**The Zach Cameron Family**

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz: "Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test." And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## **Responsive Confession of Sin**

**from Isaiah 9:2-7**

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. We confess that we were people who walked in darkness.

**People: But now we have seen a great light!**

Pastor: We who lived in a land of deep darkness—on us light has shined.

**People: Despite our sins, you have multiplied our blessings. You have increased our joy and so we rejoice before you.**

Pastor: We rejoice as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing treasure.

**People: For the yoke of our burden, and the bar across our shoulders, the rod of our oppressor, you have broken.**

Pastor: There is endless peace at your throne of mercy.

**People: O Lord, you establish and uphold justice and righteousness—from this time forth and forevermore.**

Pastor: The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

*...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!*

## **The Word of Grace and Truth**

**1 John 5:11; John 1:14,16**

This is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.... The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.... From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

## **Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs**

### **O Come All Ye Faithful**

**Chapman**

Come let us adore Him, Come let us adore Him (2x)

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold Him born the King of angels; O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.  
Let us adore Him, Come let us adore Him.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, O Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest; O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

For He alone is worthy, For He alone is worthy, O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Let us adore Him, Come let us adore Him.

Yea, Lord we bless Thee, born for our salvation: Oh, Jesus forever be Thy name adored.  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord. (2x)

Let us adore Him, Come let us adore Him. (4x)

### **God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen**

**English Carol**

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,  
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day,  
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray;

*O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

From God our heav'nly Father, a blessed angel came;  
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:  
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.

Fear not, then, said the angel, let nothing you affright;  
This day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,  
To free all those who trust in Him from Satan's power and might.

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,  
And with true love and fellowship, each other now embrace;  
This holy tide of Christmas may your heart be filled with grace.

### **What Child is This**

**Traditional**

What child is this, Who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear, shall pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you:  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, Come, peasant, king, to own Him;  
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby:  
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

**Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition**

**Elder Kent Quinn**

**His Tithes & Our Offerings**

**The Only Thing That Has Ever Really Happened**  
**Luke 1:5-7,26-33; 2:1-11,22,25-28a,36-38; Matthew 2:1-5,10-11 (page 855)**

**The Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

*Samuel Robert Cameron  
Covenant Child of Zach & Candice Cameron*

*Molly Ann Thompson  
Covenant Child of Sam & Tara Thompson*

**Solemn Vows - Parents**

*Do you acknowledge your children'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 their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?*

*Do you now present these children to be baptized into the Christian Faith, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with them and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy faith, and that you will strive, by all means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?*

**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 these children?*

**Solemn Words to the Child**

*Little children, 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 Samuel & Molly**

**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.)*

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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.

## **Infant Holy, Infant Lowly**

**Reed**

Infant holy, infant lowly, for His bed a cattle stall;  
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ, the babe, is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing;  
Christ the babe is Lord of all. Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping; shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new  
Saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of the gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:  
Christ the babe was born for you. Christ the babe was born for you.

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

## **Luke 2:29-32 and the Gloria Patri**

Now may the Lord let you, his servants, depart in peace! His Word has been fulfilled! Our own eyes have seen the salvation which he has prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to all the nations and the glory of his people. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

## **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.

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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:** will resume Wednesday, January 8th.

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

**Discounted Designer Clothing Sale:** Over 70% off retail prices~All sales support Young Life~Saturday, December 28th, 9am-6pm, 2608 US 31, Decatur, AL 35603. (In the old Salinity building by Target)

**New Ladies Study!** A new study/fellowship group for adult women without spouses beginning Jan. 8th, meeting the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 1 pm. The 2nd Wednesday we discuss Pilgrims Progress; and the 4th Wednesday will be activities that "we want to do, but will not do by ourselves." For more info: Alice Green at 256-975-9709 or Mary (M J) Brinkman at 256-686-2000.

**Roots Information Meeting:** We'll have a brief information meeting about Roots in the youth room after the service on Sunday, January 12th. It shouldn't take long, but it will be a great time to ask questions and pick up forms that you need. If you have a student going to Roots, please plan to join us. Let Nathan know if you have any questions.

**Man Night!** Chuck will fire things up at Man Night! Monday night January 13th, 6:00pm @ Dale Cook's Iron Man Lodge. Men are invited to eat, fellowship and briefly discuss a relevant topic together... and then stay to watch the CFP National Championship (kickoff 7pm). Dale & gang will prepare the meat; you bring your favorite sides, snacks and/or desserts.

**Congregational Meeting:** A congregational meeting will be held immediately after the worship service on Sunday morning, January 26, to vote on the Session's recommended slate of your officer nominees: For re-appointment to the Session after the expiration of a 3-yr. term - **Elders George Godwin, Jeff Keith, Kent Quinn, and Blake Temple**; For election to the office of ruling elder - **Brian Rodgers** (Brian has successfully completed the officer training, examined and approved by the Session); For re-appointment to the Diaconate after the expiration of a 3 yr. term - **Bill Nelson**. See Rick Stark or Tommy Lee with any questions.

**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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Wade Littrell  
John Lyons  
Scott Missildine

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Michael Vinson  
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9:30am      Sunday School  
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