



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

Every service is a structure of acts and words through which we receive a sacrament, or repent, or supplicate, or adore. And it enables us to do these things best—if you like, it "works" best—when, through long familiarity, we don't have to think about it. As long as you notice, and have to count the steps, you are not yet dancing but only learning to dance. A good shoe is a shoe you don't notice. Good reading becomes possible when you need not consciously think about eyes, or light, or print, or spelling. The perfect church service would be one we were almost unaware of; our attention would have been on God.

C.S. Lewis

The man bowed his head and worshiped the Lord.

Genesis 24:26

# The Lord's Day — January 5, 2020 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>

## Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Newton/Tomlin

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed!

*My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me,  
And like a flood His mercy reigns; unending love, amazing grace.*

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;

He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine;

But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine;

Will be forever mine. You are forever mine.

## Welcome and Announcements

## Report of the Living Church

Scott Missildine

## Responsive Call to Worship

Psalms 27:4

Pastor: One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

**People: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,**

Pastor: To gaze upon the beauty of the Lord

**All: And to inquire in his temple!**

## Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 26

## Hymn of Praise

## I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

Dwight

I love thy Kingdom, Lord, the house of thine abode,  
The church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.

I love thy church, O God: her walls before thee stand,  
Dear as the apple of thine eye, and graven on thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers ascend;  
To her my cares and toils be giv'n, till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy I prize her heav'nly ways,  
Her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.

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## Reading of the Word: *Prayer*

**1 Chronicles 4:9-10**

Jabez was more honorable than his brothers; and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, “Because I bore him in pain.” Jabez called upon the God of Israel, saying, “Oh that you would bless me and enlarge my border, and that your hand might be with me, and that you would keep me from harm so that it might not bring me pain!” And God granted what he asked.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## Responsive Confession of Sin

**Merciful God, our heavenly Father, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. I humbly confess my sins and ask for your mercy. I have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have I loved my neighbor as myself. I have not been just in dealing with others. I have not loved kindness or walked humbly before you, my God. Have mercy on me, O God, because of your loving kindness ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!**

## Saved By Grace

**Ephesians 2:8-10**

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

## Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

### **You Are Worthy of My Praise**

**Ruis**

I will worship (repeat), with all of my heart (repeat);

I will praise you (repeat), with all of my strength. (repeat)

I will seek you (repeat), all of my days; (repeat)

And I will follow (repeat), follow all of Your ways (repeat).

*I will give You all my worship, I will give You all my praise.  
You alone I long to worship, You alone are worthy of my praise.*

I will bow down (repeat), and hail You as King (repeat);

I will serve you (repeat), give You everything (repeat).

I will lift up (repeat), my eyes to Your throne (repeat);

And I will trust You (repeat), I will trust You alone (repeat).

## **The Roar**

**Tomlin**

I waited for the Lord, He turned and heard my cry  
His mercy opened up my eyes, when I couldn't see and my strength was failing me

*I heard the roar of the Lion of Judah  
I heard the voice that calms the raging sea  
He came to me, came to me  
When I needed the Lord, I heard the roar of the Lion of Judah.*

I waited for the Lord, He appeared in blinding light  
He led me through the darkest night, when I couldn't see and my strength was failing me

I lifted my hands, He lifted me out  
All praise to the Savior, all worship to God  
With all that I am, with all of my heart  
All praise to the Savior, all worship to God  
You came to me, came to me, when I needed You, Lord  
I heard the roar of the Lion of Judah  
I heard the roar of the Lion of Judah

## **I Give You My Heart**

**Morgan**

This is my desire, to honor You;  
Lord, with all my heart, I worship You;  
All I have within me, I give You praise;  
All that I adore is in You.  
Lord, I give You my heart, I give You my soul,  
I live for You alone;  
Every breath that I take, every moment I'm awake,  
Lord, have Your way in me.

**Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition**

**Elder George Godwin**

**His Tithes & Our Offerings**

**Sermon<sup>2</sup>**

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

**Pastor Tommy Lee**

**XXXII. He Has A Name**

**John 17:1,5,11,21,24,25 (page 903)**

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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.

## The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

*Bethany Miriam Brave Rodgers*

*Silas Keith Rodgers*

*Enoch Jonathan Rodgers*

*Beatrix Agnes June Rodgers*

*Covenant Children of Brian & Julie Rodgers*

### 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 Children

*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 Bethany, Silas, Enoch, and Beatrix

**Elder Greg Smith**

### 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.)*

### Search Me, Know Me

**Rainey/Scott**

Search me, know me, try me and see, every worthless affection hidden in me.

All I'm asking for is that You'd cleanse me, Lord.

Create in me a heart that's clean, Conquer the power of secret shame,

Come wash away the guilty stain of all my sin.

Clothe me in robes of righteousness, Cover my nakedness with grace

All of my life before You now I humbly bring.

**Benediction<sup>3</sup>**  
There is none like God, O Jeshurun, who rides through the heavens to your help, through the skies in his majesty.  
The eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

**Deuteronomy 33:26-28**

**Song of Faith**  
  
God and God alone, is fit to take the universe's throne.  
Let everything that lives reserve its truest praise, for God and God alone.

**God and God Alone**

**McHugh**

**This Week**

<b>Tuesday 6:30am</b> Men’s Bible Study @ Java Jaay (1 Corinthians)	<b>Wednesday 6:00-7:30pm</b> DPC Youth! (6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade) DPC Youth! (9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade)
<b>Tuesday 9:30-11:00am</b> Ladies Bible Study @ DPC (Revelation)	<b>Wednesday 6:15-7:30pm</b> Worship Choir Practice
<b>Tuesday @ Noon</b> Men’s Bible Study @ Kent’s Office (Revelation)	<b>Wednesday 6:15-7:15pm</b> Adult Open Door Study
<b>Tuesday 6:30pm</b> Women’s Bible Study @ NCC (Gospel of Mark)	<b>Wednesday 6:15-7:30pm</b> Life Groups
<b>Wednesday 5:00pm</b> Middle School Choir / Soli Deo Gloria	<b>Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm</b> 4 Year Olds & Kindergarten / Kid’s Quest 1 <sup>st</sup> - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade / Kid’s Quest 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade / Kid’s Quest
<b>Wednesday 5:30pm</b> Church Family Meal	<b>Wednesday 7:30pm</b> Praise Worship Band Practice
<b>Wednesday 6:00-6:30pm</b> Kids Choirs: 5 Year Old - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade / Kids of the King 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade - 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade / Dare 2 Declare	<b>Friday 6:30am</b> Men’s Bible Study @ Temple, Inc. (Paul’s Letters to the Thessalonians)

<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.

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## DPC Announcements

**DPC Church Family,** Once again, with your Christmas gifts, you have left us absolutely astonished by your incredible generosity. One of the countless reasons it is a blessing to be among the saints of Decatur Presbyterian is the remarkable love that you show us. You have beautifully taken to heart Paul's command in Romans 12:10, *"Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor."* Thank you for making it such a pleasure to serve this congregation. We look forward to finding out what God has in store for this church family in the upcoming year. With love and gratitude, Tommy, Rick, Stu, Nathan, and Tonya

**Next Up!** The next four books of Scripture that we'll be reading together via the Cultivate daily readings will be 2 John, 3 John, Lamentations, and Mark. Sign up today by emailing Tonya at [tonya@decaturpca.org](mailto:tonya@decaturpca.org)

**Midweek Ministries:** will resume this Wednesday, January 8th.

**New Ladies Study!** A new study/fellowship group for adult women who are without spouses begins this Wednesday, Jan. 8th, meeting the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 1 pm, at the church. 2nd Wednesday: Pilgrims Progress. 4th Wednesday: activities together. For more info: Alice Green at 256-975-9709 or Mary Brinkman at 256-686-2000.

**Combined Christian Education Class!** At 9:30AM next Sunday, January 12th please come hear of the work & vision of Wayne & Amy Newsome. Wayne is a PCA minister and he and Amy have been missionaries in Nagoya, Japan for almost 30 years! Wayne and Amy are in the U.S. for a few months and will soon return to Japan.

**Roots Information Meeting:** We'll have a brief information meeting about Roots in the youth room after the service next 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.

**Frontline Prayer:** Join us for Frontline Prayer on Sunday night, January 12th, 6:00 PM, at the church. *"Romans 8:15 tells us that the spiritual adoption that has made us sons of God causes us to cry out in verbal expressions: 'Abba! Father.' Prayer is to the Christian what breath is to life, yet no duty of the Christian is so neglected."* - R.C. Sproul

**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.

**RYM Fundraiser at Sam's Sports Grill:** On Thursday, January 30th, from 3:00-close, Sam's Sports Grill in Decatur will give 10% of their sales of all non-discounted food to our youth group's RYM fundraising efforts. Come enjoy some good food and help our students pay for RYM! See Nathan with any questions.

**"Soup For Souls":** Fundraiser benefiting the Neighborhood Christian Center's children and youth ministry. Thursday, March 5th, 5:30-7:30 pm, at Sykes Place (726 Bank Street). Tickets are \$30. For more information call: 256.351.7633 or [decaturncc1994@gmail.com](mailto:decaturncc1994@gmail.com)

**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**

**"No principle of Scripture memory is more important than the principle of review. Without adequate review you will eventually lose most of what you memorize. But once you really learn a verse, you can mentally review it in a fraction of the time it would take to speak it. And when you know a verse this well, you don't have to review but once a week, once a month, or even once every six months to keep a sharp edge on it.... Don't begrudge devoting so much time to polishing your swords. Rejoice instead at having so many!"**

**—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 January, read and reflect and pray through the verse you find printed there. You'll find yourself memorizing it.

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.