

For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. 2 Corinthians 4:5

A holy unity exists amongst us, when, consenting in pure doctrine, we are united in Christ alone.... In ourselves we are scattered; in Christ we are gathered.

John Calvin

In essentials, unity. In nonessentials, liberty. In all things, charity.

Philip Melanchthon

Believe as I believe, no more no less That I am right and no one else, confess; Feel as I feel, think as I think, East as I eat and drink as I drink; Look as I look, do as I do Then I'll have fellowship with you.

Leslie Flynn

## The Lord's Day — February 2, 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>

#### Forever

#### Tomlin

Give thanks to the Lord Our God and King, His love endures forever. For He is good, He is above all things, His love endures forever. Sing Praise! Sing Praise!

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm, His love endures forever. For the life that's been reborn, His love endures forever. Sing praise! Sing praise! Sing praise!

Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong, forever God is with us, forever and ever, forever.

From the rising to the setting sun, His love endures forever. By the grace of God we will carry on, His love endures forever. Sing praise! Sing praise! Sing praise!

Forever You are faithful, forever You are strong, Forever You are with us, forever and ever.

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### **Responsive Call to Worship**

Pastor: Sing praises to God, sing praises! **People: Sing praises to our King, sing praises!** Pastor: For God is the King of all the earth; **People: Sing praises with a psalm!** Pastor: God reigns over the nations; **People: God sits on his holy throne.** 

#### Prayer of Adoration & Praise

#### Hymn of Praise

#### Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise; I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days. Put no confidence in princes, nor for help on man depend; he shall die, to dust returning, and his purposes shall end.

Happy is the man that chooses Israel's God to be his aid; he is blessed whose hope of blessing on the Lord his God is stayed. Heaven and earth the Lord created, seas and all that they contain; He delivers from oppression, righteousness he will maintain.

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise; I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days. Over all God reigns forever, through all ages he is King; Unto him, your God, O Zion, joyful hallelujahs sing. Psalm 47:6-8

based on Psalm 30

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#### Reading of the Word: good and pleasant

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes! It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!

#### **Confession of Sin**

Almighty and merciful God, like your people of old, we too have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We confess that we have longed too much for the comforts of this world. We have loved the gifts more than the giver, and have lived for our glory instead of yours. In your mercy, open our eyes to the true hope that you have given us, help us to see that all the things we think will satisfy us in this world are only shadows, but you are the substance; that they are shifting, but you are the anchor. We ask for your forgiveness on the merits of Jesus Christ. Accept his worthiness for our unworthiness, his sinlessness for our transgressions, his fullness for our emptiness, his glory for our shame, his righteousness for our dead works, his death for our life .... Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!

#### God's Gift of Grace

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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

Come Ye Sinners	Smith
Come ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore.	
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity joined with power.	
He is able, He is able; He is willing; doubt no more.	
Come ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall.	
If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.	
Not the righteous, not the righteous; sinners Jesus came to call.	
Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended; pleads the merit of His blood.	
Venture on Him; venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.	
None but Jesus, none but Jesus can do helpless sinners good.	
All I Have Is Christ	Kauflin
I once was lost in darkest night, Yet thought I knew the way	
The sin that promised joy and life, Had led me to the grave	
I had no hope that You would own, A rebel to Your will	
And if You had not loved me first, I would refuse You still	
But as I ran my hell-bound race, Indifferent to the cost	
You looked upon my helpless state, And led me to the cross	
And I beheld God's love displayed, You suffered in my place	

You bore the wrath reserved for me, Now all I know is grace

#### 1 Peter 2:24-25

#### Psalm 133

#### Hallelujah! All I have is Christ, Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone, And live so all might see The strength to follow Your commands, Could never come from me O Father, use my ransomed life, In any way You choose And let my song forever be, My only boast is You

### Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand? Kings and nations tremble at His voice. All creation rises to rejoice.

> Behold our God, seated on His throne. Come, let us adore Him. Behold our King, nothing can compare, come, let us adore Him!

Who has felt the nails upon His hands, bearing all the guilt of sinful man? God eternal, humbled to the grave, Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

You will reign forever. Let Your glory fill the earth.

### Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon<sup>2</sup>

Series: Let Not Your Hearts Be Troubled (John 14:1) XXXIV. The Fruit of Unity, Part I John 17:20-26 (page 903)

We Respond: with the taking of vows...

#### A Brief Charge

#### Vows for the Offices of Deacon & Elder

Ordination and Installation to the Office of Elder: Brian Rodgers

Re-Installation to the Diaconate of DPC: Deacon Bill Nelson

Re-Installation to the Session of DPC: Elders George Godwin, Jeff Keith, Kent Quinn, and Blake Temple

- 1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
- 2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the *Confession of Faith* and the *Catechisms* of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
- 3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
- 4. Do you accept the office of deacon & elder in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?

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#### Baird/Altrogge

PCA Book of Church Order, §24-6

Elder George Godwin

Pastor Tommy Lee

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

- 5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
- 6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the Church?

#### **Congregational Vow**

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive these brothers as deacons & elder, and do you promise to yield them all that honor, encouragement and obedience in the Lord to which their office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles them?

#### The Laying On of Hands & the Ordination Prayer

#### The Declaration

I now pronounce and declare that ... have been regularly elected, ordained, and installed as deacons or elders (as the case may be) in this church, agreeable to the Word of God, and according to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America; and that as such they are entitled to all encouragement, honor, and obedience in the Lord: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

#### The Right Hand of Fellowship

#### 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.)

#### Give Me Jesus

In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise, Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus. You can have all this world, just give me Jesus.

When I am alone, when I am alone, Oh when I am alone Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus. You can have all this world, give me Jesus.

When I come to die, when I come to die, Oh when I come to die, Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus. You can have all this world, give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus,

You can have all this world. You can have all this world. You can have all this world, just give me Jesus.

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

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Song of Faith

#### We Are the Body of Christ

#### Hampton

One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise You, we are the body of Christ. One goal, one vision, to see You exalted, we are the body of Christ. And to this we give our lives, to see You glorified.

> One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise You, We are the body of Christ. We are the body of Christ.

## 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 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade / Kids of the King 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade - 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Ouest

Wednesday 7:30pm Praise Worship Band Practice

Friday 6:30am Men's Bible Study @ Temple, Inc. (Paul's Letters to the Thessalonians)

<sup>&</sup>lt;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. 5

## **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 Exodus, Galatians, Esther, and 1 John . 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.

**Ministry Opportunity!** During the month of February, we are collecting small blankets to go into "Blessing Bags" that will be given to foster children in Morgan County on his/her first night in care. Our goal is 100 blankets! Please place your donation in the collection tote located in the Gathering room. Thank you, your Domestic Missions Team

**Youth Super Bowl Party:** This Sunday, February 2nd, we'll have our annual Super Bowl party! It will start at 5:30 in the youth room. Come enjoy pizza, a good football game, and a presentation from Sirli during halftime!

**New "Welcome to DPC" Class:** Visitors and new friends are invited to the WtDPC Classes beginning next Sunday, February 9th, 9:15am-10:30am in Youth Room #2. For 7 weeks, we will learn about the gospel, the reformed tradition, and church membership at DPC.

**JOY (Empty-Nesters) Luncheon:** The next JOY covered dish luncheon is next Sunday, February 9, following the worship service. Questions? Please see Susan Brooks, Barbara Brownlee, or Nancy Waldron.

**Frontline Prayer:** This really is the beating heart of DPC's ministry. If God doesn't pour out his Spirit and blessing, even our very best efforts are all in vain. Consider gathering with your brothers and sisters for prayer at DPC, 6:00pm, Sunday, Feb. 9. Come pray for us and let us pray for you.

**Pancake Breakfast:** Sunday, February 16, the youth will host a pancake breakfast, 8:00am-9:15. You can help by making a small donation that morning and eating with us, and/or donating pancake mix, juice, or precooked, frozen sausage patties. If you'd like to donate any of these items, email Nathan at nathan@decaturpca.org.

**Corporate Sunday School:** Plan to join us for a corporate Sunday School class on February 16 at 9:30am. Our special guest speaker will be Ike Reeder, President of Birmingham Theological Seminary. His topic: "Learning In The Life Of The Believer." You won't want to miss him! I like Ike!

**Call to Prayer:** Short term medical missionaries are headed out again to serve the medical and eyeglasses needs of the people of the Dominican Republic with Dr. Sylvia Martinez, February 21-28. Please be in prayer by name for these medical professionals going: Jay Suggs, Carol Godwin, Jordan Littrell, Rhonda Stephens, Todd Stone, Jacque Clay, Karl Kuberg, Eric Decker, and Brock Daughtry. The fields are white with harvest!

**Bridal Table Shower:** For Raley Sittason, fianceé of Levi Cook on Sunday, February 23. There will be a table set up on February 23 in the gathering room to shower this couple as they begin their new lives together. They are registered at Jimmy Smith Jewelers, Bed, Bath and Beyond and Pottery Barn.

**"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

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

I recently listened to a recorded talk given by a dear Christian lady on the subject of child-rearing. In one of her brief asides she mentioned the greatest gift that her mother (now long in heaven) ever gave her. It was the gift of verses and verses and verses of the Bible that they memorized together. "It's something that can never be taken away from me." What a wonderful gift indeed.

-Tommy

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 February, 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.