



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

The religion of the Greeks does not yet prosper as I would wish, on account of those who profess it.

But the gifts of the gods are great and splendid, better than any prayer or any hope....

Indeed, a little while ago no one would have dared even to pray for such a change, and so complete a one in so short a space of time [*-referring to the arrival of Julian himself on the throne-*]. Why then do we think that this is sufficient and do not observe how the kindness of Christians to strangers, their care for the burial of their dead, and the sobriety of their lifestyle has done the most to advance their cause?....

For it is disgraceful when no Jew is a beggar and the impious Galileans [*-the name by which Julian often referred to the Christians-*] support our poor in addition to their own; everyone is able to see that our coreligionists are in want of aid from us.

The Roman Emperor Julian's Letter to Arsacius

Julian was Roman Emperor from 361 to 363 AD

Like all Emperors, Julian was Pontifex Maximus, Chief Priest of the State Religion

The Lord's Day — February 9, 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 Assembly¹

God Of This City

Tomlin

You're the God of this city, You're the King of these people, You're the Lord of this nation, You are!
You're the Light in this darkness, You're the Hope to the hopeless, You're the Peace to the restless, You are!

*There is no one like our God, There is no one like our God.
For greater things have yet to come, And greater things are still to be done in this city.
Greater things have yet to come, And greater things are still to be done in this city.*

You're the Lord of creation, the creator of all things. You're the King above all Kings, You are!
You're the strength in our weakness, You're the love to the broken, You're the joy in the sadness, You are!
Greater things have yet to come, and greater things are still to be done here. There is no one like You, God.

Welcome and Announcements

Report of the Living Church

Jay Suggs

Responsive Call to Worship

Exodus 15:2

Pastor: The Lord is my strength and my song!

People: And he has become my salvation;

Pastor: This is my God, and I will praise him!

People: My father's God, and I will exalt him.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 31

Hymn of Praise

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide flowing from his pierced side;
Praise we him whose love divine gives his sacred blood for wine,
Gives his body for the feast, Christ the Victim, Christ the Priest.

Where the paschal blood is poured, death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal Victim, Paschal Bread;
With sincerity and love eat we manna from above.

Mighty Victim from the sky, pow'rs of hell beneath thee lie;
Death is conquered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:
Hymns of glory and of praise, risen Lord, to thee we raise;
Holy Father, praise to thee, with the Spirit, ever be.

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Reading of the Word: *Unity In The Body Of Christ*

Ephesians 4:1-6

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our frivolous attitude toward life, our callousness toward suffering, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious laws. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

Peace With God

Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

God of Wonders

Byrd

Lord of all creation of water, earth and sky; The heavens are Your tabernacle. Glory to the Lord on high!

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy.

The universe declares Your Majesty. You are holy, holy.

Lord of Heaven and earth, Lord of Heaven and earth.

Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and earth. Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and earth.

Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and earth. You are holy, holy.

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy.

Precious Lord, reveal Your heart to me. Father, hold me, hold me.

The universe declares Your Majesty. You are holy, holy, holy, holy!

Whom Shall I Fear (Angel Armies)

Cash, Cash & Tomlin

You hear me when I call, You are my morning song
Though darkness fills the night, it cannot hide the Light, Whom shall I fear
You crush the enemy underneath my feet
You are my Sword and Shield though troubles linger still, Whom shall I fear

Chorus

*I know who goes before me, I know who stands behind, The God of angel armies is always by my side
The one who reigns forever, He is a Friend of mine, The God of angel armies is always by my side*

Bridge

*And nothing formed against me shall stand, You hold the whole world in Your hand, I'm holding on to Your promises
You are faithful, You are Faithful, You are Faithful
The God of angel armies is always by my side*

Jesus, Only Jesus

Who has the power to raise the dead, Who can save us from our sin?
He is our hope, our righteousness. Jesus, only Jesus.

Who can make the blind to see, Who holds the keys that set us free?
He paid it all to bring us peace. Jesus, only Jesus.

Holy, King Almighty, Lord. Saints and angels all adore. I join with them and bow before, Jesus, only Jesus.

Who can command the highest praise, Who has the name above all names?
You stand alone, I stand amazed. Jesus, only Jesus.

*You will command the highest praise, Yours is the name above all names.
You stand alone, I stand amazed. Jesus, only Jesus. Jesus, only Jesus.*

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Jason Seale

...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

Shine

Dare 2 Declare

You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be salty again?

It's no longer good; no longer good for anything, for anything.

Just as no one lights a lamp just to put it under a bowl, instead they put it on a stand so everyone will know.

Let your light shine! Let your light shine, that others may see your good deeds and glorify your Father.

Let your light shine! Let your light shine, and they will glorify your Father in Heaven.

You are the light of the world, like a city on a hill cannot be hidden away.

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon²

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

Pastor Tommy Lee

XXXV. The Fruit of Unity, Part II

John 17:20-26 (page 903)

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

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
 She is his new creation by water and the Word;
 From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
 With his own blood he bought her and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth.
 Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
 And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
 She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
 Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
 And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
 And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won;
 O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
 Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

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.)

Behold the Lamb

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Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us: and we remember
 The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.
 So we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice,
 As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, torn for you: eat and remember
 The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life, paid the price to make us one.
 So we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice,
 As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.!

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you: drink and remember
 He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.
 So we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice,
 As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond: and to remember.
 Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.
 As we share in His suffering, we proclaim: Christ will come again!
 And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.

Benediction³

from Galatians 4:25 & 5:1

Now you, brothers and sisters, like Isaac, are children of promise.... For freedom Christ has set you free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

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.

Special Church Family Announcement

This Week

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

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.

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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

New "Welcome to DPC" Class: Visitors and new friends are invited to the WtDPC Classes that began today, it's not too late to join us. 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 today 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 today, Sunday, Feb. 9. Come pray for us and let us pray for you.

Pancake Breakfast: Next 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 ahead of time. 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 next Sunday, 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.

Bridal Table Shower: For Raley Sittason, fiancé 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.

A PCA Church In Hartselle? On March 1 we're going to have the Director of the Alabama Church Planting Network preaching for us. After worship there will be a luncheon here at the church for all and any who may be interested in the conversation. See Tommy with any questions, and let him know if you plan to join us for lunch!

"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 decaturnc1994@gmail.com

Sermon Outline Notes: for adults and children are available on the back table.

**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.**