



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

"Pippin glanced in some wonder at the face now close beside his own, for the sound of that laugh had been gay and merry. Yet in the wizard's face he saw at first only lines of care and sorrow; though as he looked more intently he perceived that under all there was a great joy: a fountain of mirth enough to set a kingdom laughing, were it to gush forth."

J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Lord of the Rings*

"[Joy] is a by-product. Its very existence presupposes that you desire not it but something other and outer....

It was valuable only as a pointer to something other and outer. While that other was in doubt, the pointer naturally loomed large in my thoughts. When we are lost in the woods the sight of a signpost is a great matter. He who first sees it cries, 'Look!' The whole party gathers round and stares. But when we have found the road and are passing signposts every few miles, we shall not stop and stare."

C.S. Lewis

"Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls."

The Apostle Peter, marveling that people who never met Jesus love him more than anything else

The Lord's Day — February 23, 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

Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand

Alford/Dykes

Ten thousand times ten thousand in sparkling raiment bright,
The armies of the ransomed saints throng up the steep of light:
'Tis finished, all is finished, their fight with death and sin;
Fling open wide the golden gates, and let the victors in.

What rush of alleluias fills all the earth and sky!
What ringing of a thousand harps bespeaks the triumph nigh!
O day, for which creation and all its tribes were made;
O joy, for all its former woes a thousandfold repaid!

Bring near Thy great salvation, Thou Lamb for sinners slain;
Fill up the roll of Thine elect, then take Thy power, and reign;
Appear, Desire of nations, Thine exiles long for home;
Show in the heaven Thy promised sign; Thou Prince and Savior, come.

Welcome and Announcements

Report of the Living Church

Deanna Lyons

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 99:2-5

Pastor: The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples!

People: Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!

Pastor: The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

People: Exalt the Lord our God; worship at his footstool!

All: Holy is he!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 33

Hymn of Praise

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

Watts

I sing the almighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command and all the stars obey.

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I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with His Word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Your wonders are displayed where'er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!
There's not a plant or flower below but makes Your glories known;
And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from Your throne;
While all that borrows life from You is ever in Your care,
And everywhere that man can be, You, God, are present there.

Reading of the Word: *What can you do against this?*

Acts 13:44-52

The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him. And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth." And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region. But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district. But they shook off the dust from their feet against them and went to Iconium. And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

God of everlasting love, we confess that we have been unfaithful in our relationship with you and with one another. We have worshiped other gods: money, power, greed, and convenience. We have served our own self-interest instead of serving you and your people. We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded, nor have we rightly loved ourselves. Forgive us, gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness of our relationship with you and one another. Through Christ, our Lord ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...*
Amen!

Hear the Good News!

2 Corinthians 5:21; Romans 8:1-2

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God....
There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

For all who have turned from sin in sorrow and look to God for mercy, this is God's gift. In Jesus Christ, God loves you, God forgives you, God accepts you, and God rejoices over you as beloved daughters and sons.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Come Praise and Glorify

Kauflin/Chester

Come praise and glorify our God, The Father of our Lord
In Christ He has in heav'nly realms, His blessings on us poured
For pure and blameless in His sight, He destined us to be
And now we've been adopted through, His Son eternally

Come praise and glorify our God, Who gives His grace in Christ
In Him our sins are washed away, Redeemed through sacrifice
In Him God has made known to us, The myst'ry of His will
That Christ should be the head of all, His purpose to fulfill

*To the praise of Your glory, To the praise of Your mercy and grace
To the praise of Your glory, You are the God who saves*

Come praise and glorify our God, For we've believed the Word
And through our faith we have a seal, The Spirit of the Lord
The Spirit guarantees our hope, Until redemption's done
Until we join in endless praise, To God, the Three in One

Come As You Are

Crowder

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been. Come, broken hearted, let rescue begin.
Come find your mercy. Oh sinner come kneel; Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal,
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.

*Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame. All who are broken lift up your face.
Oh wanderer, come home; you're not too far. So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart: Come as you are.*

Bridge (sing after 2nd vs & chorus)

Come as you are. Fall in His arms. Come as you are.

There's joy for the morning. Oh sinner be still. Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal. (So)

I Need Thee Every Hour

Hawks

I need Thee, O I need Thee, O I need Thee, every hour I need you Lord, O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord, No tender voice like Thine, can peace afford.

I need Thee every hour, stay Thou near by, Temptations lose their power, when Thou art nigh.

I need Thee, O I need Thee, O I need Thee, every hour I need you Lord, O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Chip Walraven

Singing to the Lord

I Will Call Upon the Lord

Kids of the King

I will call upon the Lord, Who is worthy to be praised
So shall I be saved from my enemies, I will call upon the Lord
The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock, And let the God of my salvation be exalted

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon²

Pastor Tommy Lee

The Lord of Joy John 2:1-11 (page 887)

We Respond

O God Beyond All Praising

Perry

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your Word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

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.)

Rock of Ages

Toplady

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, from Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.
Not the labors of my hands can fulfil Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow?
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.
Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.
While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death;
When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

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

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)	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

DR-Donations for Medicine: You came through!!!! Several of you heeded the call and made special donations to buy medicine for our patients in the DR. Thank you thank you thank you! By the time you read this we will have already used a lot of it at our medical brigade in the bately on Saturday. God bless you for listening to the Lord's prompting. Carol Godwin

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.

DPC Adoption Fund: Your gifts are now welcome. *"In you the orphan finds mercy."* Hosea 14.3.

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

Bridal Table Shower: For Raley Sittason, fiancé of Levi Cook today, Sunday, February 23. There is a table set up 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? Sunday, 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 decaturncc1994@gmail.com

Car Wash: The youth group is having a fundraising car wash Saturday, March 14th, at Advance Auto Parts on the Beltline from 9:00-2:00. We would love to see you there! For questions, see Nathan.

Youth B*A*S*H*: We're having a B*A*S*H* (Building a Servant's Heart) event the morning of Saturday, March 28th. We will be doing work at Oak Park Elementary school. More details to come...

Road Rally 2020: Sunday evening, March 29th, the youth ministry will have a scavenger hunt! This will be a great event with year-long bragging rights, but for it to work, we need adult drivers. If you'd like to help, contact Nathan at nathan@decaturpca.org. Be at the church at 5:45, we'll have some snacks, but eat dinner before you come.

Estonia Presentation: Although midweek ministries will be on a break, April 1st, the youth will meet at the church 6:00-8:00. We'll hang out, and then get the chance to hear our very own Estonian-in-residence, Sirli Sildever, give a presentation on Estonia. Come get some snacks & learn a little more about one of our newest friend!

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

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

WINTER 2020

SUNDAYS @ 9:30 AM

American Gospel: The gospel message of "Christ crucified" has always been offensive. We are exploring how the paths of post-modernism and progressive Christianity lead to a different gospel, a god created in our own image.

The Parlor Class: This class, led by Stuart Smith & Nathan White meets in the parlor. We are studying the Nicene Creed, one of the earliest & most important expressions of our faith. We'd love for you to join us!

Sedona Class: Led by George Godwin, we are currently studying through the Book of Mark. 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 1 & 2 Thessalonians, 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

Diaconate

George Godwin

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Kent Quinn

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Jason Seale

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Blake Temple

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James Fudge

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Service Times

9:30am

Sunday School

10:45am

Worship

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