



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 world's theology is easy to define. It's the view.... that human beings are basically good,
that no one is really lost, that belief in Jesus Christ is not necessary for salvation.”

James Montgomery Boice

“Claiming to be wise, they became fools.”

Romans 1:22

"If the ladder is not leaning against the right wall, every step we take just gets us to the wrong place faster.”

Stephen R. Covey

The Lord's Day — March 1, 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

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Newton

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name.
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame.
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood, He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord Who bought us, pitied us when enemies,
Called us by His grace and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes.
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood, He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing though fierce temptation threaten hard to bear us down.
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqueror's crown.
He, Who washed us with His blood, He, Who washed us with His blood,
He, Who washed us with His blood, soon will bring us home to God.

Let us praise and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high.
Here they trusted Him before us, now their praises fill the sky.
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood, Thou hast washed us with Thy blood,
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood, Thou art worthy Lamb of God.

Welcome and Announcements

Report of the Living Church

Rev. Jeph Guinan

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalms 149:1,2,4-6a

Pastor: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!

People: Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

Pastor: For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.

People: Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds!

All: Let the high praises of God be in their throats!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 34

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Hymn of Praise

When Morning Gilds the Skies

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries: May Jesus Christ be praised.

Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised.

In heav'n's eternal bliss the loveliest strain is this: May Jesus Christ be praised.

The pow'rs of darkness fear, when this sweet chant they hear: May Jesus Christ be praised.

Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound: May Jesus Christ be praised.

Let air and sea and sky, from depth to height, reply: May Jesus Christ be praised.

Reading of the Word: *Strong Words*

Matthew 16:13-18

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

God, our deliverer, you have set us free in Christ from slavery to sin. But we confess that sin continues to dwell in us. We struggle because we do not do the good we want to do, but the evil we do not want is what we keep on doing. We delight in your law in our inner being, but our growth is often slow and hard because sin wages war against our minds and hearts. So we sin against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Lord, have mercy on us and deliver us from this body of death ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

Hear the Good News!

Psalms 103:11-12

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

O Church, Arise

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O Church, arise, and put your armor on; hear the call of Christ our Captain.

For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given.

With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies;

An army bold, whose battle cry is love, reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valor.

When faced with trials on every side, we know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died, an inheritance of nations.

*Arise, shine for your light has come
Arise, shine for the Risen Son
Lift your eyes, we are His radiant bride
Arise, o church arise!*

Before the Throne of God Above

Bancroft & Cook

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is "Love," who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav'n He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart. No tongue can bid me thence depart.
When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on him and pardon me. To look on him and pardon me.
Behold him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God. With Christ, my Savior and my God.

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Francis

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Your love;
Leading onward, leading homeward, to Your glorious rest above.
Oh the deep, deep love, all I need and trust, Is the deep, deep love of Jesus.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread His praise from shore to shore;
How He came to pay our ransom, through the saving cross He bore;
How He watches o'er His loved ones, those He died to make His own;
How for them He's interceding, pleading now before the throne.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Chip Walraven

Singing to the Lord

Lamb of God

Worship Choir

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, we pray.
We sing worthy is the Lamb that was slain, to receive all the power and strength.
All honor, glory and praise to the Lamb of God who reigns.
You are holy, holy, holy. You are worthy, worthy, worthy.
Worthy is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Grant us peace, grant us peace, we pray. Amen.

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon²

Reverend Jeph Guinan

Jesus' Call to Church Planting Matthew 28:16-20 (page 835)

We Respond

Facing a Task Unfinished

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Facing a task unfinished, That drives us to our knees
A need that, undiminished, Rebukes our slothful ease
We, who rejoice to know Thee, Renew before Thy throne
The solemn pledge we owe Thee, To go and make Thee known
We bear the torch that flaming, Fell from the hands of those
Who gave their lives proclaiming, That Jesus died and rose
Ours is the same commission, The same glad message ours
Fired by the same ambition, To Thee we yield our powers

*We go to all the world, With kingdom hope unfurled
No other name has power to save, But Jesus Christ The 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.)

Through the Door

Cottrell

Through the door, through the cross, Through the Lamb slain for us, we come.

Through the One crucified, Through the Way, the Truth, the Life, we come.

And the lost say "I am found", the blind say "I can see." The weak say "I am strong," the bound say "I am free."

And we sing "Hallelujah, this is glory, Hallelujah, this is grace, Hallelujah, this is mercy flowing down"

And we dance in the light of Your love, And we dance in the light of Your love and this is glory!

Through the door You became, You have called and by faith we come.

Through the door, in the name, Of the One mighty to save, Lord, we come.

Death, where is your sting? The grave has lost the fight. Sin, where are your chains? The door is open wide.

Your love is deeper; Your mercy's wider; Your grace is greater than our sin. (Repeat)

This is glory, through the door, through the cross, through the Lamb slain for us, we come.

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

Benediction³
You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So give thanks, and glorify God in your body.

from 1 Corinthians 6:19b,20

Song of Faith

I Will Glory In My Redeemer
I will glory in my Redeemer
Who crushed the power of sin and death,
My only Savior before the holy Judge,
The Lamb who is my righteousness,
The Lamb who is my righteousness.
I will glory in my Redeemer

Cook

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 Adult Open Door Study
Tuesday 6:30pm Women’s Bible Study @ NCC (Gospel of Mark)	Wednesday 6:15-7:30pm Life Groups
Wednesday 5:00pm Middle School Choir / Soli Deo Gloria	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 5:30pm Church Family Meal	Wednesday 7:30pm Praise Worship Band Practice
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	Friday 6:30am Men’s Bible Study @ Temple, Inc. (Paul’s Letters to the Thessalonians)

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

Jeph Guinan is married to Heidi and they have five children. After graduating from Birmingham Theological Seminary (2012), the Lord called Jeph as a bivocational church planter to start a church in Calera, AL, where he planted and pastored until being called as the director of the Alabama Church Planting Network in late 2018. He and his family currently live in Alabaster, AL.

Daylight Saving Time: Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour this Saturday, March 7. We would hate to miss you on Sunday because of the time change!

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.

A PCA Church In Hartselle? Today, 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. This 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

Adoption Celebration! Wednesday, March 11, the Cress family are adopting Trenton and Zaidyn. Let's celebrate the goodness of God in all of their lives! We are welcome to pack out the courtroom, which opens at 9:30 (Judge Cain). There will be a reception at DPC, from 11:00-2:00. *"Rejoice with those who rejoice!"* (Romans 12.15)

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*: The youth are 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.

"I have stored up your word in my heart..."

Psalm 119:11

A great time to review your better-known verses is while going to sleep. Since you don't need a written copy of the verses before you, you can repeat them and meditate on them while dozing off or even when you have trouble sleeping.

And if you can't stay awake, it's fine, since you're supposed to be sleeping anyway. If you can't go to sleep, you're putting the most profitable and peaceful information possible into your mind, as well as making good use of the time.

—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 March, 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.