



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

"Are you not thirsty?" said the Lion.

"I am *dying* of thirst," said Jill.

"Then drink," said the Lion.

"May I—could I—would you mind going away while I do?" said Jill.

The Lion answered this only by a look and a very low growl.

And as Jill gazed at its motionless bulk, she realized that she might as well have asked  
the whole mountain to move aside for her convenience.

The delicious rippling noise of the stream was driving her nearly frantic.

"Will you promise not to—do anything to me, if I do come?" said Jill.

"I make no promise," said the Lion.

Jill was so thirsty now that, without noticing it, she had come a step nearer.

"Do you eat girls?" she said.

"I have swallowed up girls and boys, women and men, kings and emperors, cities and realms," said the Lion. It  
didn't say this as if it were boasting, nor as if it were sorry, nor as if it were angry. It just said it.

"I daren't come and drink," said Jill.

"Then you will die of thirst," said the Lion.

"Oh dear!" said Jill, coming another step nearer. "I suppose I must go and look for another stream then."

"There is no other stream," said the Lion.

# The Lord's Day — March 8, 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>

## By Faith

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By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation's grand design  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth with the power of His promise in their hearts  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand, a place where peace and justice reign

*We will stand as children of the promise, we will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight*

By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear  
With the power to break the chains of sin and death and rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go in the power of the Spirit to the lost  
To deliver captives and to preach good news in every corner of the earth

*We will stand...*

By faith this mountain shall be moved and the power of the gospel shall prevail  
For we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon His name

*We will stand...*

## Welcome and Announcements

## Report of the Living Church

Jeff & Jessica Keith

## Call to Worship

Revelation 21:3-4

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

## Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 35

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O for a thousand tongues to sing, my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.

Jesus! The Name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
He breaks the power of reigning sin, he sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread thro' all the earth abroad, the honors of Thy name.

### Reading of the Word: *The Feast of Booths*

from **Leviticus 23 & Deuteronomy 16**

And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to the people of Israel, saying, On the fifteenth day of this seventh month and for seven days is the Feast of Booths to the Lord. On the first day shall be a holy convocation; you shall not do any ordinary work. For seven days you shall present food offerings to the Lord. On the eighth day you shall hold a holy convocation and present a food offering to the Lord. It is a solemn assembly; you shall not do any ordinary work.... And you shall take on the first day the fruit of splendid trees, branches of palm trees and boughs of leafy trees and willows of the brook, and you shall rejoice before the Lord your God seven days.... You shall dwell in booths for seven days. All native Israelites shall dwell in booths, that your generations may know that I made the people of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.... You shall keep the Feast of Booths seven days, when you have gathered in the produce from your threshing floor and your winepress. You shall rejoice in your feast, you and your son and your daughter, your male servant and your female servant, the Levite, the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow who are within your towns. For seven days you shall keep the feast to the Lord your God at the place that the Lord will choose, because the Lord your God will bless you in all your produce and in all the work of your hands, so that you will be altogether joyful.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### Confession of Sin

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your way ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!**

### Hear the Good News!

**Romans 6:12-14**

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

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

### **Praise God**

**Ken/Watts/Kauflin**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, In Heaven above and earth below.

Praise God the Father and the Son, Praise God the Spirit, three-in-one.

From all that dwell beneath the skies, Let the Creator's praise arise.

Let our Redeemer's name be sung, Through every land, by every tongue.

Eternal are Your mercies Lord, Eternal truth attends Your Word.

Your praise will sound from shore to shore, Till suns shall rise and set no more.

### **Come Unto Me**

**Schmidt**

Take my yoke, my yoke is easy. Take my burdens, my burdens are light. Learn from me, I'm gentle and humble.

Come to me for rest for your soul, Come to me for rest for your soul,

*Come unto me, all who are weary and I will give you rest.*

*Give to me, the burdens you carry and I will give you rest.*

### **I Am Not Alone**

When I walk through deep waters, I know that You will be with me

When I'm standing in the fire, I will not be overcome, through the valley of the shadow, I will not fear

*I am not alone, I am not alone, You will go before me*

*You will never leave me (2x)*

You amaze me, Redeem me, You call me as Your own

You're my strength, You're my defender

You're my refuge in the storm, through these trials

You've always been faithful, You bring healing to my soul

## **Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition**

**Elder Chip Walraven**

**...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**

### ***My Dwelling Place***

**Soli Deo Gloria**

My dwelling place is God Most High. My refuge and my fortress.

When plague and pestilence draw nigh, I'm hidden in His Presence.

When terrors fall and arrows fly, His shield will be my safety. When stones across my pathway lie, on angels' wings I'm carried

My dwelling place is God Most High. A present help in danger. I rest secure in love's pure light beneath my Master's favor.

He freed me from the fowler's snare, where sin and shame had bound me.

Deceived I'd made my refuge there, till fearless He came for me.

Wonderful, powerful. My hope and my defender. Mighty God, Emmanuel. My dwelling place forever.

My dwelling place is God Most High. I'll never seek another. For I am His and He is mine, my heart He'll keep forever.

I know the Name on Whom I call, He promises to answer. With life He satisfies my soul and crowns me with His pleasure.

## **His Tithes & Our Offerings**

**Are You Thirsty?**  
**John 7:1,2; 14,15; 37-39** (page 892)

**We Respond By Receiving New Members**

**A Covenant Child Comes to the Table**

*Nicole Montgomery  
Covenant Child of Jay & Mary Montgomery*

**The Lord Adds to His Church**

To read more about our new members, see page 7.

*Stan & Cindy Brewer, Alan & Sheila Chapman,  
John, Rena, Ben, Mollie Grace, & Annie Elder, Gail Markham, & Nick Mayo*

**The Membership Vows** (PCA Book of Church Order §57-5)

*Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope except through His sovereign mercy?*

*Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?*

*Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as become followers of Christ?*

*Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your abilities?*

*Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?*

**Prayer for New Members**

**Elder Chip Walraven**

**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.)*

**Be Still My Soul**

**Sibelius**

Be still my soul: the Lord is on your side; Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.  
Leave to your God to order and provide; In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly Friend, Thro' thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake, To guide the future as He has the past.  
Your hope, your confidence, let nothing shake; All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know, His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

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

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart, And all is darkened in the vale of tears,  
Then shall you better know his love, his heart, Who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.

Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay, From his own fullness all he takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastn'ing on, When we shall be forever with the Lord,  
When disappointment, grief and fear are gone, Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past, All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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

Isaiah 57:14-15

And it shall be said, "Build up, build up, prepare the way, remove every obstruction from my people's way." For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite."

### Song of Faith

### I Will Glory In My Redeemer

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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

## 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 1:00pm (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday)

Singled Out for Christ Bible Study

#### 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! (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade)

DPC Youth! (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade)

#### Wednesday 6:15-7:30pm

Worship Choir Practice

#### Wednesday 6:15-7:15pm

Open Door Study (Heaven On Earth)

#### Wednesday 6:15-7:30pm

Life Groups

#### Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm

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

#### Wednesday 7:30pm

Praise Worship Band Practice

#### Friday 6:30am

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.

## DPC Announcements

**Dear Church Family,** Thank you so much for your overwhelming support of the Blessing Bags Ministry. We are donating a grand total of 123 blankets! May God use these blankets to make that dreaded first night in a new “home” more bearable to the foster children in Morgan County. All for His Kingdom, Your Domestic Missions Committee

**Get More Connected:** Sign up for the weekly email by emailing Tonya at [tonya@decaturpca.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**Frontline Prayer:** Join us today, Sunday, March 8th, 6:00 PM at the church for Frontline Prayer. *"Prayer is the chief exercise of faith."* - John Calvin

**Adoption Celebration!** This 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 this 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](mailto: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!

**NextGen Easter Egg Hunt on the Farm:** 2 yrs - Grade 5, Saturday, April 11, 10:00am - Noon @ the home of Mark Lowe & Amanda Littrell (200 McCleskey Private Drive, Hartselle). All kids and their parents are invited, bring your lawn chairs! Invite a friend! Questions? Contact Amanda at [amanda@littrelllumbermill.com](mailto:amanda@littrelllumbermill.com) or 256-355-1468.

**VBS:** Save the Date! Mystery Island: Tracking Down the One True God! July 13-17, M-F, 9:00am-Noon, with the closing assembly being on Sunday, July 19. Rising K4-6th grade. If you would like to help out, please contact Debbie Smith or Sarah Minnon. More information coming...

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

## Introduction of New Members

**Stan & Cindy Brewer** grew up in Columbus, Mississippi area, where Cindy's parents were neighbors of Stan's grandparents. Following college Stan and Cindy became reacquainted through Stan's employment. Married now for 40 years, this is the second time to live in Decatur and second time as members of DPC. They have two furry children, Cooper and Molly, who occupy most of their time at home. Stan works for TOYOTA BOSHOKU AKI USA, LLC in Athens.

**Alan & Sheila Chapman**, both natives of Tennessee, will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary this May. They've lived in Decatur for nearly 35 years. Sheila is a life-long Presbyterian and a recently-retired 1st grade teacher for Decatur City Schools. Alan was raised Church of Christ, but "married into" the Presbyterian church. He recently retired from his project management job at Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant. They have two adult daughters (Melissa and Stefanie) and four grandchildren (Ethan, Parker, Lillie, and Barron).

**John and Rena Elder** and their children Ben (11), Mollie Grace (9), and Annie (6) recently moved to Priceville from Southaven, Mississippi. John is originally from Jackson, MS and grew up at First Presbyterian Church. Rena is from a small town in north Louisiana and grew up Southern Baptist. Since their marriage in 2004, they have lived in Tupelo, Grenada, Hattiesburg, and Southaven, MS and attended PCA churches in each town. John is the manager of FedEx Freight in Madison while Rena homeschools their children.

**Nick Mayo** was born in Pensacola, FL, and after a brief stay in Lexington, KY, he and his family moved to Decatur, Alabama, in 2004. Nick attended Decatur Heritage Christian Academy and was a member of DPC. After graduation from the University of West Florida, Nick has worked as an Escambia County Deputy Sheriff (FL) and as a U.S. Probation Officer (Jackson, MS). Just recently Nick and his dog Kilo moved back to Decatur to be closer to friends and family. Nick currently is employed as the Chief Operating Officer at Sunbridge Home Health Care.

## Service Times

9:30am	Sunday School
10:45am	Worship

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