



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.

The Lorica of St. Patrick

Blessed in the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Luke 19:38

The Lord's Day — March 15, 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

Great God Who Saves

Story

Oh, the promises of God, the rock on which I stand, the truths to which I cling.
His love that knows no bounds; He showers us with grace, withholding no good thing.

*When I stumble and my faith is small,
I will call Your name, great God who saves.*

And I would have despaired if I had not believed that You would come to me, great God who saves.
And in my darkest hour, Your mercy and Your power are reaching out to me, great God who saves.

Oh, the mystery of God, who holds all space and time, yet knows my every need.
The vastness of Your power, the strength You give the weak; I soar on eagle's wings.

And in my pain and in my need, You heard me calling out Your name.
When I was blind and could not see, You stepped in and saved a wretch like me,
And saved a wretch like me. Great God who saves.

Welcome and Announcements

Report of the Living Church

Jeff Floyd

Responsive Call to Worship

Isaiah 57:15

Pastor: For thus says the One who is high and lifted up,

People: who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy.

Pastor: I dwell in the high and holy place.

People: and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit,

All: to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 36

Hymn of Praise

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Smith

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light, Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above, Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render, O help us to see, 'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

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Reading of the Word: *The Mercy of the King*

Mark 10:46-52

And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart. Get up; he is calling you." And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Rabbi, let me recover my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

O Father, whose great mercy & compassions overflow in Your Son our Lord: we acknowledge and confess how jaded our hearts can be, how dull our joy, how prone to evil we are in thought, word and deed; and all these, against Your Word and Spirit. Have mercy on us again; cleanse and forgive and free us to love righteousness and to hate sin ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

Assurance of Pardon in Christ

1 Peter 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Lead On, O King Eternal

Shurtleff

Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest, thy tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation, thy grace has made us strong;
And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper, the sweet amen of peace.
For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums;
With deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.
So lead on, O King, Lead on, O King, Lead on, O King, Lead on.

Lead on, O King eternal, we follow, not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning where'er thy face appears.
Thy cross is lifted o'er us, we journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

Immortal, Invisible

Story

Immortal, You are not like a man, that You change Your mind or change Your plan.

Invisible, our human eyes can't see, the depths of Your majesty.

You're the God of forever and ever amen! The Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End.

We sing, "Hallelujah!" We worship in awe, Immortal, invisible God.

Immortal, You are not bound by death. You're the living God, my very breath.

Invisible, You are not bound by space, But Your glory is filling this place.

Yes, Your glory is filling this place.

Immortal yet You once died for me, To pay my debt, to set me free.

Invisible, You will not always be, 'Cause You're coming to reign as our King,

And the saints will fall down at Your feet.

There Is A Fountain Filled with Blood

Cowper

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins;

And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.

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O dying Lamb, thy precious blood shall never lose its power,

Til all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.

Til all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.

Ever since, by faith, I saw the stream thy flowing wounds supply,

Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

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Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Chip Walraven

Singing to the Lord

Good Shepherd

Dare 2 Declare & Kids of the King

I am the Good, Good Shepherd and I lay down My life for the sheep, not like the hired hand that runs away.

I am the Good, Good Shepherd. I am the Good, Good Shepherd. I am the Good Shepherd.

I know My sheep and My sheep, they know Me.

Just as My Father knows Me and I know the Father, I lay down My life for the sheep.

My sheep listen to My voice, and I know them, I know them.

My sheep listen to My voice and they follow Me. Follow Me!

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Rage or Refuge?
Psalm 2 (page 448)

We Respond with the Creed of the Early Church

2 Timothy 2:11-13

**This saying is trustworthy, for:
 If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
 if we endure, we will also reign with him;
 if we deny him, he also will deny us;
 if we are faithless, he remains faithful -
 for he cannot deny himself.**

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.)

Lord Have Mercy

Merkel

Jesus I've forgotten the words that You have spoken
 Promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim.
 With a doubting heart I follow the paths of earthly wisdom
 Forgive me for my unbelief; renew the fire again.

*Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.
 Lord, have mercy on me.*

I have built an altar where I worship things of man.
 I have taken journeys that have drawn me far from You.
 Now I am returning to Your mercies ever flowing
 Pardon my transgressions; help me love You again.
 I have longed to know You... and Your tender mercies
 Like a river of forgiveness ever flowing without end.
 I bow my heart before You in the goodness of Your presence,
 Your grace forever shining like a beacon in the night.

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

Benediction³
May you receive mercy, that Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to all who would believe in him for eternal life. To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen

1 Timothy 1:16-17

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 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

Thank You! We want to thank you for surrounding our families with so much love and support during this very special time. Sam and Sarah Stark, and Levi and Raley Cook have been overwhelmed by all your prayers, love, and gifts. We are all so thankful to God for this wonderful church family! Rick & Betsy Stark, Gil & Jill Cook

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.

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.

Good Friday Service: April 10, 6:00 pm. *"...having been betrayed by Judas, forsaken by his disciples, scorned and rejected by the world, condemned by Pilate, and tormented by his persecutors; having also conflicted with the terrors of death, and the powers of darkness, felt and borne the weight of God's wrath, he laid down his life an offering for sin, enduring the painful, shameful, and cursed death of the cross."* (Westminster Larger Catechism, #49)

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 or 256-355-1468.

Estonia Presentation: The date previously set to hear from our very own Estonian-in-residence, Sirli Sildever, has been changed. Very soon a new date in May will be announced. We can't wait for our students to gather for snacks and to learn more about our friend and her country!

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 K4-5th 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.

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

Jeff Keith

Kent Quinn

Brian Rodgers

Jason Seale

Jay Suggs

Blake Temple

Chip Walraven

James Fudge

Wade Littrell

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Service Times

9:30am

Sunday School

10:45am

Worship

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