



For what we proclaim is not ourselves,
but Jesus Christ as Lord,
with ourselves as your servants
for Jesus' sake.
2 Corinthians 4:5

It's no good giving me a play like Hamlet or King Lear and telling me to write a play like that. Shakespeare can do it; I can't. And it's no good showing me a life like the life of Jesus and telling me to live a life like that. Jesus can do it; I can't. But if the genius of Shakespeare could come and live in me, then I could write plays like his. And if the Spirit of Jesus could come and live in me, then I could live a life like His.

William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury (1881-1944)

And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. You know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

John 14:16-17

The Lord's Day — June 21, 2020 A.D.

Welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus! Thank you for joining us today and may the Lord richly bless you.

Song of Assembly¹

Beautiful Scandalous Night

Daugherty

Go on up to the mountain of mercy, To the crimson perpetual tide;
Kneel down on the shore, be thirsty no more. Go under and be purified;

Follow Christ to the holy mountain. Sinner, sorry and wrecked by the fall,
Cleanse your heart and your soul in the fountain that flows, For you and for me and for all.

*At the wonderful, tragic, mysterious tree, On that beautiful, scandalous night you and me,
Were atoned by His blood and forever washed white, On that beautiful scandalous night.*

On the hillside you will be delivered, At the foot of the cross, justified.
And your spirit restored by the river, That pours from our blessed Savior's side.

Ah, you carried the sin of mankind on Your back, And the sky went black.

Welcome and Announcements

Report of the Living Church

Pastor Jeff Hooker, Grace Covenant Church

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 50:14-15

Pastor: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High,

People: and call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you and you shall glorify Me.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 50

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For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For each perfect gift of Thine to our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

Reading of the Word: *The Lord will pour out His Spirit...***Joel 2:21-32**

Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! Fear not, you beasts of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit; the fig tree and vine give their full yield. Be glad, O children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God, for he has given the early rain for your vindication; he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the latter rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain; the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent among you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God and there is none else. And my people shall never again be put to shame. And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit. And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, in spite of Your many promises to Your people, we confess we have not walked in them. We have sinned against You, against the gift and gifts of the Spirit and unity of the Spirit in thought, word and deed. For Jesus' sake, have mercy upon us once again. Give us new ears to hear, new hearts to believe, new hands to turn from our idols only to serve the living God ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

Assurance of Pardon in Christ**Galatians 5:1, 16**

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery... Walk by the Spirit and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Come People of the Risen King

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Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring Him praise.
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice! One heart, one voice; O, Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease;
But follow us through all our days, with the certain hope of peace.
Come, young and old from every land, men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands, find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world His people sing; Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age, "Our God is All in All."

God, Be Merciful to Me

Redhead

God, Be Merciful to me, on Thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion Thou, blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

I am evil, born in sin; Thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art, teach Thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.
Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from Thee, let Thy Spirit dwell in me.
Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.
From my sins O hide Thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

Give Me Jesus

Ortega

In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,
Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus.
You can have all this world, just give me Jesus.
When I am alone, when I am alone, Oh when I am alone
Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus.
You can have all this world, give me Jesus.
When I come to die, when I come to die, Oh when I come to die,
Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus.
You can have all this world, give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus,
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You can have all this world, just give me Jesus.

Sermon

Pastor Jeff Hooker

Decatur Presbyterian Pentecostal Church
Acts 2:1-47 (page 909)

We Respond By Confessing Our Faith: The Apostles' Creed²

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.)

² The Apostle's Creed is a concise summary of Christian belief. As early as the second century it served as a baptismal confession. It developed and reached its current form by the ninth century. It is the most popular creed used in worship by Western Christians. The word "catholic" means universal.

Speak O Lord

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Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.
Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail let their truth prevail over unbelief.
Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.

Benediction³

Numbers 6:24-27

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Song of Faith

Whom Shall I Fear (Angel Armies)

Cash, Cash & Tomlin

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

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.

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 Genesis, 1 John, Micah, and Acts . Sign up today by emailing Tonya at tonya@decaturpca.org

Worship by Live Stream - 10:45am: New time! It is the 10:45am service which will now be livestreamed, but remains available anytime for those who need to worship with us in that manner. The link is: www.decaturpca.org - click the "Watch Livestream".

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

Bridal Shower: Ladies, please join us to celebrate the upcoming marriage of Jonathan Lee to Anna Fassnacht at a bridal shower next Sunday, June 28th at 2:00 in the church Gathering Room. Anna is registered at Target and Amazon. See Margaret Fudge or Sarah Crupi with questions.

Youth Group Live Stream: Nathan is conducting a live stream for the youth, at 6:00 PM on Wednesday nights. To find the channel, simply go to YouTube and search 'Decatur PCA Youth Ministry.' It should be the top result.

VBS: Save the Date! Mystery Island: Tracking Down the One True God! July 13-17, 6:00pm-8:30pm, M-F. Rising K4-6th grade. Registration table is in the Gathering area. VBS T-shirts \$10.00. VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. Please contact Sarah Minnon or Tara Thompson.

RYM Replacement Event: In place of RYM, we hope to host safety-conscious replacement events for high school (Mon, 7/27 - Thurs, 7/30) and middle school (Mon, 8/3 - Thurs, 8/6). Mon-Wed of each week will be at the church. The McMahan family has offered to let us use their pool on both Thursdays. More information will be available soon.

Pray for a Student: Contact Tonya (tonya@decaturpca.org or 256.361.6010) in the church office to sign up for a particular middle school or high school student for whom you will commit to pray for at least 3 times a week, until May of 2021. If you are currently praying for a student, and still want that same student, please let us know that too.

DPC Bible Studies via Zoom: All adult men are invited to participate in weekly Bible studies via Zoom (for now). Contact pastor Rick Stark if interested (256.351.6010, rick@decaturpca.org).

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

SUMMER 2020

(Temporarily Suspended)

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

George Godwin
Jeff Keith
Kent Quinn
Brian Rodgers

Jason Seale
Jay Suggs
Blake Temple
Chip Walraven

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Wade Littrell
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Bill Nelson

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Service Times

9:00am Worship Service #1

10:45am Worship Service #2

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