



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

When you are not feeling particularly friendly but know you ought to be, the best thing you can do, very often, is to put on a friendly manner and behave as if you were a nicer person than you actually are. And in a few minutes, as we have all noticed, you will be really feeling friendlier than you were.

Very often the only way to get a quality in reality is to start behaving as if you had it already. That is why children's games are so important. They are always pretending to be grownups—playing soldiers, playing shop. But all the time, they are hardening their muscles and sharpening their wits so that the pretence of being grown-up helps them to grow up in earnest.

Now, the moment you realise 'Here I am, dressing up as Christ,' it is extremely likely that you will see at once some way in which at that very moment the pretence could be made less of a pretence and more of a reality. You will find several things going on in your mind which would not be going there if you were really a son of God.

Well, stop them.

Or you may realise that, instead of saying your prayers, you ought to be downstairs writing a letter, or helping your wife to wash-up.

Well, go and do it.

C.S. Lewis

# The Lord's Day — June 28, 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 Assembly<sup>1</sup>

## God of Wonders

Byrd

Lord of all creation of water, earth and sky; The heavens are Your tabernacle. Glory to the Lord on high!

*God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy.*

*The universe declares Your Majesty. You are holy, holy.*

*Lord of Heaven and earth, Lord of Heaven and earth.*

Early in the morning I will celebrate the light,  
When I stumble in the darkness, I will call your name by night.

Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and earth. Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and earth.  
Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and earth. You are holy, holy.

*God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy.*

*Precious Lord, reveal Your heart to me. Father, hold me, hold me.*

*The universe declares Your Majesty. You are holy, holy, holy, holy!*

## Welcome and Announcements

## Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 131

Pastor: O Lord, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high;

**People: I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.**

Pastor: But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother;

**People: Like a weaned child is my soul within me.**

Pastor: O Israel, hope in the Lord

**All: From this time forth and forevermore!**

## Prayer of Adoration & Praise

Revelation 5:9-14

## Hymn of Praise

## Soldiers of Christ, Arise

Wesley

Soldiers of Christ, arise, and put your armor on,  
Strong in the strength which God supplies through His eternal Son.  
Strong in the Lord of Hosts, and in His mighty pow'r,  
Who in the strength of Jesus trusts is more than conqueror.  
Stand then in His great might, with all His strength endued;  
But take, to arm you for the fight, the panoply of God.  
Leave no unguarded place, no weakness of the soul;  
Take ev'ry virtue, ev'ry grace, and fortify the whole.

---

<sup>1</sup> All songs used by permission or covered under CCLI license # 391165.

To keep your armor bright, attend with constant care;  
Still walking in your Captain's sight, and watching unto prayer.  
From strength to strength go on; wrestle and fight and pray;  
Tread all the pow'rs of darkness down, and win the well-fought day.

**Reading of the Word: *getting equipped for warfare***

**Joshua 1:6-9**

Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Responsive Confession of Sin**

**Psalms 51:1-12**

Pastor: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

**People: According to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

Pastor: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

**People: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**

Pastor: Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,

**People: So that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.**

Pastor: Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

**People: Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.**

Pastor: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

**People: Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

Pastor: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.

**People: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.**

Pastor: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

**People: Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

Pastor: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

*...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!*

**Hear the Good News!**

**2 Samuel 12:13**

David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord." And Nathan said to David, "The Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die."

## Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

### I Am the Lord Your God (Isaiah 43)

Unknown

When you pass through the waters I will be with you, and the waves will not overcome you.  
Do not fear. For I have redeemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine.

*For I am the Lord Your God, (I am Lord your God)*

*I am the Lord your God, (I... Am)*

*I Am the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.*

*I am the Lord, (Do not fear.) I am the Lord, (Do not fear.)*

*I am the Lord, (Do not fear.) I am the Lord. (Do not fear.)*

When you pass through the fire you'll not be burned. and the flames will not consume you.  
Do not fear. For I have redeemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine.

### Through the Precious Blood

Altrogge

You have ordained every breath we take, in pleasure or pain, there is no mistake  
Gladness and grief, both are in Your hands, and sufferings brief carry out Your plan  
And our fleeting sorrows, will yield an endless prize, When some bright tomorrow, we'll see You with our eyes, and  
*Grace upon grace flows down, flows down, And Grace upon grace flows down, flows down,  
Through the precious blood of Christ*

Father of lights, Giver of all grace, Your mercies crown our lives all our days  
River of Life, quench our thirsty souls, for no true delight does Your love withhold  
And in every season, we are satisfied, For just one reason, Christ was crucified, and

All good gifts, every good thing, comes to us freely, so freely,  
All good gifts, every good thing, comes to us freely, so freely,  
Through the precious blood, Through the precious blood.

### I'm Singing

Tomlin/Cash/Jobe

Only one name lasts forever, only one fame stands alone  
Only one king has an anthem, that goes on and on and on

*And I'm singing to the God who brings redemption to the nations, Kings and oceans bow to Him in praise  
And I'm singing to the God who wrote the book on our salvation, To the One who covers me in grace I'm singing*

Only one word in the beginning, only one truth will prevail  
Only one love brings you freedom, only one Man took the nails

Praise, praise to the Savior. Praise, to the Lamb Of God  
Praise, in all of His splendor. Praise, for saving my life.

*And I'm singing to the God who brings redemption to the nations, Kings and oceans bow to Him in praise  
And I'm singing to the God who wrote the book on our salvation,  
To the One who covers me in grace, to the One who covers me in grace*

*I'm singing, I'm singing, I'm singing, I'm singing*

**Sermon**

**Series: Be Strong In The Lord** (Ephesians 6:10)

**Pastor Tommy Lee**

**IX. Train To Be Who You Are**

**1 Timothy 4:6-9** (page 992)

**We Respond**

**Doxology**

**Old 100th**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. 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.)*

**Be Thou My Vision**

**Hull**

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

## **Benediction<sup>2</sup>**

**from Isaiah 33:2**

May the Lord be gracious to you, as you wait upon him. May he be your strong arm every morning, and your salvation in the time of trouble.

## **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

---

<sup>2</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

**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 Genesis, 1 John, Micah, and Acts . Sign up today by emailing Tonya at [tonya@decaturpca.org](mailto:tonya@decaturpca.org)

**Worship by Live Stream:** Both services are now Live Streamed. It is the 10:45am service that will be permanently posted to the youtube channel and remain available anytime for those who need to worship with us in that manner. The link is: [www.decaturpca.org](http://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 today, 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.

**Frontline Prayer:** Sunday July 12 @ 6:00pm. Come seek *"the welfare of the city"* (Jer.29:7) while maintaining 'safe distance' in the Gathering Room. Fellowship & refreshments outside immediately following. Masks encouraged. *"True prayer is... a spiritual transaction with the Creator of Heaven and Earth."* - Charles Spurgeon

**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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

## Diaconate

James Fudge  
Wade Littrell  
John Lyons  
Bill Nelson

Sam Thompson  
Michael Vinson  
David Whitcomb

## Church Staff

Senior Pastor  
Associate Pastor  
Church Planter, Athens, Alabama  
Youth Director  
Worship Director  
Office Coordinator  
NextGen Coordinator  
Nursery Coordinator  
Kitchen Coordinator  
Church Librarian

Tommy Lee  
Rick Stark  
Jeff Hooker  
Nathan White  
Stu Schieler  
Tonya Roth  
Debbie Smith  
Erika Ladner  
Elena Suggs  
Lucinda Beddow

tommy@decaturpca.org  
rick@decaturpca.org  
jeff@gracecovenantathens.org  
nathan@decaturpca.org  
stu@decaturpca.org  
office@decaturpca.org  
m1e2b3@gmail.com  
enodell@gmail.com  
jayandelena@gmail.com  
dpclibrary@gmail.com

## Service Times

9:00am Worship Service #1

10:45am Worship Service #2

DECATUR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, P.C.A.

2306 MODAUS ROAD, SOUTHWEST / DECATUR, ALABAMA 35603

PHONE 256.351.6010 / FAX 256.351.6099 / [www.decaturpca.org](http://www.decaturpca.org)