



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

Sometimes we need to see that Yahweh is not so much partisan as sovereign,
that it is more important to recognize God's position than to know God's plans.

Dale Ralph Davis

...the God in our minds is always smaller than the true, living God, if only because our minds
(however stretched by Scripture) are too small to fully conceive of or encompass him.
We are always being surprised and stretched by God if we are actually dealing with God
and not merely going through the mere outward forms of religious observance.

James Montgomery Boice

Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!

Psalm 46:10

The Lord's Day — July 12, 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

How Great Is Our God

Tomlin/Cash/Reeves

The splendor of the King, Clothed in majesty

Let all the earth rejoice, All the earth rejoice

He wraps Himself in light, And darkness tries to hide

And trembles at His voice,. And trembles at His voice

How great is our God, Sing with me, How great is our God, And all will see how great, How great is our God

And age to age He stands, And time is in His hands

Beginning and the End. Beginning and the End

The Godhead three in one, Father Spirit Son

The Lion and the Lamb. The Lion and the Lamb

Name above all names. Worthy of all praise. My heart will sing, how great is our God

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 53:6; Acts 3:20; Philippians 4:4

Pastor: Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!

People: When God restores the fortunes of His people.

Pastor: What God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets... He thus fulfilled [in Christ]

People: Let Jacob rejoice; let Israel be glad.

Pastor: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice!... The Lord is at hand.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 53

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The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above,
 Ancient of ever lasting days and God of love.
 Jehovah! Great I AM! By earth and heav'n confessed;
 I bow and bless the sacred name, forever blest.

The God of Abraham praise, at whose supreme command
 From earth I rise, and seek the joys at his right hand.
 I all on earth forsake, its wisdom, fame, and pow'r,
 And him my only portion make, my shield and tow'r.

The goodly land I see, with peace and plenty blest,
 A land of sacred liberty and endless rest.
 There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,
 And trees of life forever grow, with mercy crowned.

Reading of the Word: *The Presence of God and Holy Ground*

Exodus 3:1-6

Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Our Father and our God - You are holy and we are not; yet we have often presumed otherwise about ourselves and about You. We confess how blinded we are by our sins of commission and omission in thought, word and deed; of spiritual dullness and hardheartedness toward You and toward one another. Have mercy upon us. Remove, now, any and all impediments between us and You. Forgive us and restore unto us the joy of salvation, all for the sake of Jesus ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

Assurance of Pardon in Christ

Acts 3:19-20

Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that time of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send Christ appointed for you, Jesus..."

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Come Praise and Glorify

Kauflin/Chester

Come praise and glorify our God, The Father of our Lord
In Christ He has in heav'nly realms, His blessings on us poured
For pure and blameless in His sight, He destined us to be
And now we've been adopted through, His Son eternally

Come praise and glorify our God, Who gives His grace in Christ
In Him our sins are washed away, Redeemed through sacrifice
In Him God has made known to us, The myst'ry of His will
That Christ should be the head of all, His purpose to fulfill

*To the praise of Your glory, To the praise of Your mercy and grace
To the praise of Your glory, You are the God who saves*

Come praise and glorify our God, For we've believed the Word
And through our faith we have a seal, The Spirit of the Lord
The Spirit guarantees our hope, Until redemption's done
Until we join in endless praise, To God, the Three in One

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 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...

I Need Thee Every Hour

Hawks

I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord, no tender voice like Thine, can peace afford.
I need Thee every hour, stay Thou near by, temptations lose their power, when Thou art nigh.

*I need Thee, O I need Thee, O I need Thee, every hour I need you Lord,
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.*

I need Thee every hour, in joy or pain. Come quickly and abide, or life is vain.
I need Thee every hour, teach me Thy will, and Thy rich promises, in me fulfill.

I need Thee every hour, Most Holy One.
O make me Thine indeed, Thou blessed Son.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Brian Rodgers

...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.

Sermon

Nathan White

Whose Side Are You On? Joshua 5:13-15 (page 180)

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.)

I Saw the Cross

Carpenter

I saw the cross of Jesus, when burdened with my sin; I sought the cross of Jesus, to give me peace within;
He drew my soul to Him and then He cleansed it in His blood;
And in the cross of Jesus Christ I found my peace with God.

I love the cross of Jesus, it tells me what I am, A vile and guilty creature, saved only through the Lamb;
No righteousness nor merit mine, no beauty can I plead;
Yet in the cross I glory, my title there I read.

I trust the cross of Jesus, in every trying hour, My sure and certain refuge, my never failing tower;
In every fear and conflict see I more than conqueror am;
Though living safe, or dying, through Christ, the risen Lamb.

*Safe, Safe am I, in the cross of Jesus! Still resting in a peace that is unshaken
Then in glory I'll sing His wondrous power, Where sin can never enter in, and death is known no more.
And in the cross of Jesus Christ I found my peace with God.*

Benediction²

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

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty

Fitts

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty,
Who was, and is, and is to come.
Blessed be the Lord God Almighty,
Who reigns forevermore.

² 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.

VBS Volunteers! Mandatory VBS volunteer meeting to go over logistics for the week & answer questions. Please attend ONE of the following meetings. 1) In gathering area after 9:00 service TODAY, 2) In gathering area after 10:45 service TODAY, 3) In gathering area promptly at 5:00pm tomorrow, Monday, July 13.

Worship by Live Stream Information: 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 - click the "Watch Livestream".

Officer Nominations: Voting members may make officer nominations anytime in the month of July. You may do so with the forms found on the round table in the church foyer or by email. Please note that the following officers will be ending their three-year term (or have been on sabbatical), and are willing to stand for election to another term: John Lyons, Mike McMahan, Scott Missildine, Michael Vinson, Greg Smith, Sam Thompson, David Whitcomb, and David Zajic. See Tommy or Rick with any questions.

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

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.

Youth Live Stream Schedule Changes: During VBS, as well as during "In God's Image," Nathan will conduct the live stream on the Tuesdays of those weeks (7/14, 7/28, 8/4) at 3:00. Students can watch then as it is live or they can wait to watch it at the normal time on Wednesday nights. This change will only affect those specific weeks.

Frontline Prayer: Today, 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: Mystery Island: Tracking Down the One True God! This week, July 13-17, 6:00pm-8:30pm, M-F. Rising K4-6th grade. Registration table is in the Gathering area. Please contact Sarah Minnon or Tara Thompson.

In God's Image (RYM Replacement): High school (Mon, 7/27-Thurs, 7/30) & middle school (Mon, 8/3-Thurs, 8/6). Mon-Wed each week will be @ the church. The McMahans have offered their pool on both Thursdays. There is no cost. To get an accurate count for food, please have registration & medical forms to Tonya by July 22.

Baby Shower: Ladies, there will be a baby shower for Shelby Sasser on Sunday, August 2nd at 2:00 in the Gathering Room. She is registered at Target, Babylist and Amazon. See Margaret Fudge or Sarah Crupi with questions.

Praying for Decatur City Schools: First Priority partners with the churches to pray for our schools. Churches sponsor a campus and go pray for the people who will be there. This year, we are sponsoring Central Office. Sunday evening, August 2, at 6:00, Nathan will be available at Central Office (302 4th Ave NE, Decatur, AL 35601).

Pray for a Student: Contact Tonya (tonya@decaturpca.org or 256.361.6010) in the church office to sign up for a particular middle or high school student for whom you will commit to pray for at least 3 times a week, until May of 2021. **We currently have 8 students remaining.**

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

Diaconate

James Fudge
Wade Littrell
John Lyons
Bill Nelson

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Service Times

9:00am Worship Service #1

10:45am Worship Service #2

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