



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

At present, we are outside the door, on the wrong side of the door. We can't mingle with the splendors we see.
But all the leaves of the New Testament are rustling with the rumor that it will not always be so.

C. S. Lewis

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us

2 Corinthians 4:7

The Lord's Day — July 19, 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

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Newton/Tomlin

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed!

My chains are gone, I've been set free.

My God, my Savior has ransomed me,

And like a flood His mercy reigns;

unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;

He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine;

But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine;

Will be forever mine. You are forever mine.

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 54:4,7; Philippians 4:4

Pastor: Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life.

People: For He has delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

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

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 54

Hymn of Praise

God of Our Fathers

Roberts

God of our fathers, Whose almighty hand, leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past; in this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay; Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence, be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase, Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh Thy people on their toil-some way, lead us from night to never ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.

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Reading of the Word

Psalm 49

Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world, both low and high, rich and poor together! My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding. I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle to the music of the lyre. Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of those who cheat me surrounds me, those who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches? Truly no man can ransom another, or give to God the price of his life, for the ransom of their life is costly and can never suffice, that he should live on forever and never see the pit. For he sees that even the wise die; the fool and the stupid alike must perish and leave their wealth to others. Their graves are their homes forever, their dwelling places to all generations, though they called lands by their own names. Man in his pomp will not remain; he is like the beasts that perish. This is the path of those who have foolish confidence; yet after them people approve of their boasts. Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol; death shall be their shepherd, and the upright shall rule over them in the morning. Their form shall be consumed in Sheol, with no place to dwell. But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, for he will receive me. Be not afraid when a man becomes rich, when the glory of his house increases. For when he dies he will carry nothing away; his glory will not go down after him. For though, while he lives, he counts himself blessed—and though you get praise when you do well for yourself—his soul will go to the generation of his fathers, who will never again see light. Man in his pomp yet without understanding is like the beasts that perish.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Eternal and Almighty God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires; that with lowliness and meekness we may draw near to Thee; confessing our sins, confiding in Thy grace, and finding in Thee our refuge and our strength, through Jesus Christ Thy Son ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

Assurance of Pardon in Christ

Revelation 1:5b-6

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

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! T

he 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.

O Church, Arise

Getty/Townend

O Church, arise, and put your armor on; hear the call of Christ our Captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold, whose battle cry is love, reaching out to those in darkness.
Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on every side, we know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died, an inheritance of nations.

Arise, shine for your light has come.

Arise, shine for the Risen Son.

Lift your eyes, we are His radiant bride.

Arise, o church arise!

Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet, for the Conquerer has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away and Christ emerges from the grave,
This victory march continues till the day every eye and heart shall see Him.
So Spirit come, put strength in every stride, give grace for every hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day when with Christ we stand in glory.

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.
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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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Sermon

Nick Robison

The Upside-Down Kingdom
Mark 8:31-9:1 (page 844)

We Respond By Receiving A New Member

The Lord Adds to His Church

Cendi Fuller

To read more about our new member, see page 5.

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

Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner 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 yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

Prayer for New Member

Elder Brian Rodgers

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.)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Chisholm

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not, As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided, Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness, To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Benediction²

Ephesians 3:20-21

May the Lord, who is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that you ask or think, according to His power that works within you [*and beside you, above you, beneath you, all around you*], be glorified in the church, [*and in your life*], and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

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.

Introduction of New Member

Cendi A. Fuller was born in Albertville and grew up in Florence. Her parents were raised in Decatur and Hartselle. Cendi has 3 brothers, 2 children (son & daughter) and 2 granddaughters (3rd grandchild expected in October). God's saving claim on her life occurred in her teen years and since then she has experienced significant moments of spiritual renewal. Cendi earned her Associates degree in Business from Calhoun and her Bachelors degree in Business from Athens State. For the past 20 years she has worked for a government contractor at the Redstone Arsenal. Her favorite hobbies are time with family & friends, redecorating, travel and reading.

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.

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, and David Whitcomb. See Tommy or Rick with any questions.

Pray For A Student 2020/2021: *All of our students have been matched!* Thank you to those who kept their students from last year or picked up new ones! Postcards will go out each month with prompts on how to pray, but we also encourage you, to let your student & their parents know that you're praying for them so they can keep you up to date on prayer requests. Thanks for loving our students so well!

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 "In God's Image," Nathan will conduct the live stream on the Tuesdays of those weeks (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.

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).

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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James Fudge
Wade Littrell
John Lyons
Bill Nelson

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Service Times

9:00am Worship Service #1 (Mask-Only Service)

10:45am Worship Service #2

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