



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

We are not to reflect on the wickedness of men but to look to the image of God in them, an image which, covering and obliterating their faults, an image which, by its beauty and dignity, should allure us to love and embrace them.

John Calvin, Institutes of the Christian Religion

There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilizations - these are mortal, and their life is to be ours as the life of a gnat.

But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub, and exploit.

C.S. Lewis, The Weight of Glory

"For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of the cross."

Colossians 1:19

# The Lord's Day — August 2, 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 This City

Tomlin

You're the God of this city, You're the King of these people, You're the Lord of this nation, You are!  
You're the Light in this darkness, You're the Hope to the hopeless, You're the Peace to the restless, You are!

*There is no one like our God, There is no one like our God.  
For greater things have yet to come, And greater things are still to be done in this city.  
Greater things have yet to come, And greater things are still to be done in this city.*

You're the Lord of creation, the creator of all things. You're the King above all Kings, You are!  
You're the strength in our weakness, You're the love to the broken, You're the joy in the sadness, You are!

*Greater things have yet to come, and greater things are still to be done here. There is no one like You, God.*

## Welcome and Announcements

## Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 56:13

Pastor: I must perform my vows to You, O God; I will render thank offerings to You.

**People: For You have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,**

**All: that I may walk before God in the light of life.**

## Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 56

## Hymn of Praise

## God is our Strength and Refuge (Psalm 46)

Tyrpak/Wesley

God is our Strength and Refuge, a Helper ever near,  
While resting in His shelter, no evil will we fear,  
not if the mountains crumble into the angry sea,  
nor if the surging ocean exceeds its boundary.

Behold God's glorious power; He makes all warfare cease.  
Each weapon He will shatter; the world will be at peace.  
"Be still!" cries heaven's Sovereign, "Be still, for I am God!  
All kingdoms, all creation will bow beneath My rod."

The violent sea turned placid when Jesus cried, "Be still!"  
Fears gone, twelve men stood gasping when waves obeyed His will.  
And soon the same voice speaking will calm earth's rebel storm.  
This Lord of hosts is with us both now and evermore!

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**Reading of the Word: *Judge not... but love!*****Matthew 7:1-5; Colossians 3:12-14**

Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye... Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Confession of Sin****from The Book of Common Worship**

**Almighty and yet Most Merciful Father, we are cut to the quick and do now confess that we have sinned against You and against others in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved You with all our heart, soul, mind and strength; and we have not loved our neighbor the same. We ask You to forgive what we have been, to help us amend what we are, and of Your mercy, to direct what we shall be. Henceforth, may we walk in the way of Your commandments and do those things which are pleasing in Your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!**

**Assurance of Pardon in Christ****1 Peter 1:18-19**

...you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you, who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

## Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

### Lord for Your Glory

Hampton

Lord for your glory we sing Your praises. We magnify Your holy name.  
All for Your glory, Lord we bring blessing. We seek to honor You all of our days.  
*We lift our hands, we lift our praise to You. We worship all You are in spirit and truth.  
We give our hearts, we give our lives to You. We offer all we are for the glory of You.*

Almighty Father, we are Your children. You have been faithful to Your own.  
Lord, for Your glory we have been chosen. We lay down all we have here at Your throne!  
*We lift our hands, we lift our praise to You. We worship all You are in spirit and truth.  
We give our hearts, we give our lives to You. We offer all we are, we offer all we have,  
We offer all our lives for the glory of You. For the glory of You!*

### Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bliss

"Man of Sorrows!" what a name, for the Son of God, who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim. Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Savior!  
Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned He stood;  
Sealed my pardon with His blood. Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Savior!  
Guilty, vile, and helpless we; spotless Lamb of God was He;  
"Full atonement!" can it be? Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Savior!  
Lifted up was He to die; "It is finished!" was His cry;  
Now in Heav'n exalted high. Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Savior!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! What a Savior!

### Come As You Are

Crowder

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been. Come, broken hearted, let rescue begin.  
Come find your mercy. Oh sinner come kneel; Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal,  
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.  
*Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame. All who are broken lift up your face.  
Oh wanderer, come home; you're not too far. So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart: Come as you are.*

Bridge (*sing after 2nd vs & chorus*)

*Come as you are. Fall in His arms. Come as you are.*

There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed: Come sit at the table, come taste the grace.  
There's rest for the weary, rest that endures. Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure. (*So*)  
There's joy for the morning. Oh sinner be still. Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.  
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal. (*So*)

Sermon

Amos Williams, Jr.

**Who Do You Think You Are?**  
**James 4:11-12** (page 1013)

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!

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

**adapted from 1 Peter 1:22-23**

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, may you love one another earnestly from this pure heart, confirming over and over that you indeed have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable; that is, through the living and abiding word of God.

## **Song of Faith**

### **Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)**

**Newton/Tomlin**

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.

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<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).

**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](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.

**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 Tuesday this week (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 night. This change will only affect this week.

**In God's Image (RYM Replacement):** Middle school (This Mon, 8/3-Thurs, 8/6). Mon-Wed will be @ the church. The McMahans have offered their pool on Thursday. There is no cost.

**Baby Shower:** Ladies, there will be a baby shower for Shelby Sasser today, 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. This evening, August 2, at 6:00, Nathan will be available at Central Office (302 4th Ave NE, Decatur, AL 35601).

### Frontline Prayer

Join us for Frontline Prayer, August 9, 6:00, at the church. *"That believers have the ear of God and are invited to cast their cares upon the Lord because He cares for them is the most remarkable of all blessings."* - Christopher J. Gordon

**Drive-Thru Baby Shower:** In order to keep everyone safe, friends and family are having a "Drive Thru" baby shower for Kelly Thomas on Sunday, August 16 @ 2 PM. Everyone is invited to drive by 632 Jackson St SE and say hello. Kelly is having a boy and is registered at Target and babylist.com

**Table Bridal Shower:** for John Bolding and his fiancé Melissa Thurber on Sunday, August 23. There will be a table in the gathering room for you to leave your gifts as they prepare for marriage. They are registered at Target and Walmart.

**Secret Sister:** September-May. All ladies are invited to participate. It's a great way to encourage one another in the Lord. More info & sign up sheets are on the desk in the gathering room. Forms due by Sept. 6. New this year is porch drop offs & mailing if interested. Return forms to Elizabeth Lee ([elizabethleemomof5@att.net](mailto:elizabethleemomof5@att.net)) or leave on the desk.

**Youth girls 6th - 12th grade:** are invited to participate in Youth Secret Sister. This is a great way to encourage one another. More information about what is required and sign up sheets can be found on the desk in the gathering room. Forms are due by September 6. Turn in forms to Elizabeth Lee

**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  
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## Service Times

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

10:45am Worship Service #2

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