



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

Ironic that those most holy are least likely to see themselves that way.

Mark Buchanan

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The Apostle John

The Lord's Day — September 6, 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

Holy Is the Lord, God Almighty

Tomlin

We stand and lift up our hands, for the joy of the Lord is our strength.
We bow down and worship Him now, how great, how awesome is He.
And together we sing, everyone sing.

Holy is the Lord God Almighty, the earth is filled with His glory!
Holy is the Lord God Almighty, the earth is filled with His glory!
The earth is filled with His glory!

It is rising up all around, it's the anthem of the Lord's renown.
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Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty, Holy, Holy

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 34:3,4,8,18

Pastor: Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!

People: I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears!

Pastor: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

People: The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 61

Hymn of Praise

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Wesley

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down:
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find the promised rest:
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver, let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee, without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

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Reading of the Word: *the righteousness of God*

Romans 3:11,12, 21,22

None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.... But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a burden of guilt and shame. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

Hear the Good News!

Romans 8:31-34

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

The Roar

Tomlin

I waited for the Lord, He turned and heard my cry
His mercy opened up my eyes, when I couldn't see and my strength was failing me
*I heard the roar of the Lion of Judah, I heard the voice that calms the raging sea, He came to me, came to me
When I needed the Lord, I heard the roar of the Lion of Judah.*

I waited for the Lord, He appeared in blinding light
He led me through the darkest night, when I couldn't see and my strength was failing me
I lifted my hands, He lifted me out, All praise to the Savior, all worship to God
With all that I am, with all of my heart, All praise to the Savior, all worship to God
You came to me, came to me, when I needed You, Lord
I heard the roar of the Lion of Judah, I heard the roar of the Lion of Judah

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Francis

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Your love;
Leading onward, leading homeward, to Your glorious rest above.
Oh the deep, deep love, all I need and trust, Is the deep, deep love of Jesus.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Far surpassing all the rest:
It's an ocean full of blessing, in the midst of every test.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Mighty Savior, precious Friend;
You will bring us home to glory, where Your love will never end.

Rock of Ages

Toplady

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, from Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.
Not the labors of my hands can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.
Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.
While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death;
When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

Sermon

Series: Be Strong In The Lord (Ephesians 6:10)
XV. If You're In The Fight, You'll Need This Breastplate
Ephesians 6:10-20 (page 979)

Pastor Tommy Lee

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.)

Lord Have Mercy

Merkel

Jesus I've forgotten the words that You have spoken
Promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim.
With a doubting heart I follow the paths of earthly wisdom
Forgive me for my unbelief; renew the fire again.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy on me.

I have built an altar where I worship things of man.
I have taken journeys that have drawn me far from You.
Now I am returning to Your mercies ever flowing
Pardon my transgressions; help me love You again.

I have longed to know You... and Your tender mercies
Like a river of forgiveness ever flowing without end.
I bow my heart before You in the goodness of Your presence,
Your grace forever shining like a beacon in the night.

Benediction²**Romans 11:33**

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

Song of Faith**God and God Alone****McHugh**

God and God alone, is fit to take the universe's throne.
Let everything that lives reserve its truest praise, for God and God alone.

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.

Sunday Nursery & Childcare: As of August 9th, we have re-launched our ministry of nursery & childcare for both Sunday morning worship services. Our ministry team will ensure all the wisest protocols for health and safety are practiced. If you have any questions, please contact Erika Ladner (256.394.8508, enodell@gmail.com)

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".

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 today, Sept. 6. New this year is porch drop offs & mailing if interested. Return forms to Elizabeth Lee (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 today, September 6. Turn in forms to Elizabeth Lee

Wednesday Night Youth Ministry: The youth ministry will begin meeting this Wednesday night, September 9th, at 6:30! We'll begin the semester with high school in the gathering area and middle school in the main youth room. We're looking forward to in-person meetings again and hope to see you there! Contact Nathan with any questions..

Our Daughter Church: Our daughter church, Grace Covenant Presbyterian, in Athens, planted by DPC in 2013, has grown up! There will be a particularization / commissioning service for her, as she becomes fully independent of us, next Sunday evening, September 13, at 5:30pm. More details will come soon, but please plan to join us for this important event in our church's family life.

"Welcome to DPC" Event! Interested in what it means to be a member of DPC? Come participate Saturday, September 19th, for an abbreviated "Welcome to DPC" class. Adhering to all our safe Covid-19 protocols, we'll meet in the Cafe area from 9a.m.-12:00p.m., concluding with light refreshments. For RSVP or questions, contact Rick Stark (256.351.6010, 334.728.1409 or rick@decaturpca.org).

Fall Life Groups: This past year there were 5 LG's (including the Open Door Study) meeting on Wednesday nights. In view of COVID-19 conditions, we're looking for creative ways for these groups to meet safely in homes beginning early September. Please contact Rick Stark (334.728.1409, rick@decaturpca.org) if you are interested in participating.

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
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Service Times

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

10:45am Worship Service #2

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