



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

...as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way....
with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left...

Paul, 2 Corinthians 6:4,7

The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness
and put on the armor of light.

Paul, Romans 13:12

Christianity is a fighting religion. It thinks God made the world—that space and time, heat and cold, and all the colours and tastes, and all the animals and vegetables, are things that God ‘made up out of His head’ as a man makes up a story. But it also thinks that a great many things have gone wrong with the world that God made and that God insists, and insists very loudly, on our putting them right again.

C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

The Lord's Day — September 13, 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

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Williams

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou are mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore;
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing waters flow;
Let the fiery cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield;
Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises I will ever give to Thee;
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Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 107:1,2

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

People: For his steadfast love endures forever!

Pastor: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,

People: Whom he has redeemed from trouble!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 62

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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.
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: *Jesus puts on his armor***Isaiah 59:14-20**

Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands far away; for truth has stumbled in the public squares, and uprightness cannot enter. Truth is lacking, and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. The Lord saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice. He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no one to intercede; then his own arm brought him salvation, and his righteousness upheld him. He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on his head; he put on garments of vengeance for clothing, and wrapped himself in zeal as a cloak. According to their deeds, so will he repay, wrath to his adversaries, repayment to his enemies; to the coastlands he will render repayment. So they shall fear the name of the Lord from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun; for he will come like a rushing stream, which the wind of the Lord drives. "And a Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who turn from transgression," declares the Lord.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Oh Lord, we are weak and frail, yet we think highly of ourselves. We do not fear you as we ought, but we ignore you, the ruler of our lives. We have not humbled ourselves before you, but have disobeyed your commands and thought little of it. Forgive us in the name of Jesus, and make us joyfully humble before you, our generous King
...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!

Hear the Good News!**1 Peter 3:18**

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

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
We will stand...*

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...

Whom Shall I Fear (Angel Armies)

Cash, Cash & Tomlin

You hear me when I call, You are my morning song
Though darkness fills the night, it cannot hide the Light, Whom shall I fear
You crush the enemy underneath my feet
You are my Sword and Shield though troubles linger still, Whom shall I fear
Chorus

*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*

Bridge

*And nothing formed against me shall stand, You hold the whole world in Your hand,
I'm holding on to Your promises
You are faithful, You are Faithful, You are Faithful
The God of angel armies is always by my side*

Speak O Lord

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Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.
Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder George Godwin

...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

Series: Be Strong In The Lord (Ephesians 6:10)
XVI. If You're In The Fight, You'll Need These Shoes
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.)

By His Wounds

Powell

He was pierced for our transgressions
He was crushed for our sins
The punishment that brought us peace was upon Him
And by His wounds, by His wounds we are healed

We are healed by Your sacrifice
In the life that You gave
We are healed for You paid the price
By Your grace we are saved
We are saved

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Benediction²

Romans 15:5,6

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

Church Family Reminders

Get More Connected: Sign up for the weekly email by emailing Tonya at tonya@decaturpca.org.

Sunday Nursery & Childcare: 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)

Java Jaay Men's Study: Calling out to our men... it's time to ramp it up again! Beginning this Tuesday, Sept. 15th, 6:30a.m. - 7:30a.m. @ Java Jaay Cafe (1713 6th Ave SE), we will launch a study in 2 Timothy. (Mask required as you enter but not required in our meeting room.) For questions, contact Rick Stark (334.728.1409, rick@decaturpca.org).

Wednesday Night Youth Ministry: Unfortunately, we had to postpone our youth ministry last week, but we plan to launch the semester this Wednesday night, 9/16, at 6:30. We hope to see everyone there!

"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).

Re-launching Women's Bible Study! The Tuesday Women's Bible Study will begin again on September 22, 10:00-11:00a.m. This study on the Book of Philippians will be led by Teresa Quinn & Annah Joseph via Zoom. Please contact Teresa (256.565.0897, teresaquinn703@gmail.com) or Annah (256.822.8394, Annahmjoseph@gmail.com) for any questions.

Table Bridal Shower: There will be a table bridal shower for Lauren Thompson and fiancé Wes Woolf on Sunday, September 27. The table will be in the gathering room. Please help us bless them as they enter this new life together.

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, October 4, at 5:30pm. More details will come soon, but please plan to join us for this important event in our church's family life.

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

FALL 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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Service Times

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

10:45am Worship Service #2

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