



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

The next day they took him and had him into the armory, where they showed him all manner of furniture, which their Lord had provided for pilgrims, as sword, shield, helmet, breastplate, ALL-PRAYER, and shoes that would not wear out. And there was here enough of this to harness out as many men for the service of their Lord as there be stars in the heaven for multitude.

They also showed him some of the engines with which some of his servants had done wonderful things. They showed him Moses' rod; the hammer and nail with which Jael slew Sisera; the pitchers, trumpets, and lamps too, with which Gideon put to flight the armies of Midian.

Then they showed him the ox's goad wherewith Shamgar slew six hundred men.

They showed him also the jaw-bone with which Samson did such mighty feats.

They showed him, moreover, the sling and stone with which David slew Goliath of Gath; and the sword, also, with which their Lord will kill the Man of Sin, in the day that he shall rise up to the prey.

They showed him, besides, many excellent things, with which Christian was much delighted.

This done, they went to their rest again.

Pilgrim's Progress, by John Bunyan

# The Lord's Day — September 20, 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>

## Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Newton

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name.  
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame.  
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,  
He has washed us with His blood, He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord Who bought us, pitied us when enemies,  
Called us by His grace and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes.  
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,  
He has washed us with His blood, He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing though fierce temptation threaten hard to bear us down.  
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqueror's crown.  
He, Who washed us with His blood, He, Who washed us with His blood,  
He, Who washed us with His blood, soon will bring us home to God.

Let us praise and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high.  
Here they trusted Him before us, now their praises fill the sky.  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood, Thou hast washed us with Thy blood,  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood, Thou art worthy Lamb of God.

## Welcome and Announcements

### Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 104:1,2,24,25,31

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

**People: O Lord my God, you are very great!**

Pastor: You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent.

**People: O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures!**

Pastor: Here is the sea, great and wide, which teems with creatures innumerable, living things both small and great.

**People: May the glory of the Lord endure forever;**

**All: May the Lord rejoice in his works!**

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Hymn of Praise

O Worship the King

Grant

O worship the King all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love;  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In You do we trust, nor find You to fail;  
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

Reading of the Word: ***SHIELDED BY FAITH!***

**1 Peter 1:3-7**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Confession of Sin

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all the earth: We acknowledge and are heartbroken over our many sins which we have most grievously committed against You in thought, word and deed, provoking Your just wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are sorry for our sins; the remembrance of them is grievous to us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us most merciful Father. For Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, through the power of Your Holy Spirit and to the honor and glory of Your name ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!**

Hear the Good News!

**1 Peter 2:9,10**

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

## Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

### Lead On, O King Eternal

Shurtleff

Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come; Henceforth in fields of conquest, thy tents shall be our home.  
Through days of preparation, thy grace has made us strong; And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease, And holiness shall whisper, the sweet amen of peace.

For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums;

With deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

*So lead on, O King, Lead on, O King, Lead on, O King, Lead on.*

Lead on, O King eternal, we follow, not with fears, For gladness breaks like morning where'er thy face appears.

Thy cross is lifted o'er us, we journey in its light; The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

### O Church, Arise

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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.

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.

### 10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

Redman

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes

And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending, ten thousand years and then forevermore

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, Worship His holy name, sing like never before*

*O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name*

*Worship Your holy name, Lord, I'll worship Your holy name*

*Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name*

*Worship Your holy name, Lord, I'll worship Your holy name*

Sermon

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

Pastor Tommy Lee

**We Respond by Confessing our Faith**

**My only comfort in life and in death is that I am not my own,  
but belong,  
body and soul,  
in life and in death,  
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,  
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.  
He also watches over me in such a way  
that not a hair can fall from my head  
without the will of my Father in heaven:  
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.**

**Because I belong to him,  
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,  
assures me of eternal life  
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready  
from now on to live for him.**

**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.)*

### **It Is Well with My Soul**

**Spafford**

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

*It is well, (it is well), with my soul, (with my soul)*  
*It is well, it is well with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
And has shed His own blood for my soul.  
  
My sin, O the bliss of this glorious thought!  
My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
  
O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,  
Even so-it is well with my soul.

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

**Romans 15:13**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

### **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.

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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.

## Church Family Reminders

**Dear Decatur Presbyterian Church,** There are no words to express what a blessing you have been! Thank you, for kindly opening your doors to us to have Venet's funeral. We pray God multiplies blessings upon you for your kindness and concern. In Christ, Vanessa Edmonds, the Burks family, the Roberts family, and the Strain family. (see the very kind thank you note on the bulletin board down the hallway from the office)

**Get More Connected:** Sign up for the weekly email by emailing Tonya at [tonya@decaturpca.org](mailto:tonya@decaturpca.org).

**Applause & Thank You, Debbie Smith!!** It is with sadness we announce Debbie's resignation as NextGen Coordinator. Since Jan. 2019, she has loved our children, led the NextGen ministry team, recruited & resourced our parents & teachers, & helped us all follow the command of Jesus - *"Let the little children come to Me..."*

**NextGen Coordinator Vacancy:** To assist families of the church in the spiritual nurture & discipleship of the children to the glory of God & growth of His kingdom... this is the vision & goal of the NextGen Ministry. We are looking for a new NextGen Coordinator, a paid, part-time job at DPC. Anyone interested should contact Rick Stark.

**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](mailto:enodell@gmail.com))

**Java Jaay Men's Study:** Calling out to our men... it's time to ramp it up again! Join us on Tuesday mornings, 6:30a.m. - 7:30a.m. @ Java Jaay Cafe (1713 6th Ave SE), we are studying 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](mailto:rick@decaturpca.org)).

**Re-launching Women's Bible Study!** The Tuesday Women's Bible Study begins again this Tuesday, Sept. 22, 10:00-11:00a.m. This study on Philippians will be led by Teresa Quinn & Annah Joseph via Zoom. Please contact Teresa (256.565.0897, [teresaquinn703@gmail.com](mailto:teresaquinn703@gmail.com)) or Annah (256.822.8394, [Annahmjoseph@gmail.com](mailto:Annahmjoseph@gmail.com)).

**Wednesday Night Youth Ministry:** We have resumed Wednesday night youth ministry! Every Wednesday night at 6:30, the high school students will meet in the gathering area and the middle school students will meet in the youth room. See Nathan with questions.

**Table Bridal Shower:** There will be a table bridal shower for Lauren Thompson and fiancé Wes Woolf next 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, Sunday evening, October 4, at 5:30pm. please plan to join us for this important event in our church's family life.

**F.O.S. Re-launches!** The "Friends Without Spouses" women's study/fellowship group will begin again on October 14th at 1pm, and every 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month. For more information contact Alice Green (256-975-9709) or Mary "MJ" Brinkman (256-686-2000).

**Youth-Wide Birthday Party:** We realize that we've missed a lot over the last 6 months. Among these are the various ways we recognize & celebrate birthdays. Saturday, October 17th @ noon, there will be an outdoor birthday party at the church for all students in our youth ministry. More details will be coming soon. See Nathan with questions.

# 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

## Diaconate

James Fudge  
Wade Littrell  
John Lyons  
Bill Nelson

Sam Thompson  
Michael Vinson  
David Whitcomb

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## Service Times

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

10:45am Worship Service #2

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