



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

In heaven we shall appear, not in armor, but in robes of glory. But here our arms are to be worn night and day.
We must walk, work, sleep in them, or else we are not true soldiers of Christ.

William Gurnall

The leading elements of spiritual warfare are best captured by Ephesians 6:10-20: reliance on the power and protection of God, embracing the Word of God, specific obedience, fervent and focused prayer, and the aid of fellow believers. Spiritual warfare with the power of evil is a matter of consistently and repeatedly turning from darkness to light in the midst of assailing darkness. Christians fight spiritual warfare by repentance, faith, and obedience.

David Powlison

The Lord's Day — September 27, 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

Who Can Satisfy My Soul?

Jernigan

Who can satisfy my soul like You? Who on earth could comfort me and love me like You do.

Who could ever be more faithful, true? I will trust in You. I will trust in You, my God.

Living Water, rain down Your life on me, Cleansing me, refreshing me with life abundantly.

River full of life, I'll go where You lead. And I will trust in You, Lord, I will trust in You, my God.

*There is a fountain who is the King, Victorious Warrior and Lord of everything.
My Rock, my Shelter, my very own, Blessed Redeemer, Who reigns upon the throne!*

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalms 9:1,2

Pastor: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

People: I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 64

Hymn of Praise

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Luther

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;

Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;

His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing.

Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.

Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,

Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same, And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,

We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.

The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;

His rage we can endure; for lo! his doom is sure; One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;

The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.

Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;

The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; His kingdom is forever.

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Reading of the Word: *we hold the strong ground*

Ephesians 2:5-8

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Father, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, because we know we disobey. We have lived for ourselves and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

Hear the Good News!

Romans 3:23-26

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

You Are Worthy of My Praise

Ruis

I will worship (repeat), with all of my heart (repeat);

I will praise you (repeat), with all of my strength. (repeat)

I will seek you (repeat), all of my days; (repeat)

And I will follow (repeat), follow all of Your ways (repeat).

*I will give You all my worship, I will give You all my praise.
You alone I long to worship, You alone are worthy of my praise.*

I will bow down (repeat), and hail You as King (repeat);

I will serve you (repeat), give You everything (repeat).

I will lift up (repeat), my eyes to Your throne (repeat);

And I will trust You (repeat), I will trust You alone (repeat).

Our God

Tomlin

Water You turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind, There's no one like You, none like You
Into the darkness You shine, out of the ashes we rise, There's no one like You, none like You

*Our God is greater, our God is stronger, God You are higher than any other
Our God is Healer, awesome in power, our God, our God...*

Into the darkness you shine, out of the ashes we rise, There's no one like You, none like You.

And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us, And if our God is with us, then what could stand against?
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Agnus Dei

Smith

Alleluia, Alleluia. For our Lord God Almighty reigns.
Alleluia, Alleluia. For our Lord God Almighty reigns.

Alleluia, Holy, Holy, are You Lord God Almighty.
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb,
You are Holy, Holy, are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder George Godwin

Sermon

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

Pastor Tommy Lee

(9:00 service)

We Respond

The Son of God Goes Forth to War

Heber

The Son of God goes forth to war, a kingly crown to gain;
his bloodred banner streams afar: who follows in his train?
Who best can drink his cup of woe, triumphant over pain,
Who patient bears his cross below, he follows in his train.

A martyr first, whose eagle eye could pierce beyond the grave,
Who saw his Master in the sky, and called on him to save:
Like him, with pardon on his tongue in midst of mortal pain,
He prayed for them that did the wrong: who follows in his train?

A glorious band, the chosen few on whom the Spirit came,
Twelve valiant saints, their hope they knew, and mocked the cross and flame:
They met the tyrant's brandished steel, the lion's gory mane:
They bowed their necks the death to feel: who follows in their train?

A noble army, men and boys, the matron and the maid,
Around the Savior's throne rejoice, in robes of light arrayed:
They climbed the steep ascent of heav'n through peril, toil, and pain:
O God, to us may grace be giv'n to follow in their train.

(10:45 service)

We Respond By Receiving New Members

The Lord Adds to His Church

Steve & Susan Hall, Jake, Kenzie, Remy & Hadley Larson,

To read more about our new member, see page 7.

Chris, Laine & Sadie Oliver

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

Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners 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 yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Wesley James Oliver

Covenant Child of Chris & Laine Oliver

Solemn Vows - Parents

Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God's covenant promises on his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?

Do you now present this child to be baptized into the Christian Faith, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with him and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy faith, and that you will strive, by all means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Solemn Vows - Congregation

Do you, members of this congregation and also members of the Body of Christ outside of this local church, undertake this responsibility - assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

Solemn Words to the Children

Little child, Jesus Christ has come, he has fought, he has suffered. He has entered into the shadows of Gethsemane and the terrors of Calvary; he has uttered the cry "It is finished!" He has risen from the dead and ascended into heaven, and there he intercedes for his church. Today we have pledged to teach you all of these things, and our prayer for you is that you will always mature and grow in the grace and in the knowledge of our great Lord and Savior - Jesus Christ.

Prayer for New Members

Elder Chip Walraven

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.)

My Worth Is Not In What I Own

Getty

My worth is not in what I own; Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love, At the cross

My worth is not in skill or name, In win or lose, in pride or shame,
But in the blood of Christ that flowed, At the cross

*I rejoice in my Redeemer, Greatest Treasure, Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him, no other. My soul is satisfied in Him alone.*

As summer flowers we fade and die, Fame, youth and beauty hurry by,
But life eternal calls to us, At the cross

I will not boast in wealth or might, Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ, At the cross

Two wonders here that I confess, My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed - my ransom paid, At the cross.

Benediction²

1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

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.

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)

Java Jaay Men's Study: 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).

Women's Bible Study! The Tuesday Women's Bible Study has begun. Join us on Tuesday mornings, 10:00-11:00a.m. This study on Philippians is 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).

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 is a table bridal shower for Lauren Thompson and fiancé Wes Woolf today, Sunday, September 27. The table is in the gathering room. Please help us bless them as they enter this new life together.

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. Please plan to join us for this important event in our church's family life.

Men's Tuesday Noon Bible Study: Tuesday October 6th, Kent Quinn's men's study relaunches. Meeting @ noon on Tuesdays at Kent Quinn's office (1323 Stratford Road SE). During the first few weeks the finishing touches will be made on Revelation, after which the book of 1st Samuel will begin. For questions contact Kent at 256-353-8902

F.W.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.

Host or Lead a Life Group: Life groups, *"adult small groups doing life together around the Word, prayer, fellowship and mission,"* are relaunching. Current groups are full; others are interested and want in. We need host homes & leaders ready to lead. Please contact Rick Stark (334.728.1409, rick@decaturpca.org).

Introduction of New Members

Steve and Susan Hall moved to Decatur in June for Steve to take on his new position as the Head of School at Decatur Heritage Christian Academy. The past six years they have been in Elgin, IL (suburbs of Chicago) serving in the Westminster Christian School and Westminster Presbyterian Church community. Steve and Susan spent the first 25 years of marriage in St. Louis, MO, where they served at Westminster Christian Academy and raised their three sons. On September 1 they became first-time grandparents to a beautiful granddaughter.

Jake and Mackenzie Larson were born in two different worlds; one from the frozen tundra of Minnesota, and the other from the sun kissed hills of Northern California. A love for the Lord and each other brought them from these two different worlds to the snow capped mountains of Utah. The common theme throughout their lives was that they never stayed in one place for very long. Coming to Decatur in 2019 was the end of this theme and they are excited to continue to grow their family, and put down some very deep roots. Currently, Jake has a career in the defense industry and also serves as a Chaplain in the US Army Reserves. Kenzie has the more important career of raising their active children Remington and Hadley, in addition to homeschooling.

Chris and Laine Oliver moved to Decatur in March 2020 from Fort Walton Beach, FL. Chris attended DPC and Decatur Heritage from 8th grade until graduation, and Laine is from Arlington, Texas. They graduated from Auburn in 2015 and have an 18-month-old daughter, Sadie, and a 2-month-old son, Wes. Chris is an engineer for a defense contractor and enjoys wood working and fishing, and Laine stays home with the kids and enjoys reading, cooking, and playing the piano.

Session

George Godwin
Jeff Keith
Kent Quinn
Brian Rodgers

Jason Seale
Jay Suggs
Blake Temple
Chip Walraven

Diaconate

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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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