



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

Therefore, whenever we may wander in uncertainty through intricate windings, we must contemplate, with eyes of faith, the secret providence of God which governs us and our affairs, and leads us to unexpected results.

John Calvin

Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward.

Hebrews 10:35

# The Lord's Day — October 4, 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>

### Lift Up Thy Bleeding Hand

Alexander

When wounded sore, the stricken heart lies bleeding and unbound,

One only hand, a pierced hand, can salve the sinner's wound.

When sorrow swells the laden breast, and tears of anguish flow,

One only heart, a broken heart, can feel the sinner's woe.

*Lift up Thy bleeding hand, O Lord, Unseal that cleansing tide;*

*We have no shelter from our sin, But in thy wounded side.*

When penitential grief has wept o'er some foul dark spot,

One only stream, a stream of blood, can wash away the blot.

'Tis Jesus' blood that washes white, his hand that brings relief,

His heart that's touched with all our joys, and feels for all our grief.

*We have no shelter from our sin, But in thy wounded side.*

## Welcome and Announcements

## Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 65:1,8

Pastor: By awesome deeds You answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation.

**People: So that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe at Your signs.**

**All: You make the going out of the morning and the evening to shout for joy.**

## Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 65

## Hymn of Praise

### All Creatures of Our God and King

Francis of Assisi

All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam,

O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart, Forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye, alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, Praise God and on Him cast your care,

O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, And worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him, alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, Three in One,

O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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**Reading of the Word: *confidence... not of those who shrink back*****Hebrews 10:32-39**

But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one. Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. For, "Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay; but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him." But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Confession of Sin**

**Our Father in heaven, with souls bare and raw, we confess our sins of feeble knees and hesitant feet, all which reflect our divided heart toward You and toward our neighbor. Worse, we admit our rebellious spirit toward truth and righteousness. Have mercy toward us for the sake of Jesus. May we find again our conscience cleansed, heart restored, and hands and feet ready and willing to follow You in all where You will lead us, all those things which are pleasing in Your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!**

**Assurance of Pardon in Christ****Hebrews 10:21-23**

...since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

## Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

### Blessed Be Your Name

Redman

Blessed Be Your Name in the land that is plentiful; Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.  
Blessed Be Your name when I'm found in the desert place, Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.

*Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise; When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say.*

*Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name; Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.*

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me; When the world's 'all as it should be', blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering; Though there's pain in the offering; blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name; Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name

You give and take away, You give and take away; My heart will choose to say, "Lord, blessed be Your name."

### The Lord Is My Salvation

Getty

The grace of God has reached for me, And pulled me from the raging sea

And I am safe on this solid ground, The Lord is my salvation

I will not fear when darkness falls, His strength will help me scale these walls

I'll see the dawn of the rising sun, The Lord is my salvation

*Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love*

*My debt is paid and the vict'ry won, The Lord is my salvation*

My hope is hidden in the Lord, He flow'rs each promise of His Word

When winter fades I know spring will come, The Lord is my salvation

In times of waiting, times of need, When I know loss, when I am weak

I know His grace will renew these days, The Lord is my salvation

And when I reach my final day, He will not leave me in the grave

But I will rise, He will call me home, The Lord is my salvation

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son

Glory be to God the Spirit, The Lord is our salvation

### Glory In The Highest

Tomlin

You are the first, You go before, You are the last, You reign forevermore

Your name's in lights for all to see, the starry host declare Your glory

*Glory in the highest, glory in the highest, glory in the highest*

And no one else could ever compare to You, Lord

All the earth together declares....

*Glory in the highest, glory in the highest*

*Glory in the highest to You, Lord, to You, Lord*

All the earth will sing Your praise, the moon and stars, the sun and rain

Every nation will proclaim You are God and You will reign

Glory, glory Hallelujah, glory, glory to You, Lord

Glory, glory Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Sermon

Pastor Rick Stark

**Living in the Grip of Relentless Grace**  
**Genesis 29:1-30** (page 23)

We Respond

**Gloria Patri**

**Meineke**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, 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.)*

**When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

**Watts**

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.  
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God:  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.  
See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down:  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?  
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

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

**Hebrews 13:21-22**

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Song of Faith**

**The Gospel Is True**

**Hampton**

Thank you, Jesus, Oh how we worship You.  
Thank You, Jesus. Hallelujah, the gospel is true.  
Hallelujah, the gospel is true.

**This Week**

<b>Tuesday 6:30am</b> Men’s Bible Study @ Java Jaay ( <i>2 Timothy</i> )	<b>Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm</b> DPC Youth! (6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade) DPC Youth! (9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade)
<b>Tuesday 9:30-11:00am</b> Ladies Bible Study via Zoom ( <i>Philippians</i> )	<b>Wednesday 7:30pm</b> Praise Worship Band Practice
<b>Tuesday @ Noon</b> Men’s Bible Study @ Kent’s Office ( <i>Revelation</i> )	<b>Friday 6:30am</b> Men’s Bible Study @ Temple, Inc. ( <i>Paul’s Letters to the Thessalonians</i> )

<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.

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## Church Family Reminders

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

**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, on Sunday evening, October 4, at 5:30pm at the Athens Days Inn Banquet Facility (1322 Hwy 72 E, Athens, AL 35611). Please plan to join us for this important event in our church's family life.

**NextGen Coordinator Vacancy:** We are finalizing our list of potential Coordinators, so anyone interested in this paid, part-time position at DPC should contact pastor Rick Stark (334.728.1409, [rick@decaturpca.org](mailto:rick@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](mailto:enodell@gmail.com))

**Men's Tuesday Noon Bible Study:** This 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

**Singled Out for Christ,** formerly known as Friends Without Spouses, will resume meeting on Wednesday afternoon, October 14, at 2 pm at the home of Kim Ingram. We welcome new members. If you have questions, please contact Alice Green (256) 975-9709 or Mary (MJ) Brinkman (256) 686-2000.

**Another "Welcome to DPC" Event:** Did you miss the September event but still interested in what it might be like as a member of DPC? Or just curious about the Reformed and Presbyterian understanding of Scripture and gospel life? Here's a new invitation to join us on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> in the Cafe area, 9a.m.-12:00p.m. For RSVP/questions, contact Rick Stark (256.351.6010, 334.728.1409 or [rick@decaturpca.org](mailto:rick@decaturpca.org)).

**Youth-Wide Birthday Party:** Saturday, October 17th @ noon at the church. The party is movie-themed, we're asking that you come dressed as one of your favorite movie characters, and we'll have a prize for the best dressed student. Lunch, snacks, and cake will be provided. Contact Nathan with any 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 and leaders ready to lead. Please contact Rick Stark (334.728.1409, [rick@decaturpca.org](mailto:rick@decaturpca.org)) if you are interested.

# 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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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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