



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

On the contrary, nothing so motivates us to deal with sin in our lives as does the understanding and application of the two truths that our sins are forgiven and the dominion of sin is broken because of our union with Christ.

Jerry Bridges

Spiritual life flows out of union with Christ, not merely imitation of Christ.

Richard F. Lovelace

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

2 Corinthians 5:17

The Lord's Day — October 11, 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

He Will Rejoice Over You

Brown/Hampton

The Lord, our God is with you; He is mighty to save.
The Lord will take great delight in you; He will quiet you with His love.

*He will rejoice over you, He will rejoice over you.
If you could only hear His voice, you would hear the Lord rejoice,
Rejoicing over you with singing.*

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Rejoicing over you, Rejoicing over you, Rejoicing over you with singing.*

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 66:1-3

Pastor: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

People: Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.

Pastor: Say to God, How awesome are Your deeds!

People: So great is Your power that Your enemies come cringing to You.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 66

Hymn of Praise

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Wesley

O for a thousand tongues to sing, my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.
Jesus! The Name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
He breaks the power of reigning sin, he sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.
My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread thro' all the earth abroad, the honors of Thy name.

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Reading of the Word: *The Servant sings again...*

Isaiah 50:4-9

Thus says the Lord: "Where is your mother's certificate of divorce, with which I sent her away? Or which of my creditors is it to whom I have sold you? Behold, for your iniquities you were sold, and for your transgressions your mother was sent away. Why, when I came, was there no man; why, when I called, was there no one to answer? Is my hand shortened, that it cannot redeem? Or have I no power to deliver? Behold, by my rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a desert; their fish stink for lack of water and die of thirst. I clothe the heavens with blackness and make sackcloth their covering." The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus, Your Song has shut our mouths except to confess our sin: We have doubted and disbelieved Your holiness, love and power in what we have done and what we failed to do. We would repent now: Turning to and not away from Your betrothal; turning to and not away from Your voice; turning to and not away from Your suffering. Have mercy on us. May we arise in the forgiveness and freedom of Christ, now and forevermore ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

Assurance of Pardon in Christ

1 Peter 1:18-19

...you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Great God Who Saves

Story

Oh, the promises of God, the rock on which I stand, the truths to which I cling,
His love that knows no bounds; He showers us with grace, withholding no good thing.

*When I stumble and my faith is small,
I will call Your name, great God who saves.*

*And I would have despaired if I had not believed that You would come to me, great God who saves.
And in my darkest hour, Your mercy and Your power are reaching out to me, great God who saves.*

Oh, the mystery of God, who holds all space and time, yet knows my every need.
The vastness of Your power, the strength You give the weak; I soar on eagle's wings.

And in my pain and in my need, You heard me calling out Your name.
When I was blind and could not see, You stepped in and saved a wretch like me,
And saved a wretch like me. Great God who saves.

All I Have Is Christ

Kauffman

I once was lost in darkest night, Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life, Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own, A rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first, I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race, Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state, And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed, You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me, Now all I know is grace

*Hallelujah! All I have is Christ,
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!*

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone, And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands, Could never come from me
O Father, use my ransomed life, In any way You choose
And let my song forever be, My only boast is You

God Of This City

Tomlin

You're the God of this city, You're the King of these people, You're the Lord of this nation, You are!
You're the Light in this darkness, You're the Hope to the hopeless, You're the Peace to the restless, You are!

*There is no one like our God, There is no one like our God.
For greater things have yet to come, And greater things are still to be done in this city.
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You're the Lord of creation, the creator of all things. You're the King above all Kings, You are!
You're the strength in our weakness, You're the love to the broken, You're the joy in the sadness, You are!

Greater things have yet to come, and greater things are still to be done here. There is no one like You, God.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Jeff Keith

...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

Pastor Rick Stark

Identity in Christ: *We forgot; God did not*
Isaiah 51:1-7,9a,12-13,15-16,17a (page 611)

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.)

Come, Worship the Lord (Psalm 95)

Talbot

*Come, worship the Lord for we are His people,
The flock that He shepherds.
Alleluia!*

The Lord is God the mighty God,
The great King o'er all other gods.
He holds in His hands the depths of the earth
And the highest mountains as well.
He made the sea, it belongs to Him
The dry land too, was formed by His hand.

Benediction²
May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7

Song of Faith

The Gospel Is True
Thank you, Jesus, Oh how we worship You.
Thank You, Jesus. Hallelujah, the gospel is true.
Hallelujah, the gospel is true.

Hampton

This Week

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

Church Family Reminders

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

Online Giving: Our website has been updated to support giving on our mobile site. Simply tap the menu in the top right corner of the homepage and the Give button should appear next to the Events and Contact options.

Our New NextGen Coordinator! Please welcome and encourage Lainee Oliver as the Session's choice to lead our children's ministry. Her role will be to serve our families in the spiritual nurture and discipleship of the children to the glory of God and growth of His kingdom. Lainee is originally from Arlington, TX, and she and Chris have two children, Sadie and Wes. Lainee holds a BA-Public Relations from Auburn University. She and Chris were members previously at Westminster Presbyterian Church of Ft. Walton Beach, where she served as Office Administrator. Lainee also is experienced as a pianist with the Praise Team at 1st Presbyterian - Opelika, AL.

Welcome Photo Board: To all of our visitors, new members and new friends at DPC, one of the ways we hope you will feel *"welcomed...as Christ has welcomed us"* (Rom.15:7) is the Welcome Board located in the Gathering Room. No pressure, of course; only if you would like this. If so, let's connect soon to snap a pic of you or your family.

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)

Singled Out for Christ, formerly known as Friends Without Spouses, will resume meeting this 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: If the September 19th event didn't work for you but you are still interested in what it might be like as a member of DPC (or just curious about the Reformed faith), please join us Saturday, October 17th for another "Welcome to DPC" seminar. We'll meet in the Cafe area from 9a.m.-12:00p.m. Questions/RSVP, contact Rick Stark (256.351.6010, 334.728.1409 or rick@decaturpca.org).

Youth-Wide Birthday Party: This 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) if you are interested.

**To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to all who will come—**

**this church opens wide her doors
and offers welcome in the name
of the Lord Jesus Christ.**