



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

Psalms 67:1-3

The Lord's Day — October 18, 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

Beautiful Savior

Townend

All my days I will sing the song of gladness,
give my praise to the fountain of delights.
For in my helplessness, you heard my cry,
and waves of mercy poured down on my life.

I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer.
I will sing of the blood that never fails.
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed.
Of death defeated and life without end.

*Beautiful Savior, wonderful counselor, clothed in majesty,
Lord of history, you're the way, the truth, the life.
Star of the morning, glorious in holiness, you're the risen one,
heaven's champion, and you reign, you reign over all.*

I long to be where the praise is never ending,
yearn to dwell where the glory never fades.
Where countless worshippers, will share one song,
and cries of worthy will honor the Lamb.

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 8:1-4, 9

Pastor: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

All: You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

Pastor: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

People: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 67

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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 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.

Reading of the Word: *"for a helmet"*

1 Thessalonians 5:4-11

But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Gracious Father, we confess that we often cling to the idol of self-sufficiency. We conceal our weakness and faults, presenting only our best sides to one another. In doing so, we obscure the beauty of your grace in our relationships and community. We hide behind our schedules and personalities as excuses to serve ourselves and neglect our neighbors. O Lord, cover our sin with the blood of Jesus ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...*
Amen!

Hear the Good News!

Psalm 32:1-2,5

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Father, Long Before Creation

Barnes

Father, long before creation, Thou had'st chosen us in love,
And that love so deep, so moving, draws us close to Christ above.
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us, firmly fixed in Christ alone.
Though the world may change its fashion, yet our God is e'er the same;
His compassion and His covenant, through all ages will remain.
God's own children, God's own children, must forever praise His name.

God's compassion is my story, is my boasting all the day;
Mercy free and never failing, moves my will, directs my way.
God so loved us, God so loved us, that His only Son He gave.
Loving Father now before Thee, we will ever praise Thy love,
And our songs will sound unceasing, 'til we reach our home above,
Giving glory, giving glory, to our God and to the Lamb.
Giving glory, giving glory, to our God and to the Lamb.

I Am the Lord Your God (Isaiah 43)

Unknown

When you pass through the waters I will be with you, and the waves will not overcome you.
Do not fear. For I have redeemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine.

For I am the Lord Your God, (I am Lord your God)

I am the Lord your God, (I... Am)

I Am the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I am the Lord, (Do not fear.) I am the Lord, (Do not fear.)

I am the Lord, (Do not fear.) I am the Lord. (Do not fear.)

When you pass through the fire you'll not be burned. and the flames will not consume you.
Do not fear. For I have redeemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine.

I Will Wait for You

Getty

*I wait, my soul waits for the Lord. My hope is in His word.
More than the watchmen wait for light, my soul waits for the Lord.*

Out of the depths I cry to You, in darkest places I will call.
Incline Your ear to me anew, and hear my cry for mercy, Lord.
So put Your hope in God alone. Take courage in His power to save,
Completely and forever won by Christ's emerging from the grave.
*I will wait for You, I will wait for You, on Your word I will rely.
I will wait for You, surely wait for You, till my soul is satisfied.*

Now He has come to make a way, and God Himself has paid the price,
That all who trust in Him today, find healing in His sacrifice.
*I will wait for You, I will wait for You, through the storm and through the night.
I will wait for You, surely wait for You, for Your love is my delight.*

Sermon

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

Pastor Tommy Lee

We Confess Our Faith: The Nicene Creed ²

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his father before all worlds, God of God, Light Of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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.)

² The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea (325), and an expanded form was adopted by the Council of Chalcedon (451). It was formulated to answer heresies that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and of the person of Christ.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Robinson

Come, Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise His name, I'm fixed upon it, name of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come.
And I hope by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love,
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above.

Benediction³

2 Corinthians 13:11

Finally, brothers [and sisters], rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

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

Tuesday 6:30am

Men's Bible Study @ Java Jaay (2 Timothy)

Tuesday 9:30-11:00am

Ladies Bible Study via Zoom (Philippians)

Tuesday @ Noon

Men's Bible Study @ Kent's Office (Revelation)

Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm

DPC Youth! (6th-8th Grade)

DPC Youth! (9th-12th Grade)

Wednesday 7:30pm

Praise Worship Band Practice

Friday 6:30am

Men's Bible Study @ Temple, Inc. (Paul's Letters to the Thessalonians)

³ 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.

2020 October Fall Festival Cancelled: The annual October 28th Fall Festival celebrating the season and celebrating the launch of the historic Protestant Reformation of 1517, and which we have been partnering with St. Peter's Missionary Baptist Church, will have to be cancelled due to our current Covid-19 conditions.

WOG Favorite Things Party: All ladies of DPC are invited to a time of fellowship, dessert and hot drinks on Sunday, November 15, 2:30 pm in the Gathering Room. Please bring THREE (\$10 or less each) all the same items to the party. Everyone will leave with 3 items. See Elizabeth Lee with questions.

Singled Out for Christ Postponed: Formerly known as Friends Without Spouses, this ministry has decided to postpone any activities for the foreseeable future. If you have questions, please contact Alice Green (256) 975-9709 or Mary (MJ) Brinkman (256) 686-2000.

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.

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)

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

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Service Times

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

10:45am Worship Service #2 (Mask-Optional Service)

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