



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the royal son!

Psalm 72

The Lord's Day — November 22, 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

Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart

Plumptre

Rejoice, ye pure in Heart, Rejoice, give thanks and sing;
Your festal banner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King.

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing!

Yes, on through life's long path, Still chanting as ye go,
From youth to age, by night by day, In gladness and in woe.

At last the march shall end, The wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their Father's house, Jerusalem the blest.

Then on, ye pure in heart, Rejoice, give thanks and sing;
Your glorious banner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King.

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Revelation 5:11-13

Pastor: Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

People: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

Pastor: And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

People: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 72

Hymn of Praise

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Alford

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;

All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.

God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied;

Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take His harvest home;

From His field shall in that day all offenses purge away,

Give His angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;

But the fruitful ears to store in His garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come, to Thy final harvest home;

Gather Thou Thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,

There, forever purified, in Thy presence to abide;

Come, with all Thine angels come, raise the glorious harvest home.

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Reading of the Word: *"they came to Thessalonica"*

Acts 17:1-9

Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ." And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. But the Jews were jealous, and taking some wicked men of the rabble, they formed a mob, set the city in an uproar, and attacked the house of Jason, seeking to bring them out to the crowd. And when they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities, shouting, "These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also, and Jason has received them, and they are all acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus." And the people and the city authorities were disturbed when they heard these things. And when they had taken money as security from Jason and the rest, they let them go.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Gracious Father, if Jesus did not offer his law-keeping as our own and if he did not take our law-breaking as his own, we would not sing; we would despair. Apart from your Son, your law does not revive us, it condemns us; it does not give joy to our heart, it breaks us. May the love of Christ and the knowledge of his gospel continue to free us from a cheap grace that ignores your law, and from outward obedience that ignores your Son. Hear our prayer, and draw us closer to our Savior ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

Hear the Good News!

Psalm 36:7-8; John 2:9-11

How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.... When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

The Wonderful Cross

Watts/Tomlin

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.

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?

*O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross, Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross, All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.*

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

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.

My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness

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My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who bore my pain;
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again.
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me in His light
And wrote His law of righteousness with pow'r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly.

Whose every promise is enough for every step I take;
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who reigns above;
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose every thought is love.

For every day I have on earth is given by the King.
So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow Him. To love and follow Him.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Chip Walraven

Sermon

**Series: WHO ARE WE?... Thoughts From Thessalonians
II. God's Church, Served By Faithful Leaders
1 Thessalonians 2:1-16 (page 986)**

Pastor Tommy Lee

(9:00 Service)

We Respond

Wholehearted Thanksgiving

Doane

Wholehearted thanksgiving to thee will I bring, in praise of thy marvelous deeds I will sing;

In thee I will joy and exultingly cry, thy name I will praise, O Jehovah Most High.

Thou, Lord, art a refuge for all the oppressed; all trust thee who know thee, and trusting are blest;

For never, O Lord, did thy mercy forsake, the soul that has sought of thy grace to partake.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to Jehovah, declare ye his fame, and give him all honor, for just is his name.

Give praise to Jehovah, the mighty deeds tell, of him who has chosen in Zion to dwell,

Of him to whom justice and vengeance belong, who visits the lowly and overthrows wrong.

(10:45 Service)

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Miller Anne Sasser

Covenant Child of William & Shelby Sasser

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 her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her 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 her a godly example, that you will pray with her and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy faith, and that you will strive, by all means of God's appointment, to bring her 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 Miller

Elder George Godwin

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.)

Give Thanks

Smith

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
Let the poor say, "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.

Give Thanks!

Benediction²

Ephesians 6:23-24

Peace be to the brothers [and sisters], and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.

Song of Faith

Now Thank We All Our God

Rinkart

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in Whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way,
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest Heaven.
The one eternal God, whom earth and Heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

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.

Next Up! The next four books of Scripture that we'll be reading together via the Cultivate daily readings will be 1 Peter, Haggai, Ephesians, and Daniel. Sign up today by emailing Tonya at tonya@decaturpca.org

Neighborhood Christian Center (NCC) Christmas Toy Store: This year, several changes had to be made to our Christmas Program. We are collecting wish lists from the children who would have been signed up for the Toy Store. If you would like to sponsor the child(ren) of a family, go to <https://www.decaturncc.org/Holiday-outreach.html>.

NextGen Christmas Party: Ages 4 through 6th grade, join us Wednesday, December 16, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.! We will hear the story of Jesus' birth, make Christmas cards, have snacks, and more! Parents, take this opportunity as a Parents' Night Out or to do some Christmas shopping! Nursery for infants to age 3 will be provided.

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.

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, 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

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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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