



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

We will not hide them from their children,  
but tell to the coming generation  
the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might,  
and the wonders that he has done.

Psalm 78

# The Lord's Day — January 3, 2021 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>

## 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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## Welcome and Announcements

## Responsive Call to Worship:

**Psalm 113:1-4**

Pastor: Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!

**People: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore!**

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!

**People: The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!**

## Prayer of Adoration & Praise

**based on Psalm 78**

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Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore;  
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing waters flow;  
Let the fiery cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield;  
Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises I will ever give to Thee;  
Songs of praises I will ever give to Thee.

**Reading of the Word: *a heart transplant*****Ezekiel 36:22-29a**

“Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Lord God, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. And I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Confession of Sin**

**Our Lord, we confess our resistance to acknowledge our unrighteousness, by daily seeking to justify ourselves. Many of our words are used to make excuses for our failure to love and defend our actions before others—lying and accusing to avoid being exposed. Instead of resting on the righteousness which You freely give through Jesus, we spend our lives trying to provide righteousness to You—thinking that our achievements and relative “goodness” will satisfy You. Lord, have mercy on us ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!**

## Hear the Good News!

Jeremiah 33:8

I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.

## Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

### Come Ye Sinners

Smith

Come ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore.

Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity joined with power.

He is able, He is able; He is willing; doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come and welcome; God's free bounty glorify:  
True belief and true repentance, Every grace that brings you nigh.  
Without money, without money, Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall.

If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.

Not the righteous, not the righteous; sinners Jesus came to call.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended; pleads the merit of His blood.

Venture on Him; venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.

None but Jesus, none but Jesus can do helpless sinners good.

### 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.*

*Greater things have yet to come, And greater things are still to be done in this city.*

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.*

### The Power of the Cross

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Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day. Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten then. Nailed to a cross of wood.

*This, the pow'r of the cross. Christ became sin for us.*

*Took the blame, bore the wrath. We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh to see the pain written on Your face. Bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed crowning Your bloodstained brow.  
Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath quakes as its maker bows His head.  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life. "Finished!" the vict'ry cry.  
Oh to see my name written in Your wounds, for through Your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love!

*This the pow'r of the cross. Son of God slain for us.  
What a life, what a cost. We stand forgiven at the cross.*

**Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition**

**Elder Kent Quinn**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Tommy Lee**

**Re-Born**  
**John 3:1-21** (page 887)

**We Respond**

**Crosby**

**To God Be the Glory**  
To God be the glory, great things He has done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the lifegate that we may go in.  
*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 the Father thro' Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He has done!*  
O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
To every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.  
Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer and higher and greater will be,  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

**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.)*

**Surrender**

**Cottrell**

No more running, no more hiding.  
No pretending I'm OK.  
No more struggling, no more fighting.  
Come and have Your way.  
  
*I surrender, I bow down.*  
*I surrender, here and now.*  
*I am captured, Yours forever.*  
*I surrender, I bow down.*  
  
You pursue me, You have found me.  
I fall helpless at Your feet.  
Your possession, I am conquered.  
Love has set me free.

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

**from Philippians 4:7**

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

**Song of Faith**

**Blessed be the Lord God Almighty**

**Fitts**

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty,  
Who was, and is, and is to come.  
Blessed be the Lord God Almighty,  
Who reigns forevermore.

<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

*A heartfelt thank you from Tommy, Rick, Nathan, Tonya, & Stu*

We are very blessed to serve such a warm and generous church family! Thank you so much for your loving and lavish gifts! The Lord has been so gracious to allow us to call DPC our home church and we are tremendously grateful to serve Emmanuel here! Thank you for your prayers and tangible encouragement during this Christmas season! May God be pleased as we continue to grow in Him together in the new year!

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

**Next Up!** The next four books of Scripture that we'll be reading together via the Cultivate daily readings will be 2 Peter, Amos, Philipians, and Leviticus. Sign up today by emailing Tonya at [tonya@decaturpca.org](mailto:tonya@decaturpca.org)

**Baby Shower:** All ladies are invited to a baby shower for Jacqueline Marthaler next Sunday, January 10 BETWEEN the two worship services in the Parlor. Come for a quick visit/gift drop off between the 2 services and enjoy some to go refreshments as we help her celebrate her first baby. She is expecting a boy and is registered at Amazon and Target.

**NextGen Wednesday Nights:** start back January 13. We are excited to start our weekly Wednesday night activities for elementary aged children beginning January 13! We will have more information soon, but mark your calendars!

**Congregational Meeting:** A congregational meeting will be held immediately after both worship services on Sunday, January 24, to vote on the Session's recommended slate of your officer nominees: For re-appointment to the Session after sabbaticals: **Elders Mike McMahan** and **Greg Smith**. For election to the office of ruling elder: **Connor Ross** and **Allen Schmidt**. For re-appointment to the Diaconate after the expiration of three-year terms: **Deacons Scott Missildine, Sam Thompson, Michael Vinson,** and **David Whitcomb**. For election to the office of deacon: **Patrick Pettus** and **Andy Thompson**. See Tommy or Rick with any questions.

**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](mailto: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

## Diaconate

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-Required Service)

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

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