



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

Help us, O God of our salvation,
for the glory of your name;
deliver us, and atone for our sins,
for your name's sake!....

We your people, the sheep of your pasture,
will give thanks to you forever;
from generation to generation we will recount your praise.

Psalm 79

The Lord's Day — January 10, 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 Assembly¹

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.

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship:

from Psalm 66

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: All the earth worships you and sings praises to you!"

Pastor: Come and see what God has done:

People: He is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

Pastor: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard!

People: Blessed be God, because he has not rejected our prayer or removed his steadfast love from us!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 79

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Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name.
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame.
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood, He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord Who bought us, pitied us when enemies,
Called us by His grace and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes.
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood, He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing though fierce temptation threaten hard to bear us down.
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqueror's crown.
He, Who washed us with His blood, He, Who washed us with His blood,
He, Who washed us with His blood, soon will bring us home to God.

Let us praise and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high.
Here they trusted Him before us, now their praises fill the sky.
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood, Thou hast washed us with Thy blood,
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood, Thou art worthy Lamb of God.

Reading of the Word: *"would you please never say that again?"*

John 6:47-60

"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?"

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father, you alone are worthy of our honor and praise. And you alone forgive our sin. You sent your Son in humanity's likeness, that your image may be restored in us. Forgive us when we refuse your mercy with self-centeredness and unbelief. Once again heal and renew, that we may rightly bear your image to our broken world ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

Hear the Good News!

Romans 8:1-4

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Praise God

Ken/Watts/Kauflin

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, In Heaven above and earth below.

Praise God the Father and the Son, Praise God the Spirit, three-in-one.

From all that dwell beneath the skies, Let the Creator's praise arise.

Let our Redeemer's name be sung, Through every land, by every tongue.

Eternal are Your mercies Lord, Eternal truth attends Your Word.

Your praise will sound from shore to shore, Till suns shall rise and set no more.

In every land, by every tongue, Let our Redeemer's name be sung.

Purify My Heart (Refiner's Fire)

Doerksen

Purify my heart, let me be as gold and precious silver.

Purify my heart, let me be as gold, pure gold.

Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire is to be holy set apart for You Lord.

I choose to be holy, set apart for You my master, ready to do Your will.

Purify my heart, cleanse me from within and make me holy.

Purify my heart, cleanse me from my sin, deep within.

Come Unto Me

Schmidt

Take my yoke, my yoke is easy.

Take my burdens, my burdens are light.

Learn from me, I'm gentle and humble.

Come to me for rest for your soul,

Come to me for rest for your soul.

Come unto me, all who are weary and I will give you rest.

Give to me, the burdens you carry and I will give you rest.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Kent Quinn

...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

Series: Communing With God

Pastor Tommy Lee

I. God Prepares A Table For A Hungry People

Genesis 1:29-30 (page 1)

We Respond

Who Can Satisfy My Soul?

Jernigan

Who can satisfy my soul like You?

Who on earth could comfort me and love me like You do.

Who could ever be more faithful, true?

I will trust in You. I will trust in You, my God.

Living Water, rain down Your life on me,

Cleansing me, refreshing me with life abundantly.

River full of life, I'll go where You lead.

And I will trust in You, Lord, I will trust in You, my God.

There is a fountain who is the King,

Victorious Warrior and Lord of everything.

My Rock, my Shelter, my very own,

Blessed Redeemer, Who reigns upon the throne!

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.)

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Newton/Tomlin

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed!

My chains are gone, I've been set free.

My God, my Savior has ransomed me,

And like a flood His mercy reigns;

unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;

He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

Benediction²

from Colossians 3:15

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

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.

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

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!

Nursery Help Needed: For reasons explained in the most recent DPC Thursday Email, we need to resume a volunteer rotation in the nursery, until we are able to get fully staffed again. If you can help or have any questions, please see, call, or text Erika Ladner (256-394-8508).

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 Amos, Philippians, Leviticus, and Hebrews. Sign up today by emailing Tonya at tonya@decaturpca.org

Baby Shower: All ladies are invited to a baby shower for Jacqueline Marthaler today, 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.

Women's Bible Study: The spring Women's Bible Study, via Zoom, on Tuesday mornings, 10:00-11:00, begins this Tuesday, Jan. 12th, facilitated by Teresa Quinn & Annah Joseph. The group will study Psalms, guided by *Psalms: At His Feet Studies*. Please email Annah at annahmjoseph@gmail.com to sign up! All newcomers welcome any time!

Youth Ministry: The youth ministry will begin midweek ministries again next Wednesday, January 13th. Students are welcome to arrive at 6:00. We'll start at 6:30. Contact Nathan with any questions. We look forward to seeing you!

NextGen Wednesday Nights RELAUNCHES January 20th: Children ages 4-11 are invited to join us on Wednesday nights beginning January 20th, 6:15-7:30pm. We will NOT be providing a meal, and masks are encouraged. Teachers, paid workers and volunteers will be required to wear masks. Nursery will be available.

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.

Ordination Service: We will ordain and install Nathan White as our assistant pastor on Sunday, January 31, at 6:00 PM. Dr. Carl Judson Davis will be preaching. We will livestream the service for any who wish to watch but cannot attend.

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

WINTER 2021

(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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