



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 ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock.
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.
Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,
stir up your might and come to save us!

Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!*

Psalm 80

**a refrain found three times in Psalm 80*

The Lord's Day — January 17, 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

Beautiful Scandalous Night

Daugherty

Go on up to the mountain of mercy, To the crimson perpetual tide;
Kneel down on the shore, be thirsty no more. Go under and be purified;

Follow Christ to the holy mountain. Sinner, sorry and wrecked by the fall,
Cleanse your heart and your soul in the fountain that flows, For you and for me and for all.

*At the wonderful, tragic, mysterious tree, On that beautiful, scandalous night you and me,
Were atoned by His blood and forever washed white, On that beautiful scandalous night.*

On the hillside you will be delivered, At the foot of the cross, justified.
And your spirit restored by the river, That pours from our blessed Savior's side.

Ah, you carried the sin of mankind on Your back, And the sky went black.

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship:

from Psalm 100

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

People: Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Pastor: Know that the Lord, he is God!

People: It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Pastor: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

All: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 80

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Come praise and glorify our God, The Father of our Lord
 In Christ He has in heav'nly realms, His blessings on us poured
 For pure and blameless in His sight, He destined us to be
 And now we've been adopted through, His Son eternally

Come praise and glorify our God, Who gives His grace in Christ
 In Him our sins are washed away, Redeemed through sacrifice
 In Him God has made known to us, The myst'ry of His will
 That Christ should be the head of all, His purpose to fulfill

*To the praise of Your glory, To the praise of Your mercy and grace
 To the praise of Your glory, You are the God who saves*

Come praise and glorify our God, For we've believed the Word
 And through our faith we have a seal, The Spirit of the Lord
 The Spirit guarantees our hope, Until redemption's done
 Until we join in endless praise, To God, the Three in One

Reading of the Word: *God's First Promises To Abraham*

Genesis 12:1-9

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Our circumstances are too overwhelming and we have attempted to face these giants outside of you. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change. Release us from pseudo-guilt that leads us to pity ourselves, which is selfish pride. You are the gate that is opened to us, our future in which we can be changed. Grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

Hear the Good News!

2 Corinthians 12:9

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Wesley

Arise, my soul arise, shake off your guilty fears, The bleeding sacrifice on my behalf appears.
Before the throne, my Surety stands, Before the throne, my Surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

Arise, arise, arise, arise my soul, arise! Arise, arise, arise, arise my soul, arise, Shake off your guilty fears and rise!

He ever lives above, for me to intercede, His all redeeming love, His precious blood to plead,
His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

My God is reconciled, His pardoning voice I hear, e owns me for His child, I can no longer fear,
With confidence I now draw nigh, With confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father" cry.

Through the Precious Blood

Altrogge

You have ordained every breath we take, in pleasure or pain, there is no mistake
Gladness and grief, both are in Your hands, and sufferings brief carry out Your plan
And our fleeting sorrows, will yield an endless prize, When some bright tomorrow, we'll see You with our eyes, and
*Grace upon grace flows down, flows down, And Grace upon grace flows down, flows down,
Through the precious blood of Christ*

Father of lights, Giver of all grace, Your mercies crown our lives all our days
River of Life, quench our thirsty souls, for no true delight does Your love withhold
And in every season, we are satisfied, For just one reason, Christ was crucified, and

All good gifts, every good thing, comes to us freely, so freely,
All good gifts, every good thing, comes to us freely, so freely,
Through the precious blood, Through the precious blood.

Thy Mercy My God

Stoker

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song, The joy of my heart. and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last, Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart, Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground, And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own, And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine, Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

Sermon

Series: Communing With God
II. The Table Of God's Promise
Genesis 18:1-15 (page 12)

Pastor Tommy Lee

We Respond By Confessing Our Faith:

I believe in one body, one Spirit, and one hope; I believe in one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all.

Great is the mystery of godliness! He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, and taken up in glory.

I believe that Christ will come again and restore all that was broken by our fall, and until that day dawns guide and keep me and his church by his grace and for his glory. 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.)

Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bliss

"Man of Sorrows!" what a name, for the Son of God, who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim. Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned He stood;
Sealed my pardon with His blood. Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless we; spotless Lamb of God was He;
"Full atonement!" can it be? Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die; "It is finished!" was His cry;
Now in Heav'n exalted high. Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Savior!

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Benediction²
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:16-17

Song of Faith

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

Fitts

This Week

Tuesday 6:30am Men's Bible Study @ Java Jaay (<i>Hebrews</i>)	Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm DPC Youth! (6 th -8 th Grade)
Tuesday 9:30-11:00am Ladies Bible Study via Zoom (<i>Psalms</i>)	DPC Youth! (9 th -12 th Grade)
Tuesday @ Noon Men's Bible Study @ Kent's Office (<i>1 Samuel</i>) (<i>resumes soon</i>)	Wednesday 7:30pm Praise Worship Band Practice
Wednesday 6:15-7:30pm 4 Year Olds - 5 th grade / Kid's Quest	Friday 6:30am Men's Bible Study @ Temple, Inc. (<i>Paul's Letters to the Thessalonians</i>)

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.

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

Women's Bible Study: Please join us for Women's Bible Study, via Zoom, on Tuesday mornings, 10:00-11:00, led by Teresa Quinn & Annah Joseph. The group is studying *Psalms: At His Feet Studies*. Please email Annah at annahmjoseph@gmail.com to sign up! All ladies feel free to join anytime, we will be studying a new Psalm each week.

NextGen Wednesday Nights RELAUNCHES January 20th: Children ages 4-11 are invited to join us beginning this Wednesday, 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.

Wednesday Night Open Door Study: *"The Person of Jesus: A Study of Love"*, led by Pastor Rick Stark beginning this Wednesday, January 20th, for adults not in a Life Group and/or all hanging around until the children or youth finish. Masks required (for now) and safe distancing. Join us in the gathering area Wednesday evenings, 6:15p.m. - 7:15p.m.

Congregational Meeting: A congregational meeting will be held immediately after both worship services next 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.

Voting Without Sitting In The Building: For those who would like to vote in our Jan. 24 congregational meeting, but aren't comfortable sitting in the actual meeting, it's simple: come to the church parking lot any time between the opening of the meeting (the end of the 1st service) and the closing of the meeting (the end of the 2nd service) and text Nathan (256.280.7912), and he will bring your ballot to you, and bring it back in. See Tommy or Nathan with any questions!

Singled Out for Christ: (a group of ladies without spouses) has begun a study of Psalms led by Barbara Brownlee, on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 2 pm, at different homes. Our next meeting is January 27th. Masks & social distancing will be observed at all times. For more information contact Alice Green, MJ Brinkman, or Kim Ingram.

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. Masks are required. We will livestream the service for any who wish to watch but cannot attend.

"Welcome to DPC" Saturday Seminar! Interested in what it means to be a member of DPC? Come participate in the WtDPC Saturday Seminar, February 6th. While following our safe Covid-19 protocols, we'll meet in the Cafe area from 9a.m.-12:00p.m., concluding with light refreshments. For RSVP, questions and/or childcare, contact Rick.

Youth Super Bowl Party: The youth ministry will have our annual Super Bowl party on Sunday, February 7th, at 5:30, in the gathering room. We'll use the same guidelines as our Wednesday night studies. Contact Nathan with any questions. We hope to see you there!

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!

Session

George Godwin
Jeff Keith
Kent Quinn
Brian Rodgers

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Jay Suggs
Blake Temple
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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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