



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

As you consider the Father's heart for you, remember that he is the Father of mercies.

He is not cautious in his tenderness toward you.

He multiplies mercies matched to your every need, and there is nothing he would rather do.

"Remember," said the Puritan John Flavel, "that this God in whose hand are all creatures, is your Father, and is much more tender of you than you are, or can be, of yourself."

Your gentlest treatment of yourself is less gentle than the way your heavenly Father handles you.

His tenderness toward you outstrips what you are even capable of toward yourself.

Dane Ortlund

The Lord's Day — January 31, 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

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Peace/Matheson

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thine ocean depths its flow, May richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day, May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I climb the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain, That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red, Life that shall endless be.

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship:

from Psalm 111

Pastor: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation!

People: Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them!

Pastor: Full of splendor and majesty is his work. He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered!

People: The Lord is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 82

Hymn of Praise

Lo, He Comes

Wesley

Every eye shall now behold Him robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold Him, pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, Shall the true Messiah see.

Every island, sea, and mountain, heaven and earth, shall flee away;
All who hate him must, confounded, hear the trump proclaim the day.
Come to judgment! Come to judgment! Come to judgment, come away!

Now redemption, long expected, see in solemn pomp appear;
All His saints, by man rejected, now shall meet Him in the air:
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! See the day of God appear!

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Reading of the Word: *a table in the presence of enemies, in the shadow of death*

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

from Psalm 38

O Lord, rebuke me not in your anger, Nor discipline me in your wrath! For my iniquities have gone over my head; like a heavy burden they are too heavy for me. O Lord, all my longing is before you; my sighing is not hidden from you. I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin. Do not forsake me, O Lord! O my God, do not be far from me! Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation! ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

Hear the Good News!

Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

By Faith

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By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight
By faith our fathers roamed the earth with the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand, a place where peace and justice reign
*We will stand as children of the promise, we will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight*

We will stand...

By faith this mountain shall be moved and the power of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon His name

We will stand...

God of Wonders

Byrd

Lord of all creation of water, earth and sky;
The heavens are Your tabernacle. Glory to the Lord on high!

*God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy.
The universe declares Your Majesty. You are holy, holy.
Lord of Heaven and earth, Lord of Heaven and earth.*

Early in the morning I will celebrate the light,
When I stumble in the darkness, I will call your name by night.

Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and earth. Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and earth.
Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and earth. You are holy, holy.

*God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy.
Precious Lord, reveal Your heart to me. Father, hold me, hold me.
The universe declares Your Majesty. You are holy, holy, holy, holy!*

I Need Thee Every Hour

Hawks

I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord, no tender voice like Thine, can peace afford.
I need Thee every hour, stay Thou near by, temptations lose their power, when Thou art nigh.

*I need Thee, O I need Thee, O I need Thee, every hour I need you Lord,
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.*

I need Thee every hour, in joy or pain. Come quickly and abide, or life is vain.
I need Thee every hour, teach me Thy will, and Thy rich promises, in me fulfill.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Kent Quinn

Sermon

Series: Communing With God
IV. The Table Of God In The Wilderness
Exodus 16:1-18 (page 58)

Pastor Tommy Lee

(9:00 Service)

We Respond

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Williams

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou are 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.

(10:45 Service)

We Respond By Receiving New Members

The Lord Adds to His Church

To read more about our new member, see page 7.

*Joseph & Laura Allen, Cathryn, Connor, & Luke Buse,
Austin Latter, Greg, Emily, Josh, Rebecca, & Luke Percy,
Jennifer & Lily Wallstead*

The Membership Vows (PCA Book of Church Order §57-5)

Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope except through His sovereign mercy?

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as become followers of Christ?

Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your abilities?

Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

*Luke James Buse
Covenant Child of Cathryn Buse
Liliana Lurene Wallstead
Covenant Child of Jennifer Wallstead*

Prayer for New Members

Elder Brian Rodgers

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.)

We Fall Down

Tomlin

We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus,
The greatness of mercy and love at the feet of Jesus.

And we cry holy, holy, holy
We cry holy, holy, holy
We cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.

Benediction²

from 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

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.

This Week

Tuesday 6:30am

Men's Bible Study @ Java Jaay (*Hebrews*)

Tuesday 9:30-11:00am

Ladies Bible Study via Zoom (*Psalms*)

Tuesday @ Noon

Men's Bible Study @ Kent's Office (*1 Samuel*)
(*resumes soon*)

Wednesday 6:15-7:30pm

4 Year Olds - 5th grade / Kid's Quest

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*)

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

Ordination Service: We will ordain and install Nathan White as our assistant pastor tonight, 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.

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: Children ages 4-11 are invited to join us on Wednesday nights, 6:15-7:30pm. We are not providing a meal, and masks are encouraged. Teachers, paid workers and volunteers are required to wear masks. Nursery is available.

Wednesday Night Open Door Study: *"The Person of Jesus: A Study of Love"*, led by Pastor Rick Stark, 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.

"Welcome to DPC" Saturday Seminar! Interested in what it means to be a member of DPC? Come participate in the WtDPC Saturday Seminar, this Saturday, 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 next 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!

Introduction of New Members

Joseph and Laura Allen moved from Northern California twelve years ago to be with Laura's mom, Ann Peck, who is now deceased. Their great joy is having six grandchildren. They enjoy gardening, and camping, with Joseph fishing and Laura reading.

Cathryn Sterling Buse grew up in Birmingham and graduated from the University of Alabama in Huntsville with a masters in Engineering. She was working at NASA when God called her to quit her job to stay home and raise her two sons. In that time, she founded a Christian apologetics ministry called Defend the Faith Ministry and published her first book. Cathryn now homeschools her two sons Connor, 9, and Luke, 7, and enjoys coaching them in basketball and teaching upper level math at Libertas.

Austin Latter was born and raised in California where he lived until finishing high school. After graduating, he spent a year teaching at a church in Park City, UT before joining the US Army. Between the military, pursuing a college education, and his career, he has moved and lived all over the country. Though a Christian most of his life, God used that time of constant moving to grow his knowledge of the Word and his deep desire for a church to call his own. Moving most recently from Virginia, where he became a member of a church for the first time, God has directed his path to Decatur, AL where he rejoices at the opportunity to make DPC his new church home.

Greg and Emily Pearcy moved from Northern Kentucky to Alabama in 2015. Greg works at Crestline Elementary in Hartselle where he teaches PK-4th grade general music and also is a director for the after school program. Both Greg and Emily enjoy renovating houses, particularly the dilapidated kind that most people with good sense would just tear down. Their children are Joshua (6), Rebecca (1), and Luke (9 mos.).

Jennifer Wallstead was born and raised in the Bay Area of California, and followed her parents to Alabama to reunite with her grandmother. Jennifer's daughter Lili was born here in Decatur and the two of them together enjoy a variety of arts and crafts.

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

Church Staff

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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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