



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 feast in the house of Zion. We will sing with our hearts restored.
He has done great things, we will say together; we will feast and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire; He is the Lord, our God.
We are not consumed by the flood; upheld, protected, gathered up.

In the dark of night, before the dawn, my soul, be not afraid.
For the promised morning, oh, how long? Oh, God of Jacob, be my strength.

Every vow we've broken and betrayed, You are the Faithful one.
And from the garden to the grave, bind us together, bring shalom.

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Sandra McCracken & Joshua David Moore

The Lord's Day — March 14, 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

We Will Feast In The House Of Zion

McCracken/Moore

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Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship:

from Psalm 146

Pastor: Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

People: I will sing praises to my God while I have my being!

Pastor: Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God,

People: Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry!

Pastor: The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind! The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous!

All: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 88

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Hymn of Praise

He Will Hold Me Fast

Habershon

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast. When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.

I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path. For my love is often cold, He must hold me fast.

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast. For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast. Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.

He'll not let my soul be lost, His promises shall last. Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast. Justice has been satisfied, He will hold me fast.

Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast. Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last.

Reading of the Word: *how the four gospels end*

from Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you".... And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned".... Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things".... On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our frivolous attitude toward life, our callousness toward suffering, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious laws. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

Hear the Good News!

Isaiah 43:1; Titus 3:4-7

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine".... when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Lead On, O King Eternal

Shurtleff

Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come; Henceforth in fields of conquest, thy tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation, thy grace has made us strong; And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease, And holiness shall whisper, the sweet amen of peace.

For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums;

With deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

So lead on, O King, Lead on, O King, Lead on, O King, Lead on.

Lead on, O King eternal, we follow, not with fears, For gladness breaks like morning where'er thy face appears.

Thy cross is lifted o'er us, we journey in its light; The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

Lead Me To The Cross

Fraser

Savior I come quiet my soul, remember redemption's hill,

Where Your blood was spilled, for my ransom.

Everything I once held dear, I count it all as loss

Lead me to the cross, where Your love poured out, bring me to my knees, Lord I lay me down

Rid me of myself, I belong to You, Oh lead me, lead me to the cross

You were as I, tempted and tried, human

The word became flesh, bore my sin and death, now you're risen

Everything I once held dear, I count it all as loss

To your heart, to your heart. Lead me to your heart, lead me to your heart.

Before the Throne of God Above

Bancroft & Cook

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong, a perfect plea,

A great High Priest whose name is "Love," who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;

I know that while in heav'n He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart. No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,

Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end to all my sin.

Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;

For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on him and pardon me. To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness,

The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!

One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood;

My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God. With Christ, my Savior and my God.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Chip Walraven

...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.

IX. God's Table Of Restored Hearts And Commissioned Witnesses

Luke 24:13-49 (page 885)

(9:00 service)

We Respond By Receiving New Members

The Lord Adds to His Church

Blake Hall, & Jaxson Tallent

To read more about our new member, see page 6.

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?

Prayer for New Members

Elder Blake Temple

(10:45 service)

We Respond With The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Rolland James Marthaler

Covenant Child of Ryan & Jacqueline Marthaler

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

Elder Connor Ross

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.)

There Is A Fountain Filled with Blood

Cowper

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains. *(Repeat)*

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away. *(Repeat)*

O dying Lamb, thy precious blood shall never lose its power,
Til all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more. *(Repeat)*

Ever since, by faith, I saw the stream thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die. *(Repeat x2)*

Benediction²

from 2 Peter 3:18

May we grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

Song of Faith

I Will Glory In My Redeemer

Cook

I will glory in my Redeemer, Who crushed the power of sin and death,
My only Savior before the holy Judge, The Lamb who is my righteousness,
The Lamb who is my righteousness. I will glory in my Redeemer!

This Week

Tuesday 6:30am Men’s Bible Study @ Java Jaay <i>(Hebrews)</i>	Wednesday 6:15-7:30pm 4 Year Olds - 5 th grade / Kid’s Quest
Tuesday 9:30-11:00am Ladies Bible Study via Zoom <i>(Psalms)</i>	Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm DPC Youth! (6 th -8 th Grade) 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 6:15-7:15p, Adult Open Door Study @ DPC (<i>"The Person of Jesus: A Study of Love"</i>)	Friday 6:30am Men’s Bible Study @ Temple, Inc. <i>(1 Peter)</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 Hebrews, Ezra/Nehemiah, Luke, and Jonah. Sign up today by emailing Tonya at tonya@decaturpca.org

Sunday Afternoon Communion Service! For those who must miss Sunday mornings because of Covid-19, we will offer a Sunday afternoon service of Word & Sacrament beginning today, March 14 (and every 2nd Sunday), 4:00pm – 4:30pm. Safe distancing & mask required. For more information, contact pastor Tommy Lee or pastor Rick Stark.

Good Friday Service, April 2: Please gather with us at 6:00pm on Friday, April 2, as we reflect on the good and saving gift of Jesus' sacrificial death for our salvation. *"Far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ."* — The Apostle Paul

NextGen Easter Egg Hunt on the Farm: NextGen families, join us Saturday, April 3, at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Mark Lowe and Amanda Littrell (200 McCleskey Private Drive, Hartselle). Bring your own lawn chairs and invite a friend! If you have questions, contact Amanda (amanda@littrelllumbermill.com or 256-355-1468) or Lainece (rosslainece@gmail.com or 817-944-5617).

Midweek Ministries: There will be no meetings at the church on Wednesday, March 31, due to Spring Break!

Introduction of New Members

Blake Hall & Jaxson Tallent have grown up in North Alabama. Their wedding is March 20, 2021. Jaxson is the Office Manager at Decatur Athletic Club. Blake is a Construction Cost Estimating Manager for Thermal Insulation, Inc. They are expecting their first child June 2021.

**"O Lord, God of my salvation,
I cry out day and night before you."
Psalm 88:1**

"I think this is the darkest of all the Psalms; it has hardly a spot of light in it. The only bright words are in the first verse. The rest of the Psalm is dark and dreary.

"Why then, should we read it? Because some poor hearts among us are heavy.

"We cannot tell how many sorrowing and burdened spirits there may be, but a dozen or two may be driven almost to despair. They need to know that someone else has been where they are.

"I remember how the shipwrecked man on the lonely island all of a sudden came across the footprints of another human being. So here, on the lone island of despondency, we can trace the footprints of another who has been there before us.

"This Psalm is an example of persevering prayer. The man who wrote it—Heman the Ezrahite—kept on praying even when he did not seem to be heard, and thus he is an example for us."

—Charles Spurgeon

Session

George Godwin
Jeff Keith
Mike McMahan
Kent Quinn
Brian Rodgers
Connor Ross

Allen Schmidt
Jason Seale
Greg Smith
Jay Suggs
Blake Temple
Chip Walraven

Diaconate

Wade Littrell
Bill Nelson
Scott Missildine
Patrick Pettus
Andy Thompson
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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