



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

“The Son of Man must suffer many things
and be rejected by the elders and
chief priests and scribes, and be killed,
and on the third day be raised.”

And he said to all, “If anyone would
come after me, let him deny himself and
take up his cross daily and follow me.

For whoever would save his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.”

Luke 9:22-24

The Lord's Day — March 21, 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

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

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What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.

What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command?

And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;

O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess, Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.

Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"

And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and death will be destroyed,

And we will feast in endless joy, When Christ is ours forevermore.

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship:

from Psalm 47

Pastor: God reigns over the nations!

People: God sits on his holy throne!

Pastor: Clap your hands, all peoples!

People: Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

Pastor: For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared,

All: A great king over all the earth!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 89

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Hymn of Praise

My Song Forever Shall Record

My song forever shall record the tender mercies of the Lord;
Your faithfulness will I proclaim, and every age shall know Your name.

I sing of mercies that endure, forever builded firm and sure,
Of faithfulness that never dies, established changeless in the skies.

Behold God's truth and grace displayed, for He has faithful cov'nant made,
And He has sworn that David's son shall ever sit upon His throne.

Almighty God, Your lofty throne has justice for its cornerstone,
And shining bright before Your face are truth and love and boundless grace.

Reading of the Word: *"my strength, my shield"*

Psalm 28:6-9

Blessed be the Lord! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him. The Lord is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed. Oh, save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. In Jesus Christ you love us perfectly and completely, yet we have not loved you fully or loved one another as you've commanded us. In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

Hear the Good News!

John 14:18-19, 25-26

I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.... These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

The Roar

Tomlin

I waited for the Lord, He turned and heard my cry
His mercy opened up my eyes, when I couldn't see and my strength was failing me
*I heard the roar of the Lion of Judah, I heard the voice that calms the raging sea, He came to me, came to me
When I needed the Lord, I heard the roar of the Lion of Judah.*

I waited for the Lord, He appeared in blinding light
He led me through the darkest night, when I couldn't see and my strength was failing me
I lifted my hands, He lifted me out, All praise to the Savior, all worship to God
With all that I am, with all of my heart, All praise to the Savior, all worship to God
You came to me, came to me, when I needed You, Lord
I heard the roar of the Lion of Judah, I heard the roar of the Lion of Judah

Jesus Messiah

Tomlin

He became sin who knew no sin that we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross, love so amazing love so amazing
*Jesus Messiah Name above all names, Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven, Jesus Messiah Lord of all*
His body the bread His blood the wine, broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn, love so amazing love so amazing
All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You, All the glory to You God, the Light of the world

By His Wounds

Powell

He was pierced for our transgressions
He was crushed for our sins
The punishment that brought us peace was upon Him
And by His wounds, by His wounds we are healed
We are healed by Your sacrifice
In the life that You gave
We are healed for You paid the price
By Your grace we are saved
We are saved
What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Sermon

Mr. Jonah Hill

Hope In Our Weakness
Matthew 26:30-35 (page 832)

We Confess Our Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 1

Pastor: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**My only comfort in life and in death is that I am not my own,
but belong,
body and soul,
in life and in death,
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.
He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven:
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.**

**Because I belong to him,
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.**

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.)

I Saw the Cross

Carpenter

I saw the cross of Jesus, when burdened with my sin; I sought the cross of Jesus, to give me peace within;
He drew my soul to Him and then He cleansed it in His blood;
And in the cross of Jesus Christ I found my peace with God.

I love the cross of Jesus, it tells me what I am, A vile and guilty creature, saved only through the Lamb;
No righteousness nor merit mine, no beauty can I plead;
Yet in the cross I glory, my title there I read.

I trust the cross of Jesus, in every trying hour, My sure and certain refuge, my never failing tower;
In every fear and conflict see I more than conqueror am;
Though living safe, or dying, through Christ, the risen Lamb.

*Safe, Safe am I, in the cross of Jesus! Still resting in a peace that is unshaken
Then in glory I'll sing His wondrous power, Where sin can never enter in, and death is known no more.
And in the cross of Jesus Christ I found my peace with God.*

Benediction²

2 John 1:3

Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love.

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 (*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 6:15-7:15p,

Adult Open Door Study @ DPC ("*The Person of Jesus: A Study of Love*")

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. (*1 Peter*)

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

Welcome Jonah Hill! Jonah is a native of Huntsville, AL and currently resides in Jackson, MS with his wife Anna and two kids, Henry (3) and Norah (1). He is a graduate of Carolina University in Winston-Salem, NC, and is currently finishing his MDiv and MA degrees at Reformed Theological Seminary. In his free time, Jonah enjoys spending time outdoors with his family, drinking coffee, and reading a good book. Let's welcome him warmly and encourage the whole Hill family, as Jonah takes us to the Scriptures. *"The unfolding of your words gives light"* (Psalm 119).

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

Palm Sunday Children's Processional: We will have palm branches for children to pass out during the 10:45 service, next Sunday, March 28. If you would like your child to participate, please arrive at 10:30am. If you normally attend the 9am service, consider staying through the first song of the second service. Contact Lainee at 817-944-5617 if you have questions.

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

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 Lainee (rosslaine@gmail.com or 817-944-5617).

Sunday Afternoon Communion Service! For those missing Sunday mornings because of Covid-19, we are offering a Sunday afternoon service of Word & Sacrament every 2nd Sunday, 4:00pm – 4:30pm. Our next Communion Service is April 11. Safe distancing & mask required. For more information, contact Tommy Lee or Rick Stark.

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
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
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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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