



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord:
though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

The Prophet Isaiah,
700 BC

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said,
“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

The Apostle John,
over 700 years later

The Lord's Day — April 11, 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

The Blessing

The Lord bless you, and keep you. Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.

Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.

May His favor be upon you and a thousand generations and your family
and your children and their children and their children.

May His presence go before you and behind you and beside you.

All around you and within you, He is with you, He is with you.

In the morning, in the evening, in your coming and your going.

In your weeping and rejoicing. He is for you, He is for you, He is for you, He is for you.

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship:

from Psalm 100

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

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

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

People: Give thanks to him; bless his name!

Leader: For the Lord is good;

All: His steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 92

Hymn of Praise

Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord

Come, let us sing unto the Lord, new songs of praise with sweet accord;

For wonders great by Him are done, His hand and arm have vict'ry won.

Praise God with harp, with harp sing praise, with voice of psalms his glory raise;

With trumpets, cornets, gladly sing, and shout before the Lord, the King.

For lo, he comes; at his command, all nations shall in judgment stand;

In justice robed and throned in light, the Lord shall judge, dispensing right.

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Reading of the Word: *God With Us*

1 Kings 8:54-58

Now as Solomon finished offering all this prayer and plea to the Lord, he arose from before the altar of the Lord, where he had knelt with hands outstretched toward heaven. And he stood and blessed all the assembly of Israel with a loud voice, saying, "Blessed be the Lord who has given rest to his people Israel, according to all that he promised. Not one word has failed of all his good promise, which he spoke by Moses his servant. The Lord our God be with us, as he was with our fathers. May he not leave us or forsake us, that he may incline our hearts to him, to walk in all his ways and to keep his commandments, his statutes, and his rules, which he commanded our fathers."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us all: We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your righteous anger against us. We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions; the burden of them is more than we can bear. Have mercy upon us most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

Hear the Good News!

1 John 2:1-2

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

From Depths of Woe I Raise To Thee

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lamentation;

Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication;

If Thou iniquities dost mark, our secret sins and misdeeds dark:

O who shall stand before Thee? O who shall stand before Thee?

To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth;

Our works alas! are all in vain; in much the best life faileth:

No man can glory in Thy sight, all must alike confess Thy might,

And live alone by mercy. And live alone by mercy.

Therefore my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit;

On Him my soul shall rest, His Word upholds my fainting spirit:

His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort, and my sweet support:

I wait for it with patience. I wait for it with patience.

Though great our sins and sore our woes, His grace much more aboundeth;

His helping love no limit knows, our utmost need it soundeth.

Our Shepherd good and true is He, who will at last His Israel free

From all our sin and sorrow. From all our sin and sorrow.

Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand

Ten thousand times ten thousand in sparkling raiment bright,
The armies of the ransomed saints throng up the steep of light:
'Tis finished, all is finished, their fight with death and sin;
Fling open wide the golden gates, and let the victors in.

What rush of alleluias fills all the earth and sky!
What ringing of a thousand harps bespeaks the triumph nigh!
O day, for which creation and all its tribes were made;
O joy, for all its former woes a thousandfold repaid!

Bring near Thy great salvation, Thou Lamb for sinners slain;
Fill up the roll of Thine elect, then take Thy power, and reign;
Appear, Desire of nations, Thine exiles long for home;
Show in the heaven Thy promised sign; Thou Prince and Savior, come.

Revelation Song

Worthy is the, Lamb who was slain, Holy, Holy, is He
Sing a new song, to Him who sits on Heaven's Mercy Seat

*Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty; Who was, and is, and is to come. With all creation I sing:
Praise to the King of Kings! You are my everything, and I will adore You...*

Clothed in rainbows, of living color, flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be to You the Only Wise King.

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder at the mention of Your Name
Jesus, Your Name is Power, Breath, and Living Water such a marvelous mystery.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Jay Suggs

...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

XI. The Table of God's Koinonia (Real Presence!) (Be Aware!)

1 Corinthians 10:1-22 (page 957)

(9:00 service)

We Respond By Receiving New Members

The Lord Adds to His Church

Guillermo, Joan, Guille, Isaac, & Jennai Gonzalez

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 a become follower of Christ?

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

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 Mike McMahan

(10:45 service)

We Respond

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. 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.)

He Knows My Name

I have a Maker, He formed my heart
Before even time began, My life was in His hands

*He knows my name, He knows my every thought
He sees each tear that falls, And hears me when I call*

I have a Father, He calls me His own
He'll never leave me, No matter where I go

Benediction²
He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

Revelation 22:20-21

Song of Faith

Come People of the Risen King
Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring Him praise.
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease;
But follow us through all our days, with the certain hope of peace.
Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O, Church of Christ, rejoice!

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

New Service Protocols: The 9:00 service will continue to be mask-required, and we will continue to seat every-other-row, until attendance grows beyond that, and then we'll start filling in every row. But the overflow video room will remain available for any who prefer it. The 10:45 service now returns to pre-pandemic, "normal" conditions.

Officer Nominations: Voting members may make officer nominations anytime in the month of April 2021. You may do so with the forms found on the round table in the church foyer or by email. Please note that the following officers will be ending their three-year term (or have been on sabbatical), and are willing to stand for election to another term: Elders Chip Walraven & Stuart Smith, and Deacons Wade Littrell & Steve Sasser. See Rick Stark or contact him (rick@decaturpca.org, 334.728.1409) with any questions.

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 today, Sunday, April 11. Safe distancing & mask required.

Updated Directory Coming Out Soon! We will soon be distributing an updated directory. Any newcomers who would like to have their information included, please send your information to tonya@decaturpca.org

Dinner on the Driveway! All ladies of DPC are invited to dinner and fellowship next Sunday, April 18, 6:00 pm at Elizabeth Lee's home/driveway (2422 Jarvis St. SW). Come celebrate Spring as we get to know one another better.

Middle School & High School Students: RYM is just around the corner! Registration and deposit (\$100.00) are due by April 28th. Scholarship money is available so don't let the cost keep you from going! Please see Nathan with any questions.

Father / Son Campout Come and enjoy a Father / Son Campout at Freedom Farm, hosted by Brian and Julie Rodgers (352 Turney Bridge Road, Somerville, AL) beginning at 3:30pm on Friday, April 30. Bring your own camping gear. We will have food, power for cpap machines if needed, and lots of fun activities. See Brian if you have any questions.

Graduate Sunday: On Sunday, May 2, we will briefly recognize our high school seniors in our service and celebrate them with a reception and gift tables afterward! More details are coming soon.

College Graduates? We are compiling a list of college graduates. If you know of any DPC students who are graduating from college this year, please send their names to office@decaturpca.org

Introduction of New Members

Guillermo and Joan Gonzalez moved to Moulton in December 2020 from Muncie, IN. Guillermo is an astronomer, working at the Center for Applied Optics at UAH. He was born in Havana, Cuba and grew up in Miami, Fl. Joan is from Stratford, IA. She taught high school Spanish for nearly 20 years before marrying Guillermo in 2005. They have three adopted children: a 10 year old daughter, Jennai, and 11 and 13 year old sons, Isaac and Guillermo. Joan home-schools the children.

**To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to all who will come—**

**this church opens wide her doors
and offers welcome in the name
of the Lord Jesus Christ.**