



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

Apostasy happens. Sometimes the catalyst is flagrant sin. The pain of conviction and repentance is refused, and the only alternative to it is wholesale rejection of Christ. But sometimes the catalyst is a thorn growing quietly in the heart, an indifference to the way of the Cross, a drifting that is not reversed by the knowledge of biblical warnings.

Sinclair Ferguson

Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it.

Hebrews 2:1

The Lord's Day — May 2, 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

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide, receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none, I helpless hang on Thee,
Leave, oh leave me not alone, still support and comfort me!
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head in the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, are all I want; here more than all I find:
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy name; I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am, Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart, for all eternity.

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship:

from Revelation 19:6-9

Pastor: Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns!

People: Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory,

Pastor: For the marriage of the Lamb has come,

People: And his Bride has made herself ready!

Pastor: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb!

All: These are the true words of God.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 95

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Hymn of Praise

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Come, Christians join to sing, Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice; Praise is His gracious choice, Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen! Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend; His love shall never end, Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen! Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore, His goodness we'll adore, Singing forevermore, Alleluia! Amen!

Reading of the Word: *the prophecy*

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

God of everlasting love, we confess that we have been unfaithful in our relationship with you and with one another. We have worshiped other gods: money, power, greed, and convenience. We have served our own self-interest instead of serving you and your people. We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded, nor have we rightly loved ourselves. Forgive us, gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness of our relationship with you and one another. Through Christ, our Lord ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...*
Amen!

Hear the Good News!

Romans 5:1

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

The Lord Is My Salvation

The grace of God has reached for me, And pulled me from the raging sea
And I am safe on this solid ground, The Lord is my salvation

I will not fear when darkness falls, His strength will help me scale these walls
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun, The Lord is my salvation

*Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won, The Lord is my salvation*

My hope is hidden in the Lord, He flow'rs each promise of His Word
When winter fades I know spring will come, The Lord is my salvation

In times of waiting, times of need, When I know loss, when I am weak
I know His grace will renew these days, The Lord is my salvation
And when I reach my final day, He will not leave me in the grave
But I will rise, He will call me home, The Lord is my salvation
Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son
Glory be to God the Spirit, The Lord is our salvation

Whom Shall I Fear (Angel Armies)

You hear me when I call, You are my morning song
Though darkness fills the night, it cannot hide the Light, Whom shall I fear
You crush the enemy underneath my feet
You are my Sword and Shield though troubles linger still, Whom shall I fear

Chorus

*I know who goes before me, I know who stands behind,
The God of angel armies is always by my side
The one who reigns forever, He is a Friend of mine,
The God of angel armies is always by my side*

Bridge

*And nothing formed against me shall stand, You hold the whole world in Your hand,
I'm holding on to Your promises
You are faithful, You are Faithful, You are Faithful
The God of angel armies is always by my side*

Jesus, Only Jesus

Who has the power to raise the dead, Who can save us from our sin?
He is our hope, our righteousness. Jesus, only Jesus.
Who can make the blind to see, Who holds the keys that set us free?
He paid it all to bring us peace. Jesus, only Jesus.

Holy, King Almighty, Lord. Saints and angels all adore. I join with them and bow before, Jesus, only Jesus.

Who can command the highest praise, Who has the name above all names?
You stand alone, I stand amazed. Jesus, only Jesus.

*You will command the highest praise, Yours is the name above all names.
You stand alone, I stand amazed. Jesus, only Jesus. Jesus, only Jesus.*

Prayer for Graduates

Pastor Nathan White

Sermon

Series: Communing With God

Pastor Tommy Lee

XIII. Our Journey's End: God's People Will Hunger & Thirst No More

Revelation 7:9-17 (page 1032)

(9:00 service)

We Respond

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;

Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;

Praise His name, I'm fixed upon it, name of Thy redeeming love.

O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be!

Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee:

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love,

Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above.

(10:45 service)

We Respond By Receiving A New Member

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Bennett Andrew Ladner

Covenant Child of Jacob & Erika Ladner

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

Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner 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 yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

Prayer for Bennett

Elder George Godwin

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 let the pastor know at the table. The silver trays at the back of the table contain wine. The gold trays at the front of the table contain juice. Please hold the elements until all have been served so that we may partake together.)

I Will Glory In My Redeemer

I will glory in my Redeemer, Whose priceless blood has ransomed me,
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails, And hung Him on that judgment tree.

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, My life He bought, my love He owns,
I have no longings for another, I'm satisfied in Him alone.

I will glory in my Redeemer, His faithfulness my standing place,
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me, My feet are firm, held by His grace, My feet are firm held by His grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer, Who carries me on eagle's wings,
He crowns my life with lovingkindness, His triumph song I'll ever sing.

I will glory in my Redeemer, Who waits for me at gates of gold,
And when he calls me it will be paradise, His face forever to behold, His face forever to behold.
His face forever to behold. I will glory in my Redeemer.

Benediction²

Jude 1:24,25

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Song of Faith

We Are the Body of Christ

One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise You, we are the body of Christ.
One goal, one vision, to see You exalted, we are the body of Christ.
And to this we give our lives, to see You glorified.

One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise You,
We are the body of Christ. We are the body of Christ.

This Week

Tuesday 6:30am

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

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

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 Luke, Jonah, Jude, and Numbers. 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.

Graduate Sunday: Today, we will briefly recognize our high school seniors in our services and celebrate them with gift tables and a meet-and-greet in between the two services! Seniors and their families will attend the service they normally do, but all of their names will be called in both services. Our 2021 graduating high school seniors are: Sarah Carpenter, John Chambers, Ian Jones, Jaden Lee, Elizabeth McMahan, Colin Nelson, Lacy Slaten, Mia Suggs, SaraBeth White, and Matthew Wilson.

VBS: Ages 4 - 5th Grade are invited to VBS the evenings of June 21-24! This year's VBS will be four days long, and the whole family is encouraged to stay for Thursday night's VBS Summer Party! More details coming. Questions, or if you would like to be involved, please contact Laine Oliver at rosslaine@gmail.com or 817-944-5617.

Congratulations to our DPC College Graduates! Sam McGough-Athens State University, Clay Oliver-Auburn University, Jacob Quinn-Auburn University, and Seth Thompson-Martin Methodist College.

2021 High School Graduate Plans

Sarah Carpenter, Calhoun Community College

John Chambers, Calhoun Community College

Ian Jones, Mississippi State University

Jaden Lee, Calhoun Community College

Elizabeth McMahan, Troy University

Colin Nelson, University of Kentucky

Lacy Slaten, Calhoun Community College

Mia Suggs, University of Alabama

SaraBeth White, Calhoun Community College

Matthew Wilson, University of Alabama in Huntsville

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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Senior Pastor

Associate Pastor

Assistant Pastor

Worship Director

Office Administrator

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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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