



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 we continue to wrestle with the desires of the flesh, we can be tempted to believe God owes us a better condition than we presently enjoy. To believe such a thing is sin, and it leads to great misery, which is overcome only by trusting in the Lord's sustaining and providential grace. We will find true contentment only as we receive and walk in that grace.

R. C. Sproul

There are no black holes in providence.

Derek Thomas

The Lord's Day — May 16, 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

Purify My Heart (Refiner's Fire)

Purify my heart, let me be as gold and precious silver.

Purify my heart, let me be as gold, pure gold.

Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire is to be holy set apart for You Lord.

I choose to be holy, set apart for You my master, ready to do Your will.

Purify my heart, cleanse me from within and make me holy.

Purify my heart, cleanse me from my sin, deep within.

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship:

Psalm 136:1,16

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

People: For his steadfast love endures forever;

Pastor: To Him who led his people through the wilderness!

People: For his steadfast love endures forever!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 97

Hymn of Praise

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam,

O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear, Make music for thy Lord to hear, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright, That givest man both warmth and light,

O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, And worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him, alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, Three in One,

O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Reading of the Word: *looking forward to the city*

Hebrews 11:8-12

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Adapted from *The Valley of Vision*

All-knowing God, we are ashamed of our open violations of your law, our hidden faults, our omissions of duty, our failure to make use of your means of grace, and of our selfishness even in our worship of you. Our iniquities are too many for us to number, though you see them all. But you also see Christ, who is our advocate, who paid for these sins, who pleads perfectly on our behalf. Grant us repentance and let us know his peace ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

The City We've Received

Hebrews 12:22,24

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem... And to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

And Can It Be

And can it be that I should gain an in'trest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

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He left His Father's throne above so free, so infinite His grace!
Humbled Himself so great His love! And bled for all His chosen race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay, fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray, I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine!
Bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

How Great Is Our God

The splendor of the King, Clothed in majesty

Let all the earth rejoice, All the earth rejoice

He wraps Himself in light, And darkness tries to hide

And trembles at His voice, And trembles at His voice

How great is our God, Sing with me, How great is our God, And all will see how great, How great is our God

And age to age He stands, And time is in His hands

Beginning and the End. Beginning and the End

The Godhead three in one, Father Spirit Son

The Lion and the Lamb. The Lion and the Lamb

Name above all names. Worthy of all praise. My heart will sing, how great is our God

Through the Precious Blood

You have ordained every breath we take, in pleasure or pain, there is no mistake

Gladness and grief, both are in Your hands, and sufferings brief carry out Your plan

And our fleeting sorrows, will yield an endless prize, When some bright tomorrow, we'll see You with our eyes, and

Grace upon grace flows down, flows down, And Grace upon grace flows down, flows down,

Through the precious blood of Christ

Father of lights, Giver of all grace, Your mercies crown our lives all our days

River of Life, quench our thirsty souls, for no true delight does Your love withhold

And in every season, we are satisfied, For just one reason, Christ was crucified, and

All good gifts, every good thing, comes to us freely, so freely,

All good gifts, every good thing, comes to us freely, so freely,

Through the precious blood, Through the precious blood.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Brian Rodgers

Sermon

Series: A Way In The Wilderness

Pastor Tommy Lee

XXVIII. Grumbling And The Gracious Glory Of God

Exodus 16:1-13; 31-36 (page 58)

(9:00 service)

We Confess Our Faith: The Nicene Creed ²

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his father before all worlds, God of God, Light Of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(10:45 Service)

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

*Violet Schaeffer Crupi
Covenant Child of Matthew & Sarah Crupi*

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

Elder Brian Rodgers

² The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea (325), and an expanded form was adopted by the Council of Chalcedon (451). It was formulated to answer heresies that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and of the person of Christ.

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.)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not, As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided, Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness, To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Benediction³

Luke 12:22-23,32

Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you put on. For life is more than food and the body more than clothing... Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

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*)

Friday 6:30am

Men’s Bible Study @ Temple, Inc. (*1 Peter*)

Wednesday 7:30pm

Praise Worship Band Practice

³ 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 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.

Coming Soon! Sunday Schools! On Sunday, June 6, 2021 (9:30a.m. - 10:30a.m.), we will resume our Sunday Christian education classes. All our adults, youth and NextGen children are invited to attend! While more information is coming, please note that these Sunday school classes will be offered at the same time as our 9:00a.m. worship service, and are mask-optional. Please keep in mind this format is only temporary through the summer months and will be re-evaluated come September.

VBS: Ages 4 - 5th Grade are invited to VBS the evenings of June 21-24, 5:15pm-8pm! Dinner will be provided for kids & volunteers! This year's VBS will be four days long, and the whole family is encouraged to stay for Thursday night's VBS Summer Party! Questions, or if you would like to be involved, please contact Lainee Oliver at rosslaine@gmail.com or 817-944-5617.

Sermon Outline Notes: for adults and children are available on the back table.

**Mike and Melissa McMahan would like to invite you to a short ceremony and reception
to celebrate Elizabeth's high school graduation at Decatur Presbyterian
TODAY, Sunday, May 16, at 3:00 pm.**

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

SPRING 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
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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