



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

To please God... to be a real ingredient in the divine happiness... to be loved by God, not merely pitied, but delighted in as an artist delights in his work or a father in a son- it seems impossible, a weight or burden of glory which our thoughts can hardly sustain. But so it is.

C.S. Lewis, The Weight of Glory

My heart overflows with a good theme; I address my verses to the King...

~ Psalm 45:1 ~

The Lord's Day — June 27, 2021

Welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus! Thank you for joining us today and may the Lord richly bless you.

Song of Assembly¹

Psalm 84

Londonderry Air

O Lord of hosts, how lovely is your dwelling place! I cry aloud, I long for your abode;
The joys of earth have left my soul unsatisfied: My heart and flesh desire the living God.
Within your walls the sparrow finds a nesting place, That near your altars she may have her young:
How happy those who dwell within your house, O Lord, By whom your holy praises are forever sung!
How happy those who have in you the strength they need, And in whose heart are Zion's pathways found!
The desert sands they make a place of water-springs, Till autumn rains refresh the barren ground.
From strength to strength they journey on their pilgrimage, Until in God's own presence they appear:
O Lord of hosts, do good to your anointed one; Receive my earnest prayer: O God of Jacob, hear!
How better, far, a single day within your courts, Than thousands spent in any other way;
I'd rather wait upon the steps beside your door, Than pitch my tent where wickedness holds sway.
For like a shield the Lord defends and covers us; He gives us grace and crowns with glory too,
And nothing good withholds from those that walk aright: O Lord of hosts, how happy all who trust in you!

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship:

Psalm 103:1-5

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

Pastor: who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

People: who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

Pastor: who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 103

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Hymn of Praise

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near, Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been, granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, if with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen sound from His people again; Gladly fore'er we adore Him.

Reading of the Word: *one voice, one Lord*

Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "'He will command his angels concerning you,' and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'" Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him. Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

God, our Father in heaven: Forgive us for listening to other voices and not Yours. Forgive us our ways of unbelief, times of testing You; all which is against Your holy will; all which make us uncomfortable in Your presence and in others' presence; all the shadows and scars upon our soul. Cleanse and cure us, for Jesus' sake. Make our heart warm and soft again, so that we may receive the blessings of forgiveness, and to hear the benediction of Jesus - "Depart in peace to sin no more" ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

Assurance of Pardon in Christ

John 5:24

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes in him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Your Great Name We Praise

Smith

Immortal, invisible God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes.
Most holy, most glorious the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious Your great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light, Not wanting or wasting You rule us in might.
Your justice like mountains high soaring above, Your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Most Holy, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, Your great name we praise.

All life comes from You Lord to both great and small, In all life You live Lord, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish, but quickly grow frail, We wither and perish, but You never fail.

We Will Feast In The House Of Zion

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
*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*
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

Come, Worship the Lord (Psalm 95)

Talbot

*Come, worship the Lord for we are His people,
The flock that He shepherds.
Alleluia!*

The Lord is God the mighty God,
The great King o'er all other gods.
He holds in His hands the depths of the earth
And the highest mountains as well.
He made the sea, it belongs to Him
The dry land too, was formed by His hand.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Jeff Keith

Sermon

Series: A Way In The Wilderness
XXX. God On Trial
Exodus 17:1-7 (page 59)

Pastor Tommy Lee

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?

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.)

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Boswell/Papa/Bleecker

Come behold the wondrous mystery, In the dawning of the King;

He the theme of heaven's praises, Robed in frail humanity.

In our longing, in our darkness, Now the Light of Life has come;

Look to Christ, who condescended, Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery, He the perfect Son of Man;

In His living, in His suffering, Never trace nor stain of sin.

See the true and better Adam, Come to save the hell-bound man;

Christ the great and sure fulfillment, Of the law; in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree;

In the stead of ruined sinners, Hangs the Lamb in victory.

See the price of our redemption, See the Father's plan unfold;

Bringing many sons to glory, Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Slain by death the God of life;

But no grave could e'er restrain Him, Praise the Lord; He is alive!

What a foretaste of deliverance, How unwavering our hope;

Christ in power resurrected, As we will be when He comes

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Christ in power resurrected, As we will be when He comes.

Benediction²

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance[c] upon you and give you peace.

Song of Faith

God and God Alone

God and God alone, is fit to take the universe's throne.
Let everything that lives reserve its truest praise, for God and God alone.

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

Thank You From Laine Oliver-- Thank you to everyone who has been involved with this year's VBS! It has been a joy to serve alongside you and get to know you all a little bit better. Please pray for the Lord to continue to work in the hearts of all the children who attended.

Get More Connected: Sign up for the weekly email by emailing Tonya at tonya@decaturpca.org.

Next Up! The next books of Scripture that we'll be reading together via the Cultivate daily readings will be Numbers, and Colossians. Sign up today by emailing Tonya at tonya@decaturpca.org

Pray for GA: Please pray your commissioners to the 48th General Assembly of the PCA (TE Rick Stark, RE Blake Temple), and all who are gathered in St. Louis, MO (6/28 - 7/2):

- 1) An ear only the Word of Christ in settling all matters of substance;
- 2) The exercise prudence and good sense in all matters merely circumstantial;
- 3) For wisdom to distinguish between the two;
- 4) And to engage in debate with a sense of integrity and charity under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

Check ac@pcanet.org to see all the events, overtures, etc...

Summer RUF: Monday nights through July 5th, RUF UAH meets for weekly series at Westminster Presbyterian. All of our college students, including recent high school graduates and college-aged young adults who are not currently in school, are invited to meet at DPC at 6:00 to ride there together. See Nathan with questions.

Independence Day Celebration: Everyone is invited to Dale & Natalie Cook's to celebrate on July 3, 2021, starting at 5:00pm. Hamburgers, hotdogs and BBQ will be provided. Please bring your favorite side dish and drinks. You won't want to miss the fireworks! (2525 Poovey Rd., Decatur).

Worship 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.

Wednesday Nights for Youth in the Summer: Fellowship for students (including rising 6th graders) every Wednesday night in the summer, 6:00-8:00pm at the church. No dinner provided, but we will have snacks. Please use the youth room door. For questions, contact Nathan (nathan@decaturpca.org).

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

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

SUMMER 2021

9:30 am

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.

Sedona Class: A study of 1 Peter: A Living Hope Amidst Life's Great Challenges. Using material written by Dr. Frank Barker, we will unwrap practical ways Peter's message can guide us through our dilemmas and day-to-day living. 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! (*BEGINNING IN MID AUGUST*)

Session

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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