



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

"UPON A LIFE I DID NOT LIVE,  
UPON A DEATH I DID NOT DIE;  
another's life,  
another's death,  
I STAKE MY WHOLE ETERNITY."

Horatius Bonar

"I have been crucified with Christ. It is not longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself up for me."

Galatians 2:20

# The Lord's Day — August 22, 2021

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

## Song of Assembly<sup>1</sup>

### Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Wesley

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:

Psalm 111:1-2

Pastor: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**People: Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.**

**All: Amen.**

## Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 111

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I love thy Kingdom, Lord, the house of thine abode,  
The church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.

I love thy church, O God: her walls before thee stand,  
Dear as the apple of thine eye, and graven on thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers ascend;  
To her my cares and toils be giv'n, till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy I prize her heav'nly ways,  
Her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.

**Reading of the Word: *Natural man in 3D*****Romans 1:18-23**

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Confession of Sin**

**Gracious Lord, we confess that we dishonor you in our words, thoughts and deeds. Depending on our own strength, we stumble; glorying in our own righteousness, we reject you; and turning our faces from you, we desire the things of this world to satisfy us. We pray now, Lord, for you to forgive all of our many sins; to cleanse the darkness from our lives; and to turn our faces and our hearts back towards you ...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!**

**Assurance of Pardon in Christ****Romans 6:22-23**

But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

### By Faith

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By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation's grand design  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth with the power of His promise in their hearts  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand, a place where peace and justice reign

*We will stand as children of the promise, we will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight*

By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear  
With the power to break the chains of sin and death and rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go in the power of the Spirit to the lost  
To deliver captives and to preach good news in every corner of the earth

*We will stand...*

By faith this mountain shall be moved and the power of the gospel shall prevail  
For we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon His name

*We will stand...*

### Worthy Is the Lamb

Zschech

Thank you for the cross, Lord. Thank you for the price you paid.  
Bearing all my sin and shame, in love you came and gave Amazing Grace.

Thank you for this love, Lord. Thank you for the nail-pierced hands.  
Wash me in Your cleansing flow, now all I know...Your forgiveness and embrace.

*Worthy is the Lamb seated on the throne.  
Crown You now with many crowns You reign victorious!  
High and lifted up Jesus, Son of God.  
Sent from Heaven, crucified...worthy is the Lamb.*

### Jesus, Only Jesus

Tomlin

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.*

Sermon

Rev. Ron Clegg

**A Portrait of Arrogance**  
**Habakkuk 2:2-20** (page 785)

**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 Wait for You**

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*I wait, my soul waits for the Lord. My hope is in His word.  
 More than the watchmen wait for light, my soul waits for the Lord.*

Out of the depths I cry to You, in darkest places I will call.  
 Incline Your ear to me anew, and hear my cry for mercy, Lord.  
 So put Your hope in God alone. Take courage in His power to save,  
 Completely and forever won by Christ's emerging from the grave.

*I will wait for You, I will wait for You, on Your word I will rely.  
 I will wait for You, surely wait for You, till my soul is satisfied.*

Now He has come to make a way, and God Himself has paid the price,  
 That all who trust in Him today, find healing in His sacrifice.

*I will wait for You, I will wait for You, through the storm and through the night.  
 I will wait for You, surely wait for You, for Your love is my delight.*

## **Benediction<sup>2</sup>**

**Numbers 6:24-26**

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

## **Song of Faith**

### **By Faith**

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We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is done  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight  
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<sup>2</sup> 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

**Ron Clegg** is a native WV and has degrees from Marshall University ('76) and Reformed Theological Seminary ('86, Jackson, MS). Having come to faith in Christ through Campus Crusade for Christ, he later served on Cru Staff with the Music Ministry (Atlanta, GA). After his seminary training, Ron served in pastoral ministry in Alabama and Georgia. In April 2000, Ron and his wife Gayle served the ministry of World Harvest in Budapest, Hungary. After returning to the states in 2007, Ron served as Sr. Pastor at Parkview Church (Lilburn, GA) and Pastor of Discipleship at Southwood Presbyterian Church (Huntsville, AL). He and his wife Gayle have four adult children and ten grandchildren.

**Church Office:** The church office will be closed this Thursday, August 26 through Monday, August 30 . Tonya will be on vacation, returning Tuesday, August 31.

**Get More Connected:** Sign up for the weekly email by emailing Tonya at [tonya@decaturpca.org](mailto:tonya@decaturpca.org).

**Nursery Coordinator:** *To assist the families of the church by coordinating a safe, caring environment for the children entrusted to our care...* this is the vision and goal of our Nursery Ministry. We are looking for a new Nursery Coordinator, a paid, part-time job at DPC. Anyone interested should contact Rick Stark.

**Community Bible Study:** For women unable to attend the DPC Tuesday Bible study (or wish to do both), CBS offers another opportunity to study the Scriptures (Joshua, James, 1 & 2 Peter, Colossians). The study will meet on Thursday mornings beginning August 26. For more information, contact Leigh Littrell ([leighlittrell@gmail.com](mailto:leighlittrell@gmail.com)).

**September Guest Preachers:** Mr. John Summers (5th), Rev. Vinney Athey (12th), Rev. Jim Simoneau (19), Rev. Michael Alsup (26th)

**Tuesday Men's Bible Study:** Adult men are invited as we resume the Tuesday morning Bible Study on September 7th, 6:30a.m. - 7:30a.m., at Java Jaay Cafe (1713 6th Ave SE). We will continue in our study of the Book of Hebrews led by a rotation of skilled teachers.

**Midweek Youth Studies:** Beginning Wednesday, September 8th, the high schoolers will begin a series on evangelism taught by Nathan White called "To Gather" and the middle schoolers will begin a series on discipleship, specifically within the context of the local church, called "To Grow" taught by Austin Latter!

**Wednesday Open Door Study:** Adults men and women who don't have a place to connect on Wednesday nights (choir, Life Groups, Youth, etc...) are invited to the Open Door Bible Study, resuming September 8th, 6:20pm - 7:15pm in the Gathering Area of DPC. Along with fellowship & prayer, Rick Stark will be leading a study in Galatians.

**Midweek College Study:** Starting September 9th, college-aged young adults are invited to a midweek study on Thursday nights at 6:00 at Nathan & Rachael White's house. We plan to go through R.C. Sproul's *Truth's We Confess*. For more information, including their new address, you can email Nathan at [nathan@decaturpca.org](mailto:nathan@decaturpca.org) or call/text him at (256) 280-7912.

**Women's Bible Study:** begins September 14th, 10-11:30 am., in the Sedona room at DPC, studying the book of James, guided by *James: A 12-Week Study*, by Greg Gilbert. Study books are available in the Book Nook for \$5.00. The study will be led by Teresa Quinn, Betsy Stark, Carol Godwin, and Hope Schmidt. Child care will be provided. If you have questions, please email Teresa Quinn, [teresaquinn703@gmail.com](mailto:teresaquinn703@gmail.com), or text 256-565-0897. Visitors are welcome!

**Pray for a Student:** Contact Tonya ([tonya@decaturpca.org](mailto:tonya@decaturpca.org) or 256.361.6010) to sign up for a particular student for whom you will commit to pray for at least 3 times a week, until August of 2022. The new assignments will start in September. If you are currently praying for a student, and still want that same student, please let us know that too.

**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!

## Session

Jeff Keith  
Mike McMahan  
Kent Quinn  
Brian Rodgers  
Connor Ross  
Allen Schmidt

Jason Seale  
Greg Smith  
Jay Suggs  
Blake Temple  
Chip Walraven

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Wade Littrell  
Bill Nelson  
Scott Missildine  
Patrick Pettus

Andy 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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