



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

I do not want the world to define God for me. I do not even want religion to define God for me. I want the Holy Spirit to reveal God to me through the exceedingly great and precious promises He has given to me.

A.W. Tozer

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises...

1 Peter 2:3-4

The Lord's Day — August 29, 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

I Will Glory In My Redeemer

Cook

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.

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship:

Psalm 112:1-2

Pastor: Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who greatly delights in his commandments!

People: His offspring will be mighty in the land, the generation of the upright will be blessed.

All: Praise the Lord!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 112

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Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays;
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea;
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.

God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises Thee;
We, Thy creatures, would adore Thee now and through eternity.
Saved to magnify Thy goodness, grant us strength to do Thy will;
With our acts as with our voices thy commandments to fulfill.

Reading of the Word: *more than conquerors...*

Romans 8:35-39

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We admit our sins and ask for your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain us with a willing Spirit ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* **Amen!**

Assurance of Pardon in Christ

Acts 10:43

To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Williams

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore;
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing waters flow;
Let the fiery cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield;
Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises I will ever give to Thee;
Songs of praises I will ever give to Thee.

Lead Me To The Cross

Fraser

Savior I come quiet my soul, remember redemption's hill,
Where Your blood was spilled, for my ransom.
Everything I once held dear, I count it all as loss

*Lead me to the cross, where Your love poured out, bring me to my knees, Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself, I belong to You, Oh lead me, lead me to the cross*

You were as I, tempted and tried, human
The word became flesh, bore my sin and death, now you're risen
Everything I once held dear, I count it all as loss

To your heart, to your heart. Lead me to your heart, lead me to your heart.

Revelation Song

Riddle

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.

Sermon

Rev. Ron Clegg

Finding Light in the Darkness
Habakkuk 3:1-19 (page 786)

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.)

Be Thou My Vision

Hull

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son, Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Benediction²

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
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

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

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.

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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.

NextGen Wednesday Night Activities: begin Sept. 8! We will all gather for a meal at 5:30 p.m. From 6-6:30 p.m. children will go to choirs. Ages 4-7 will be in "Kids of the King" choir w/Teresa Quinn & Mary Chism in the room marked 6-7yo Sunday School. Ages 8-11 will be in the "Dare to Declare" choir w/ Lory Schieler & Debbie Smith in the room marked 10-11yo Sunday School. At 6:30, we will begin NextGen lessons & activities in those same classrooms. We will end and be ready for parents to pick up kids at 7:30 p.m.

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: Adult 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 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, or text 256-565-0897. Visitors are welcome!

Women's Ministry Fall Kick-Off Party: Ladies, you are all invited to kick off the new season of women's ministry with a fun evening of food and fellowship! Sunday, September 19, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Dinner will be catered at this event, so we ask that you RSVP to Allison Seale (678)431-0744 or Elena Suggs (256)221-6785.

Pray for a Student: New assignments are beginning this week. We still have students that have not been assigned. Contact Tonya (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.

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

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

SUMMER 2021

9:30 am

Jonah: Come join us as we study the book of Jonah, in the classroom across the hall from the church offices. We are using a book called "*Salvation through Judgment and Mercy*" which leads us thru the study of one man who thru painful experience, came to discover the true character of God. Visitors are always welcome!

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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Service Times

9:00am Worship Service #1 (Mask-Required Service)

10:45am Worship Service #2 (Mask-Optional Service)

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