



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

He is the one, the true Reformer, the true rectifier of all wrong, and in this respect the desire of all nations.

Oh! if the world could gather up all her right desire; if she could condense in one cry all her wild wishes; if all true lovers of mankind could condense their theories and extract the true wine of wisdom from them; it would just come to this, we want an Incarnate God, and you have got the Incarnate God! Oh! Nations, but ye know it not! Ye, in the dark, are groping after him, and know not that he is there.

Spurgeon

Yet once more, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land.
And I will shake all the nations, so that the treasures of all nations shall come in, and I will fill this house
with glory, says the Lord of hosts.

Haggai 2:7

The Lord's Day — September 19, 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

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Newton/Tomlin

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed!

My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me,

And like a flood His mercy reigns; unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;

He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

Welcome and Announcements

Report of the Living Church

Betsy Stark, WMT

Responsive Call to Worship:

Psalm 115:1

Pastor: Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory; for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!

People: Amen!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 115

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Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son:
 Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won;
 Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
 Kept the folded grave-clothes, where Thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
 Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
 Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
 Let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,
 For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

Reading of the Word: *the light and glory*

Luke 2:25-35

Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

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

The Gospel Pardon

I John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Great God Who Saves

Story

Oh, the promises of God, the rock on which I stand, the truths to which I cling.
His love that knows no bounds; He showers us with grace, withholding no good thing.

*When I stumble and my faith is small,
I will call Your name, great God who saves.*

*And I would have despaired if I had not believed that You would come to me, great God who saves.
And in my darkest hour, Your mercy and Your power are reaching out to me, great God who saves.*

Oh, the mystery of God, who holds all space and time, yet knows my every need.
The vastness of Your power, the strength You give the weak; I soar on eagle's wings.

And in my pain and in my need, You heard me calling out Your name.
When I was blind and could not see, You stepped in and saved a wretch like me,
And saved a wretch like me. Great God who saves.

Your Love, Oh Lord (Psalm 36)

Powell

Your love, Oh Lord, reaches to the heavens,
Your faithfulness stretches to the skies.
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains;
Your justice flows like the ocean's tide.

*And I will lift my voice to worship You my King,
And I will find my strength in the shadow of Your wings.*

By His Wounds

Powell

He was pierced for our transgressions
He was crushed for our sins
The punishment that brought us peace was upon Him
And by His wounds, by His wounds we are healed
We are healed by Your sacrifice
In the life that You gave
We are healed for You paid the price
By Your grace we are saved
We are saved
What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

The Way Forward
Haggai 2:1-9 (page 791)

We Respond By Receiving a New Member

The Lord Adds to His Church

Lacy Slaten

To read more about our new member, see page 6.

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 become followers of Christ?

Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your abilities?

Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

Prayer for Lacy

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.)

Surrender

Cottrell

No more running, no more hiding. No pretending I'm OK.
 No more struggling, no more fighting. Come and have Your way.

*I surrender, I bow down.
 I surrender, here and now.
 I am captured, Yours forever.
 I surrender, I bow down.*

You pursue me, You have found me. I fall helpless at Your feet.
 Your possession, I am conquered. Love has set me free.

Benediction²
May you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, the unbelievable become more believable, that to Him alone be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

adapted from 2 Peter 3:18

Song of Faith

Worthy Is the Lamb
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.

Zschech

This Week

Monday 6:30pm Women’s Bible Study @ Nelson home (James)	Wednesday 6:00-7:30pm DPC Youth! (6 th -12 th Grade)
Tuesday 6:30am Men’s Bible Study @ Java Jaay (Hebrews)	Wednesday 6:15-7:30pm Worship Choir Practice
Tuesday 10:00-11:30am Women’s Bible Study @ DPC (James)	Wednesday 6:15-7:15pm Open Door Study (Galatians)
Tuesday @ Noon Men’s Bible Study @ Kent’s Office (1 Samuel)	Wednesday 6:15-7:30pm Life Groups
Wednesday 1:00pm (2 nd & 4 th Wednesday) Singed Out for Christ	Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm 4 Year Olds - 5 th Grade / Kid’s Quest
Wednesday 5:00pm Middle School Choir / Soli Deo Gloria	Wednesday 7:30pm Praise Worship Band Practice
Wednesday 5:30pm Church Family Meal	Thursday 6:00pm College Student Study @ White’s home (Truths We Confess)
Wednesday 6:00-6:30pm Kids Choirs: 4 Year Old - 2 nd Grade / Kids of the King 3 rd Grade - 5 th Grade / Dare 2 Declare	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.

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Church Family Reminders

Dr. Jim Simoneau is a native Floridian but grew up in South Carolina. He and his wife Susan have five grown children and 10 grandchildren. Pastor Simoneau has served four churches since 1980, three churches in South Carolina and most recently Young Meadows PCA in Montgomery, AL. Now retired from pastoral ministry, Jim is a member of Providence Presbytery and currently is serving as the Director of Child Evangelism Fellowship of North Alabama.

Pulpit Committee Nominations: The period for nominating members for the Pulpit Search Committee has begun. Nominating forms are available around the church - Office, Foyer, Cafe, Gathering Room, and Children's Ministry Desk. These nomination forms should be personally returned to Tonya Roth, Office Administrator or mailed to the church office (2306 Modaus Rd. SW, Decatur, 35603). Nominations will close on October 10th. For questions, contact any Ruling Elder or your Pastors.

Upcoming Guest Preachers: Rev. Jim Simoneau (9/19), Rev. Michael Alsup (9/26), Rev. Henry Morris (10/03, 10/10)

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! Today, Sunday, September 19, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. @ DPC. 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.

A New Monday Night Women's Bible Study: *Please note: please read the first two chapters of the study guide before our first meeting, pages 7-18.* Beginning tomorrow, September 20th, on Monday nights, 6:30-8 pm! Meeting at Amy Nelson's home, 2522 Sherwood Dr., studying the book of James. Study guides available in the Book Nook for \$5. Questions? Contact Teresa Quinn, 256-565-0897. Guests are welcome!

Women's Bible Study: Tuesday mornings, 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. Child care is provided. For questions, please email Teresa Quinn, teresaquinn703@gmail.com, or text 256-565-0897.

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

Introduction of New Member

Lacy Slaten is a college freshman who started coming to DPC as a visitor halfway through her senior year. After months of visiting she came to trust in Christ in July around the time of RYM. Though she visited other churches before, none made the impact on her life that DPC has. The people she's met and the relationships she's made have brought her to the realization that this is the place she wants to be and she is excited to become a member.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

FALL 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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Wade Littrell
Bill Nelson
Scott Missildine

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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