



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

Everybody is concerned about the state of the country,
but have you heard anybody talking about the state of the soul and eternal destiny?

Dr. Martin Lloyd Jones

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us.
We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:17

The Lord's Day — September 26, 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

The Wonderful Cross

Watts/Tomlin

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down:
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

*O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross, Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross, All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.*

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Welcome and Announcements

Report of the Living Church

Deanna Lyons

Responsive Call to Worship:

Psalm 116:1-2

Pastor: I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

People: Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 116

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Hymn of Praise

For All the Saints

How

For all the saints, who from their labors rest, Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might; Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reading of the Word: *sending and being sent with Good News!*

Romans 10:8-17

But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him.¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Lord God, we have given more weight to our success and happiness than to your will: eaten without a thought for the hungry; spoken without an effort to understand others; kept silent instead of telling the truth; judged others, forgetful that you alone are the Judge. Within the church we have been slow to practice love of our neighbors. And in the world we have not been your faithful servants. Father, forgive us and help us to live as followers of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

The Gospel Pardon

Galatians 1:3-5

Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Lo, He Comes

Wesley

Every eye shall now behold Him, robed in dreadful majesty.
Those who set at naught and sold Him, pierced and nailed Him to the tree.
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.
*Lo! He comes with clouds descending, once for our salvation slain.
Thousand, thousand saints attending, swell the triumph of His train.
Alleluia! Alleluia! God appears on earth to reign.*
Lo! He comes in glory shining, saints arise and meet your King.
Glorious captain of salvation, "welcome, welcome" hear them sing.
Shouts of triumph, Shouts of triumph, make the heav'ns with echoes ring.
Now redemption long expected, see in solemn pomp appear!
All his saints by man rejected, now shall meet Him in the air.
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the day of God appear.
Yea amen let all adore Thee, high on thine eternal throne.
Savior take the power and glory, claim the kingdom for thine own.
O Come quickly, O come quickly, alleluia, come Lord, come!

Sing to the King

Foote

Sing to the King Who is coming to reign; Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain
Life and salvation His empire shall bring and joy to the nations when Jesus is King.
*Come, let us sing a song, a song declaring we belong to Jesus, He is all we need.
Lift up a heart of praise, sing now with voices raised to Jesus, sing to the King.*
For His returning we watch and we pray, we will be ready the dawn of that day
We'll join in singing with all the redeemed 'cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King!

At the Cross (I Bow My Knees)

Morgan/Zschech

Oh Lord You've searched me, You know my way, Even when I fail You, I know You love me
Your holy presence, surrounding me, In every season, I know You love me, I know You love me
*At the cross I bow my knee, where Your blood was shed for me
There's no greater love than this, You have overcome the grave
Your Glory fills the highest place, what can separate me now?*
You go before me, You shield my way, Your hand upholds me, I know You love me
You tore the veil, You made a way, When You said that it is done.
And when the earth fades, falls from my eyes. You stand before me, I know You love me. I know You love me

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Mike McMahan

Called To Live Out Sacrificial Service
1 Corinthians 9:19-23 (page 791)

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

Chisholm

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!

Benediction²

adapted from 2 Peter 3:18

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.

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.

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.

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) Singled 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)

Church Family Reminders

Rev Michael and Kelly Alsup grew up in Fairhope Alabama and are both graduates of Auburn. Their daughter, Katherine, graduated from Troy University and works in Auburn. Michael served in the pastoral ministry in Opelika and Troy for 28 years before moving to Auburn to work with RUFi (Reformed University Fellowship - International).

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

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.

Resuming One Worship Service: We are pleased to announce that on Sunday, October 03, we will return to ONE worship service, 10:45a.m. This doesn't mean "victory" over Covid-19, but only that the infection rate is falling rapidly and that we are all learning to help one another do life in a Covid-world. Some will still be more vulnerable, and so we will maintain a roped-off / mask-only seating section in the back of the sanctuary. Please ask the Deacons for any help you need.

A New Monday Evening Women's Bible Study! Every Monday, 6:30-8 pm, meeting at Amy Nelson's home, 2522 Sherwood Dr., we are studying the book of James. Study guides are available in the Book Nook for \$5. Led by Teresa Quinn, Betsy Stark, Amy Nelson, and Hope Schmidt, we are using the same study guide as our Tuesday morning study. Questions? Call or text Teresa, 256-565-0897, or email teresaquinn703@gmail.com Guests are welcome!

Women's Bible Study: Tuesday mornings, 10-11:30 am., in the Gathering 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.

Singled Out for Christ: A group of ladies without husbands on mission to grow together in God's image by studying His word, praying for each other and our church, and serving God as He guides us. We meet twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays for Bible study and on the 3rd Wednesday for Fun day. "*Brave by Faith*" by Alistair Begg begins October 13. New members welcome! For questions, contact Alice Green, aliceinthegarden@gmail.com, 256.975.9709,

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

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
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Kent Quinn
Brian Rodgers
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Allen Schmidt

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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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