



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

Let us inquire whether our whole dependence is placed upon that grace which saves the lost, pardons the guilty, and sanctifies the unclean. And the further we are removed from boasting of fancied good works, or trusting in them, so that we glory in Christ alone, the more zealous shall we be to abound in real good works.

Matthew Henry, 1662 -1714

# The Lord's Day — October 3, 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>

## Forever

## Tomlin

Give thanks to the Lord Our God and King, His love endures forever.

For He is good, He is above all things, His love endures forever.

Sing Praise! Sing Praise!

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm, His love endures forever.

For the life that's been reborn, His love endures forever.

Sing praise! Sing praise! Sing Praise! Sing praise!

*Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong, forever God is with us, forever and ever, forever.*

From the rising to the setting sun, His love endures forever.

By the grace of God we will carry on, His love endures forever.

Sing praise! Sing praise! Sing praise! Sing praise!

*Forever You are faithful, forever You are strong, Forever You are with us, forever and ever.*

## Welcome and Announcements

## Responsive Call to Worship

**Psalm 117:1-2**

Pastor: Praise the Lord, all nations. Extol him, all peoples!

**People: For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.**

**All: Praise the Lord!**

## Prayer of Adoration & Praise

**based on Psalm 117**

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## Hymn of Praise

## All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name!

Perronet

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,  
And crown Him Lord of all!

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, On this terrestrial ball, On this terrestrial ball,  
To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,  
And crown Him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng, We at his feet may fall, We at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,  
And crown Him Lord of all!

## Reading of the Word: *distinguished above all others*

Daniel 6:1-5

It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom 120 satraps, to be throughout the whole kingdom; and over them three high officials, of whom Daniel was one, to whom these satraps should give account, so that the king might suffer no loss. Then this Daniel became distinguished above all the other high officials and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him. And the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom. Then the high officials and the satraps sought to find a ground for complaint against Daniel with regard to the kingdom, but they could find no ground for complaint or any fault, because he was faithful, and no error or fault was found in him. Then these men said, "We shall not find any ground for complaint against this Daniel unless we find it in connection with the law of his God."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## Confession of Sin

**O merciful God, we need you. We need healing of our disfigured lives and restoration to your true design. Give us true repentance, we pray. Some of our sins are plain to us; some we are blind to; and some we think we cannot face. Forgive us, we pray. And set us free to hear Your Word to us; set us free to serve you with our whole hearts ...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!**

## The Gospel Pardon

Zephaniah 3:16-17

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing."

## **Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs**

### **Praise God**

**Ken/Watts/Kauflin**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, In Heaven above and earth below.

Praise God the Father and the Son, Praise God the Spirit, three-in-one.

From all that dwell beneath the skies, Let the Creator's praise arise.

Let our Redeemer's name be sung, Through every land, by every tongue.

Eternal are Your mercies Lord, Eternal truth attends Your Word.

Your praise will sound from shore to shore, Till suns shall rise and set no more.

*In every land, by every tongue, Let our Redeemer's name be sung.*

### **I Am Not Alone**

When I walk through deep waters, I know that You will be with me

When I'm standing in the fire, I will not be overcome

Through the valley of the shadow, I will not fear

*I am not alone, I am not alone, You will go before me*

*You will never leave me (2x)*

In the midst of deep sorrow, I see Your light is breaking through

The dark of night will not overtake me, I am pressing into You

Lord, You fight my every battle, and I will not fear

You amaze me, Redeem me, You call me as Your own

You're my strength, You're my defender

You're my refuge in the storm, through these trials

You've always been faithful, You bring healing to my soul

### **Come Unto Me**

**Schmidt**

Take my yoke, my yoke is easy.

Take my burdens, my burdens are light.

Learn from me, I'm gentle and humble.

Come to me for rest for your soul,

Come to me for rest for your soul.

*Come unto me, all who are weary and I will give you rest.*

*Give to me, the burdens you carry and I will give you rest.*

## **Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition**

**Elder Allen Schmidt**

**Adorning the Gospel**  
**Titus 2:1-15** (page 998)

**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.)*

**There Is A Fountain Filled with Blood**

**Cowper**

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins;  
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains. *(Repeat)*

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;  
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away. *(Repeat)*

O dying Lamb, thy precious blood shall never lose its power,  
Til all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more. *(Repeat)*

Ever since, by faith, I saw the stream thy flowing wounds supply,  
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die. *(Repeat x2)*

**Benediction<sup>2</sup>**  
Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

**1 Thessalonians 5:23-24**

**Song of Faith**

**I Will Glory In My Redeemer**  
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!

**Cook**

**This Week**

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

<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.

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## Church Family Reminders

**Henry Morris** has served in PCA churches in various capacities - as an RUF campus minister at Mercer and Florida State, as the church planter in Florence, AL, and as an associate pastor in Dothan, Alabama. Recently Henry and his wife Betsy moved into an old house in downtown Birmingham and have begun a ministry called **The Schaeffer House**. Named after Francis & Edith Schaeffer, the ministry hopes many internationals and young professionals will come to know Christ and be exposed to the truth claims of Christianity, in a welcoming environment with gospel hospitality. Henry & Betsy have three grown children - John Hardin, Henry, and Carolyn.

**Upcoming Guest Preachers:** Rev. Henry Morris (10/10), Rev. Marcus Nobles (10/17), Pastor Nathan White (10/24, 10/31)

**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.

**DPC Website:** A winsome first-look, faces of real people, invitations to connect, vision of the gospel to catch, useful tools to plug-in and to give of one's resources... Both inside and outside the walls of the church, there's hardly a more strategic tool in the world we live in. If you have an interest and experience in web design, management, social media, etc., and see this as an opportunity to use your skills for the gospel, please contact Rick Stark ([rick@decaturpca.org](mailto:rick@decaturpca.org)) or Nathan White ([nathan@decaturpca.org](mailto:nathan@decaturpca.org)).

**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](mailto:aliceinthegarden@gmail.com), 256.975.9709,

**Baby Shower:** Join us for a baby shower for Rachael White on Sunday, October 24 at 2:00 pm at Betsy Stark's home (3773 S. Woodtrail Road SW). They are having a baby girl. Help us encourage them as they begin this new stage of life. Rachael is registered at Amazon and Target.

**Fall Festival:** Mark your calendars for this year's Fall Festival Wednesday, Oct. 27! We will gather for a time of fellowship outside in lieu of our regular Wednesday night activities. We will have a bonfire, activities for kids, and much more. Be sure to brush up on your chili making skills for our annual chili cook off!

**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  
Mike McMahan  
Kent Quinn  
Brian Rodgers  
Connor Ross  
Allen Schmidt

Jason Seale  
Greg Smith  
Jay Suggs  
Blake Temple  
Chip Walraven

## Diaconate

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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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