



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

The two most important days in your life are the day you were born and the day you find out why.

Mark Twain

A true understanding of grace - of God's unmerited favor - always provokes a life of gratitude and obedience.

R. C. Sproul

Live as free people, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.

1 Peter 2:16

# The Lord's Day — October 10, 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>

## O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Peace/Matheson

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee;  
I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thine ocean depths its flow, May richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day, May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee;  
I climb the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain, That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from Thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red, Life that shall endless be.

## Welcome and Announcements

## Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 118:19-24

Pastor: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord

**People: This is the gate of the Lord, the righteous shall enter through it.**

Pastor: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

**People: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.**

Pastor: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**People: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

## Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 118

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## Hymn of Praise

### Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,  
Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth, and sky and sea,  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

### Reading of the Word: *grow up... live as holy people, as free people"*

**1 Peter 2:1-17**

So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation. Be subject for the Lord’s sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### Confession of Sin

**O most merciful God, since you have given your one and only Son to die for me, have mercy on me and for his sake, grant me forgiveness for all my sins; and by your Holy Spirit increase in me true knowledge of you and of your will and true obedience to your Word, so that by your grace I may live as holy and free, unto all your good works, through Jesus Christ, our Lord ...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

### Immortal, Invisible

**Story**

Immortal, You are not like a man, that You change Your mind or change Your plan.  
Invisible, our human eyes can't see, the depths of Your majesty.

*You're the God of forever and ever amen! The Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End.  
We sing, "Hallelujah!" We worship in awe, Immortal, invisible God.*

Immortal, You are not bound by death. You're the living God, my very breath.  
Invisible, You are not bound by space, But Your glory is filling this place. Yes, Your glory is filling this place.

Immortal yet You once died for me, To pay my debt, to set me free.  
Invisible, You will not always be, 'Cause You're coming to reign as our King,  
And the saints will fall down at Your feet.

### O Church, Arise

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O Church, arise, and put your armor on; hear the call of Christ our Captain.  
For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given.  
With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies;  
An army bold, whose battle cry is love, reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor;  
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valor.  
When faced with trials on every side, we know the outcome is secure,  
And Christ will have the prize for which He died, an inheritance of nations.

*Arise, shine for your light has come. Arise, shine for the Risen Son  
Lift your eyes, we are His radiant bride. Arise, o church arise!*

Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken;  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet, for the Conquerer has risen!  
And as the stone is rolled away and Christ emerges from the grave,  
This victory march continues till the day every eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit come, put strength in every stride, give grace for every hurdle,  
That we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful.

As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of His grace,  
We hear their calls and hunger for the day when with Christ we stand in glory.

## Through the Door

Cottrell

Through the door, through the cross, Through the Lamb slain for us, we come.

Through the One crucified, Through the Way, the Truth, the Life, we come.

And the lost say "I am found", the blind say "I can see." The weak say "I am strong," the bound say "I am free."

*And we sing "Hallelujah, this is glory, Hallelujah, this is grace, Hallelujah, this is mercy flowing down"*

*And we dance in the light of Your love, And we dance in the light of Your love and this is glory!*

Through the door You became, You have called and by faith we come.

Through the door, in the name, Of the One mighty to save, Lord, we come.

Death, where is your sting? The grave has lost the fight. Sin, where are your chains? The door is open wide.

Your love is deeper; Your mercy's wider; Your grace is greater than our sin. (Repeat)

*This is glory, through the door, through the cross, through the Lamb slain for us, we come.*

## Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Allen Schmidt

...Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

## Sermon

Rev. Henry Morris

### Engaging in Good Works

Titus 3:1-15 (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.)*

## Be Still My Soul

Sibelius

Be still my soul: the Lord is on your side; Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.

Leave to your God to order and provide; In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly Friend, Thro' thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake, To guide the future as He has the past.

Your hope, your confidence, let nothing shake; All now mysterious shall be bright at last.

Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know, His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastn'ing on, When we shall be forever with the Lord,

When disappointment, grief and fear are gone, Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.

Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past, All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

**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. 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 TODAY 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 this Wednesday, October 13. New members welcome! Questions, contact Alice Green, 256.975.9709, [aliceinthegarden@gmail.com](mailto:aliceinthegarden@gmail.com).

**Baby Shower:** Join us for a baby shower for Rachael White on Sunday, October 24 at 2:00 pm at Temple, Inc. (320 Bank Street). They are having a baby girl. Help us encourage them as they begin this new stage of life. Rachael is registered at Babylist.com and Target. Contact Hope Schmidt or Debbie Smith for more information.

**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

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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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