



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

We need the local church, because it is there that we find the consistent means of grace that nourish our souls.
The local church is the place where God lifts up and strengthens weary pilgrims.

Derrick Brite

We have been given a new identity by God our Father. In His adopting us into the family, He has given us a new name. We are no longer known by our former sins, for those identifying marks have been washed away through the cleansing flow of Christ's blood-filled fountain.

Matthew Adams

At some point, in every rightly-intentioned Sabbath observance, there's a struggle against a prideful question: "What will happen if I don't...?" But the heart of the Sabbath commandment is that you're actually not that important...The Sabbath was not intended to be a list of regulations of things to avoid, nor was it to be a free pass to loaf on your couch in your pajamas all day. The Sabbath is about redirecting our energies to focus on celebrating and enjoying God, instead of striving and grasping.

Justin Poythress

The Lord's Day — October 17, 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

God Of This City

Tomlin

You're the God of this city, You're the King of these people, You're the Lord of this nation, You are!
You're the Light in this darkness, You're the Hope to the hopeless, You're the Peace to the restless, You are!

There is no one like our God, There is no one like our God.

For greater things have yet to come, And greater things are still to be done in this city.

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You're the Lord of creation, the creator of all things. You're the King above all Kings, You are!
You're the strength in our weakness, You're the love to the broken, You're the joy in the sadness, You are!

Greater things have yet to come, and greater things are still to be done here. There is no one like You, God.

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 119:33-35

Pastor: Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes; and I will keep it to the end.

People: Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

All: Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 119

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Hymn of Praise

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Mote

My hope is built on nothing less, Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne.

Reading of the Word: *A Mighty Fortress*

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Based on Psalm 51

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin! For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Hide your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit ...*Silent*

& Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!

The Gospel Pardon

1 Peter 2:9-10

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.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

How Great Is Our God

Tomlin/Cash/Reeves

The splendor of the King, Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, All the earth rejoice

He wraps Himself in light, And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice,. And trembles at His voice

How great is our God, Sing with me, How great is our God, And all will see how great, How great is our God

And age to age He stands, And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End. Beginning and the End

The Godhead three in one, Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb. The Lion and the Lamb

Name above all names. Worthy of all praise. My heart will sing, how great is our God

Through the Precious Blood

Altrogge

You have ordained every breath we take, in pleasure or pain, there is no mistake
Gladness and grief, both are in Your hands, and sufferings brief carry out Your plan
And our fleeting sorrows, will yield an endless prize, When some bright tomorrow, we'll see You with our eyes, and

*Grace upon grace flows down, flows down, And Grace upon grace flows down, flows down,
Through the precious blood of Christ*

Father of lights, Giver of all grace, Your mercies crown our lives all our days
River of Life, quench our thirsty souls, for no true delight does Your love withhold
And in every season, we are satisfied, For just one reason, Christ was crucified, and

All good gifts, every good thing, comes to us freely, so freely,
All good gifts, every good thing, comes to us freely, so freely,
Through the precious blood, Through the precious blood.

To the Only God

Tomlin

To the only God, who is able to keep us,
Able to keep us from falling.

To the only God, be all glory and honor,
Majesty and power, for all ages now and forevermore.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Greg Smith

Sermon

Rev. Marcus Nobles

What Do We Do In A Dark World?
1 Peter 1:1-16 (page 1014)

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.)

He Knows My Name**Walker**

I have a Maker, He formed my heart
 Before even time began, My life was in His hands

*He knows my name, He knows my every thought
 He sees each tear that falls, And hears me when I call*

I have a Father, He calls me His own
 He'll never leave me, No matter where I go

Benediction²**1 Peter 5:10-11**

And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. 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.

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!

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

Marcus Nobles is a Birmingham native but grew up all over the world in a military family. He joined the Army after High School and continued in ROTC during undergrad at The University of South Alabama. Marcus currently serves as the Campus Minister for RUF at AAMU, has previously served as the Campus Ministry Assistant at RUF South Alabama as well as the Music Minister and Pastoral Intern for Trinity Family Church PCA in Mobile, Alabama, and is a MDiv student at RTS Jackson. He and his wife, Jessica, have three children: Amelia 3, Charlotte 1 1/2, and Olivia 4 weeks.

Upcoming Guest Preachers: Rev. Marcus Nobles (10/17), Pastor Nathan White (10/24, 10/31), Rev. Brian Russ (11/7), Rev. Amos Williams, Jr. (11/14)

Congregational Meeting: Members of DPC are requested to stay after worship today for a brief Congregational Meeting. The purpose is to vote 9 members on to the Pulpit Search Committee. As previously communicated, the hope is that this Committee will reflect a cross-section of the church in terms of different ages and stages of life, and both genders, and of different areas of ministry involvement. *"The heart of a man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps."* - Proverbs 16:9

Baby Shower: Join us for a baby shower for Rachael White next 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: Join us for the Fall Festival Wednesday, October 27 at 5:30 p.m.! We will have a bonfire, live music, bounce houses, a hayride, and our annual chili cookoff. If you would like to make chili for the cookoff, please contact Hope Schmidt at laz91201@yahoo.com.

Operation Christmas Child: For the next month, DPC will have another Intl. Missions opportunity—Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. Last year, toy/notions-filled shoe boxes (including an invitation to learn about Jesus) were gifted to millions of children in 150 countries around the world. See the OCC display in the Gathering Room, and pick up a brochure and one or more empty shoe boxes. Boxes are due Sunday, November 14. Contact Mary Chism at maebelle12@att.net for more information.

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
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Service Times

9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Worship

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