



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 are all faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as impossible situations.

Charles R. Swindoll

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.
Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.

Psalms 127:1

Then he said to me, "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel:
Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts.

Zechariah 4:6

The Lord's Day — January 2, 2022

Welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus! Thank you for joining us today and may the Lord richly bless you.

Song of Assembly¹

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.

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 132:7; Hebrews 10:22

Pastor: Let us go to his dwelling place; let us worship at his footstool!

People: Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 129

Hymn of Praise

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Bateman

Come, Christians join to sing, Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;

Praise is His gracious choice, Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!

He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend;

His love shall never end, Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore, His goodness we'll adore,

Singing forevermore, Alleluia! Amen!

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Reading of the Word: *Father, Son, and Holy Spirit***Isaiah 48:12-16**

Listen to me, O Jacob, and Israel, whom I called! I am he; I am the first, and I am the last. My hand laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand spread out the heavens; when I call to them, they stand forth together. Assemble, all of you, and listen! Who among them has declared these things? The Lord loves him; he shall perform his purpose on Babylon, and his arm shall be against the Chaldeans. I, even I, have spoken and called him; I have brought him, and he will prosper in his way. Draw near to me, hear this: from the beginning I have not spoken in secret, from the time it came to be I have been there. And now the Lord God has sent me, and his Spirit.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Remember me, O Lord, with your great mercy, for thy fountain is from old. Remember not the haunting sins of my youth, but according to thy love remember me, O Lord. For the sake of thy name, O Lord, forgive my failures, though they are great. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for the troubles of my heart have multiplied; free me from my anguish. Look upon my affliction and my distress and take away all my sins ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

The Gospel Pardon**Galatians 1:3-5**

Grace to you 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

Lord for Your Glory

Hampton

Lord for your glory we sing Your praises. We magnify Your holy name.
All for Your glory, Lord we bring blessing. We seek to honor You all of our days.
*We lift our hands, we lift our praise to You. We worship all You are in spirit and truth.
We give our hearts, we give our lives to You. We offer all we are for the glory of You.*

Almighty Father, we are Your children. You have been faithful to Your own.
Lord, for Your glory we have been chosen. We lay down all we have here at Your throne!
*We lift our hands, we lift our praise to You. We worship all You are in spirit and truth.
We give our hearts, we give our lives to You. We offer all we are, we offer all we have,
We offer all our lives for the glory of You. For the glory of You!*

The Lord Is My Salvation

Getty

The grace of God has reached for me, And pulled me from the raging sea
And I am safe on this solid ground, The Lord is my salvation
I will not fear when darkness falls, His strength will help me scale these walls
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun, The Lord is my salvation
*Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won, The Lord is my salvation*
My hope is hidden in the Lord, He flow'rs each promise of His Word
When winter fades I know spring will come, The Lord is my salvation
In times of waiting, times of need, When I know loss, when I am weak
I know His grace will renew these days, The Lord is my salvation
And when I reach my final day, He will not leave me in the grave
But I will rise, He will call me home, The Lord is my salvation
Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son
Glory be to God the Spirit, The Lord is our salvation

Cornerstone

Mote, Liljero, Morgan, Myrin

My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus name
*Christ alone, cornerstone, Weak made strong, in the Savior's love
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all*
When Darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil
His oath, His covenant, His blood, support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way. He then is all my hope and stay. He then is all my hope and stay
When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless stand before the throne.

Sermon

Pastor Dieter Paulson

Believing In A Big God
1 Corinthians 3:1-9 (page 953)

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 signal the pastor to let him know. In each tray of drink, the clear communion cups contain juice and the purple contain wine. Please hold the elements until all have been served so that we may partake together.)

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Watts

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.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God:
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

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?

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

Benediction²

Deuteronomy 33:12

May the beloved of the Lord dwell in safety. May the Most High God surround you all day long, and dwell between your shoulders.

Song of Faith

We Are the Body of Christ

One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise You, we are the body of Christ.

One goal, one vision, to see You exalted, we are the body of Christ.

And to this we give our lives, to see You glorified.

One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise You,

We are the body of Christ. We are the body of Christ.

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.

Church Family Reminders

Joint Session / Deacon Meeting: The Elders and the Deacons of the church will meet together on January 3rd from 5:30pm – 9:00pm.

Tuesday Noon Men's Study: The Quinn men's study (1 Samuel) resumes on January 4th, 12:00pm – 1:00pm at Kent's office (1323 Stratford Rd SE, Decatur).

Friday Morning Men's Study: The Temple men's study (Jude) resumes on January 7th, 6:30am – 8:00am at Temple, Inc office (320 Bank St, Decatur).

Table Bridal Shower: There will be a Table Bridal Shower for Allie Greenhaw (daughter of Brian & Julie Rodgers) next Sunday, January 9 immediately after worship service. There will be a table in the gathering room for you to leave your gifts as they prepare for marriage. Allie is registered at Target, Etsy, and Anthropologie.

Tuesday Morning Men's Study: The Java Jaay men's study (Hebrews) resumes on January 11th, 6:30am – 7:30am, at Java Jaay Café (1713 6th Ave SE, Decatur).

Wednesday Mid-Week Ministry: resumes January 12th. A church family meal is served from 5:30pm – 6:15pm (\$5.00/person or \$20/per family). Children's choir and Youth begin at 6:00pm; NextGen, Open Door Study and Life Groups are at 6:30pm – 7:30pm.

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study: resumes Tuesday, January 18th, 10-11:30 am., in the Sedona room at DPC, studying the book of Luke. We will be using the study book *Luke, Part 1, A Study of Luke 1-8*, by Hope Blanton & Christine Gordon. Study books are available in the Book Nook for \$9. Nursery will be provided. For questions, please email Teresa Quinn, teresaquinn703@gmail.com, or text 256-565-0897.

Monday Night Women's Bible Study: will resume January 24th, 6:30-8 pm, meeting at Amy Nelson's home, 2522 Sherwood Dr. We will be studying the book of Luke. Study guides are available in the Book Nook for \$9. Questions? Contact Teresa Quinn, 256-565-0897. All are welcome!

DPC Women's Ministry: Save the date for our FREEDOM IN CHRIST WOMENS RETREAT at Smith Lake with Guest Speaker Julie Sparkman. February 4th & 5th, 2022. All women ages 21 & up are invited. Cost is \$35 per person which includes Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, Saturday lunch, guest speaker, and an overnight stay. Please RSVP by January 23, 2022 to reserve your spot. Forms are located on the foyer table. More details coming soon!

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

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

WINTER 2021

9:30 am

Zechariah: Come join us as we study the book of Zechariah, in the classroom across the hall from the church offices. The book of Zechariah addresses God's people who are discouraged and in need of renewal. In doing so, it provides a captivating vision of God and his work in the world, leading us into a deeper longing for God and the coming of his kingdom, which finds its realization in Christ. Please join us in this study.

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
Connor Ross
Allen Schmidt

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Greg Smith
Jay Suggs
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Chip Walraven

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Service Times

9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Worship

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