

For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. 2 Corinthians 4:5

Abide in me, and I in you... As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Abide in my love.... These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

Jesus, Gospel of John 15:4, 9, 11

Methinks I hear a sweet still voice within me, saying, This is the way, walk in it; and this in the night season, when I am wrapped in rest and silence.

John Trapp (1601-1669)

The Lord's Day — January 16, 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

Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed Be Your Name in the land that is plentiful; Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name. Blessed Be Your name when I'm found in the desert place, Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise; When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say. Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name; Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me; When the world's 'all as it should be', blessed be Your name Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering; Though there's pain in the offering; blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name; Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name You give and take away, You give and take away; My heart will choose to say, "Lord, blessed be Your name."

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Pastor: O Lord, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high; my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.

People: But I have calmed and quieted my soul; like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child is my soul within me.

All: O Israel, hope in the Lord from this time forth and forevermore.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 131

Redman

Psalm 131:1-3

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Rejoice, the Lord is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.

> *Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love; When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above.

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n; The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n.

Reading of the Word: Abiding in Christ

John 15:1-11

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

Confession of Sin

O merciful God, we need your healing. Give us true repentance, we pray. Some of our sins are plain to us; some escape us; 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 abide in you and to serve you with our whole heartsSilent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!

The Gospel Pardon

Ezekiel 36:25-27

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rule.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

By Faith

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By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation's grand design In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth with the power of His promise in their hearts Of a holy city built by God's own hand, a place where peace and justice reign

We will stand as children of the promise, we will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward Till the race is finished and the work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight

By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear With the power to break the chains of sin and death and rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go in the power of the Spirit to the lost To deliver captives and to preach good news in every corner of the earth

We will stand...

By faith this mountain shall be moved and the power of the gospel shall prevail For we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon His name

We will stand ...

I Need Thee Every Hour

Hawks

I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord, no tender voice like Thine, can peace afford. I need Thee every hour, stay Thou near by, temptations lose their power, when Thou art nigh.

> I need Thee, O I need Thee, O I need Thee, every hour I need you Lord, O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

I need Thee every hour, in joy or pain. Come quickly and abide, or life is vain. I need Thee every hour, teach me Thy will, and Thy rich promises, in me fulfill.

Jesus, Only Jesus

Tomlin

Who has the power to raise the dead, Who can save us from our sin? He is our hope, our righteousness. Jesus, only Jesus.

Who can make the blind to see, Who holds the keys that set us free? He paid it all to bring us peace. Jesus, only Jesus.

Holy, King Almighty, Lord. Saints and angels all adore. I join with them and bow before, Jesus, only Jesus.

Who can command the highest praise, Who has the name above all names? You stand alone, I stand amazed. Jesus, only Jesus.

You will command the highest praise, Yours is the name above all names. You stand alone, I stand amazed. Jesus, only Jesus. Jesus, only Jesus.

Rev. Chuck Frost

Sermon

Satisfied?? Psalm 16 (page 453)

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.)

Above All

LeBlanc

Above all powers, above all kings, Above all nature and all created things; Above all wisdom and all the ways of man, You were here before the world began.

Above all kingdoms, above all thrones, Above all wonders the world has ever known; Above all wealth and treasures of the earth, There's no way to measure what You're worth.

Crucified, laid behind the stone; You lived to die, rejected and alone; Like a rose trampled on the ground, You took the fall, were glorified above all

Benediction²

adapted from Colossians 3:14-15

Above all, may you put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony; and may the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, now and forevermore.

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.

This Week

Monday 6:30pm Women's Bible Study @ Nelson home (Luke)

Tuesday 6:30am Men's Bible Study @ Java Jaay (Hebrews)

Tuesday 10:00-11:30am Women's Bible Study @ DPC (Luke)

Tuesday @ Noon Men's Bible Study @ Kent's Office (1 Samuel)

Wednesday 1:00pm (2nd & 4th Wednesday) Singled Out for Christ

Wednesday 5:00pm Youth Choir / Soli Deo Gloria

Wednesday 5:30pm Church Family Meal

Wednesday 6:00-6:30pm Kids Choirs: 4 Year Old - 2nd Grade / Kids of the King 3rd Grade - 5th Grade / Dare 2 Declare

Wednesday 6:00-7:30pm DPC Youth! (6th-12th Grade)

Wednesday 6:15-7:30pm Worship Choir Practice

Wednesday 6:15-7:15pm Open Door Study (Galatians)

Wednesday 6:15-7:30pm Life Groups

Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm 4 Year Olds - 5th Grade / Kid's Quest

Wednesday 7:30pm Praise Worship Band Practice

Thursday 6:00pm College Student Study @ White's home (Truths We Confess)

Friday 6:30am Men's Bible Study @ Temple, Inc. (1 Peter)

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. 5

Church Family Reminders

Jeph Guinan is married to Heidi and they have five children. After graduating from Birmingham Theological Seminary (2012), the Lord called Jeph as a bivocational church planter to start a church in Calera, AL, where he planted and pastored until being called as the director of the Alabama Church Planting Network in late 2018. He and his family currently live in Alabaster, AL.

Sanctity of Life Sunday: The hope and assurance of Psalm 139 is that "Everywhere man can be, Thou art present there!" The creation of humans is unlike the rest of creation because mankind was made in the Image of God (Imago Dei, Gen.1:26). On this 3rd Sunday in January, we lament before God the perversity of our current 'death culture'; and we celebrate the sacredness of human life; and we reflect on how we can engage in the protection of life at every stage.

Visiting Missionaries, Joel & Judy Linton! Sunday January 23, our missionaries to Taiwan will be visiting among us and Joel will be preaching. There will be a brief reception for the Linton's immediately following worship, where they will give an informative presentation along with Q & A. A light lunch (finger food, salad, drink) will be provided for those interested in international missions or in the East Asia region. Please RSVP with the church office by Friday January 21 (office@decaturpca.org, 256.351.6010).

Upcoming Guest Preachers: Joel Linton (1/23); Gary Johnson (1/30); Vinney Athey (2/6); John Summers (2/13)

Women's Bible Studies: begin this Tuesday, January 18th, 10-11:30 am at DPC, and Monday, January 24th, 6:30-8 pm, at Amy Nelson's home (2522 Sherwood Drive SE). Study guides for the book of Luke are available in the Book Nook for \$9. Nursery will be provided on Tuesdays. For questions, please contact Teresa Quinn, teresaquinn703@gmail.com, 256-565-0897.

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 <u>RSVP by next Sunday, January 23, 2022</u> to reserve your spot. Forms are located on the foyer table. More details coming soon!

Women's Ministry Home Missions Service Night: Join us next Sunday, January 23 @5:30pm to make goodie baskets for Sav-A-Life, and casseroles for RUF UAH, RUF Alabama A&M, Young Life, and Young Lives. All supplies, as well as snacks, will be provided. Questions? Contact Carol Godwin, carolg@pclnet.net or 256-227-5614.

Great News! We are finally able to go back to the DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, May 31-June 7, 2022. Check the DPC website, "short term mission trips" under the Ministry tab for full information. First come first serve, limit ~25. Questions? Contact Carol Godwin, carolg@pclnet.net or 256.227.5614.

Volunteers Needed! "Saved to serve!" (Rom.12:3-8 & Eph.2:10) Let's find your place in 2022 to plug in and serve: Nursery, NextGen, Intl. Missions Committee, Domestic Missions Committee, Choir, Mid-Week Meal set-up, Sunday morning greeters, and the list continues... For more information, contact Rick Stark (rick@decaturpca.org) or Nathan White (nathan@decaturpca.org) or your Shepherding Elder or Bill Nelson - Deacons Chairman (billknelson@gmail.com).

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!

Youth Sunday School: Youth Sunday School: One of the key things we want our students to know before they graduate is how to study Scripture for themselves well. This semester, our high school and middle students will be learning how to study the Bible for themselves beginning with the assumptions they have about why and how we study the Bible and going all the way through to how to faithfully examine texts from Scripture's different genres and authors, all with the goal of understanding the divine author who reveals himself to us in it.

Session

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Service Times

9:30am	Sunday School
10:45am	Worship

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