



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

“When God wants to drill a man, and thrill a man, and skill a man;
When God wants to mold a man to play the noblest part;
When He yearns with all His heart to create so great and bold a man
That all the world might be amazed;
Watch His methods, watch His ways.
How He ruthlessly perfects whom He royally elects.
How He hammers and hurts him, and with mighty blows converts him,
Into trial shapes of clay which only God understands,
While his tortured heart is crying and he lifts beseeching hands.
How he bends but never breaks, when his good He undertakes.
How he uses whom He chooses and with every purpose fuses him,
With mighty acts induces him to try His splendor out.
God knows what He’s about.”

- Anonymous

The Lord's Day — January 23, 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

Jesus Messiah

Tomlin

He became sin who knew no sin that we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross, love so amazing love so amazing

*Jesus Messiah Name above all names, Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven, Jesus Messiah Lord of all*

His body the bread His blood the wine, broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn, love so amazing love so amazing

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You, All the glory to You God, the Light of the world

Welcome and Announcements

Report of the Living Church

Rev. Dr. Joel Linton

Responsive Call to Worship

Hebrews 10:19-23

Pastor: Therefore, brothers [and sisters], since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that He opened for us through the curtain, that is, His flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God,

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.

All: Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 132

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Hymn of Praise

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing.
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same, And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure; for lo! his doom is sure; One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; His kingdom is forever.

Reading of the Word: *joy in service & suffering*

I Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. 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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

adapted from *The Valley of Vision*

Thou art good beyond all thought, even in my suffering; but I am wretched, miserable and blind to its mystery. I bring my soul to thee; break it, wound it, bend it, mold it. Unmask to me sin's deformity that I may hate it and flee from it. For all my sins, I cry for pardon. Work in me a more profound and abiding repentance. Give to me the fullness of a godly grief that trembles, yet ever trusts and loves, ever powerful and confident. Grant that through repentance I may see more clearly the brightness and glories of the saving cross ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

The Gospel Pardon

Colossians 2:13-15

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, but canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame by triumphing over them in Him.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Behold Him

Baloche

He who was before there was light, walked across the pages of time,
He who made every living thing, behold Him.

He who heard humanity's cry, left His throne to wake as a child,
He became like the least of us, behold Him.

Jesus, Son of God, Messiah, The Lamb, the roaring Lion, oh, be still and behold Him.

He who dined with sinners and saints, healed the blind, the lost and the lame,
even now He is in our midst, behold Him.

He who chose a criminal's end, paid with blood to settle our debt,
buried death as He rose to life, behold Him.

Jesus, Son of God, Messiah, The Lamb, the roaring Lion, oh, be still and behold Him.

Jesus, Alpha and Omega, Our God, the Risen Savior, oh, be still and behold Him.

Holy, holy, holy Is the Lord God Almighty;
Worthy, worthy, worthy to receive all praise.

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

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What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.

What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command?

And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;

O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess, Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.

Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"

And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and death will be destroyed,

And we will feast in endless joy, When Christ is ours forevermore.

In Christ Alone

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In Christ Alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! Who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied,
For every sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.
There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.
No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Jason Seale

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Joel Linton

God Chooses And Changes Great Sinners To Serve And Suffer For Him Acts 9:1-31 (page 917)

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.)

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

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How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon the cross, my sin upon His shoulders,
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in any thing, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
 But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
 Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer,
 But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.

Benediction²

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

May our God make you worthy of His calling, that you may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by His power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

Church Family Reminders

Joel and Judy Linton have five daughters, two in college. They have been serving as missionaries doing evangelism and church planting in Taiwan for 20 years, first in the capital city and now across the mountains in a rural county. Joel is also working to start a local seminary in Yilan County.

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

Women's Bible Studies: Tuesday morning study has begun, join us 10-11:30 am at DPC. The Monday study begins tomorrow, 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.

RSVP: Freedom In Christ Women's Retreat: Come join the DPC friends at Smith Lake, February 4-5, 2022. Our guest speaker is Julie Sparkman. All women ages 21 & up are invited. Cost is \$35 per person which includes Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast & lunch, and an overnight stay. RSVP by TODAY. Forms are located on the foyer table.

Women's Ministry Home Missions Service Night: Join us tonight, 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.

Wednesday Mid Week Ministry: Resumes this coming Wednesday, January 26th. 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.

Wednesday Open Door Study! Not in a Life Group or Choir? Looking for somewhere to land after the Wednesday even meal? Join your friends as we study together true freedom in the gospel from the Book of Galatians, 6:30pm - 7:30pm in the _____ classroom (former library).

Youth Super Bowl Party: The youth ministry will have our annual Super Bowl party Sunday, February 13th, at 5:30! Contact Nathan with any questions. We hope to see you there!

DPC Short-Term Mission Trio: We are going back... FINALLY... and you are invited to our mission in 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.

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

Jeff Keith	Jason Seale
Mike McMahan	Greg Smith
Kent Quinn	Jay Suggs
Brian Rodgers	Blake Temple
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Service Times

9:30am	Sunday School
10:45am	Worship

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