



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

Although memory's fading, I remember two things very clearly: I am a great sinner and Christ is a great Savior.

John Newton (1725-1807)

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

Jesus, Luke 19:10

The Lord's Day — January 30, 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

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Williams

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore;
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing waters flow;
Let the fiery cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield;
Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises I will ever give to Thee;
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Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Isaiah 55:1-3

Pastor: Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come buy wine and milk without money and without price.

People: Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Pastor: Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

People: Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant..."

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 133

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Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son, Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

High King of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Reading of the Word: *a treasured people and humbly so***Deuteronomy 7:6-10; Jeremiah 9:23-24**

For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations, and repays to their face those who hate him, by destroying them. He will not be slack with one who hates him. He will repay him to his face.

Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, eternal Father, we acknowledge and confess to you that we were born in unrighteousness. Our life is full of sin and transgression; we have not gladly received your Word nor followed your holy commandments, and have boasted in inordinate ways. For your goodness' sake and for your Name's sake, be merciful to us, we pray, and forgive us all our sin, that we might live to the praise of Your glory ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

The Gospel Pardon**Psalm 103:8, 10-12**

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love... He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Lo, He Comes

Wesley

Every eye shall now behold Him, robed in dreadful majesty.
Those who set at naught and sold Him, pierced and nailed Him to the tree.
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.

*Lo! He comes with clouds descending, once for our salvation slain.
Thousand, thousand saints attending, swell the triumph of His train.
Alleluia! Alleluia! God appears on earth to reign.*

Lo! He comes in glory shining, saints arise and meet your King.
Glorious captain of salvation, "welcome, welcome" hear them sing.
Shouts of triumph, Shouts of triumph, make the heav'ns with echoes ring.

Yea amen let all adore Thee, high on thine eternal throne.
Savior take the power and glory, claim the kingdom for thine own.
O Come quickly, O come quickly, alleluia, come Lord, come!

Sing to the King

Foote

Sing to the King Who is coming to reign; Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain
Life and salvation His empire shall bring and joy to the nations when Jesus is King.

*Come, let us sing a song, a song declaring we belong to Jesus, He is all we need.
Lift up a heart of praise, sing now with voices raised to Jesus, sing to the King.*

For His returning we watch and we pray, we will be ready the dawn of that day
We'll join in singing with all the redeemed 'cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King!

At the Cross (I Bow My Knees)

Morgan/Zschech

Oh Lord You've searched me, You know my way, Even when I fail You, I know You love me
Your holy presence, surrounding me, In every season, I know You love me, I know You love me

*At the cross I bow my knee, where Your blood was shed for me
There's no greater love than this, You have overcome the grave
Your Glory fills the highest place, what can separate me now?*

You go before me, You shield my way, Your hand upholds me, I know You love me

You tore the veil, You made a way, When You said that it is done.

And when the earth fades, falls from my eyes. You stand before me, I know You love me. I know You love me

Near the Cross

Crosby

In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever;
Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Sermon

Gary Johnson

Consider Your Calling.
1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (page 952)

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.)

There Is A Fountain Filled with Blood

Cowper

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains. *(Repeat)*

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away. *(Repeat)*

O dying Lamb, thy precious blood shall never lose its power,
Til all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more. *(Repeat)*

Ever since, by faith, I saw the stream thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die. *(Repeat x2)*

Benediction²
May you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

2 Peter 3:18

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 (<i>Luke</i>)	Wednesday 6:00-7:30pm DPC Youth! (6 th -12 th Grade)
Tuesday 6:30am Men’s Bible Study @ Java Jaay (<i>Hebrews</i>)	Wednesday 6:15-7:30pm Worship Choir Practice
Tuesday 10:00-11:30am Women’s Bible Study @ DPC (<i>Luke</i>)	Wednesday 6:15-7:15pm Open Door Study (<i>Galatians</i>)
Tuesday @ Noon Men’s Bible Study @ Kent’s Office (<i>1 Samuel</i>)	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 Youth Choir / Soli Deo Gloria	Wednesday 7:30pm Praise Worship Band Practice
Wednesday 5:30pm Church Family Meal	Thursday 6:00pm College Student Study @ Oliver’s home (<i>Truths We Confess</i>)
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. (<i>1 Peter</i>)

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.

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Church Family Reminders

Gary Johnson currently serves with the International Exchange Organization as a church planter, evangelist, consultant, networker, coach and mentor, and with a particular focus in Sweden. Ordained in the PCA 1998, he has served as an RUF campus minister, assistant pastor, and MTW missionary. The central theme of the Johnson's ministry of thirty years remains to locate and equip "faithful men who will be able to teach others also." (II Tim. 2:2). He and his wife, Linda, have 12 children, all whom are dual-citizens (Sweden/USA).

Upcoming Guest Preachers: Vinney Athey (2/6); John Summers (2/13); Nathan White (2/20); Jeph Guinan (2/27).

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

"Freedom in Christ" Women's Retreat: The Retreat at Smith Lake has been rescheduled for April 8-9. 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 using forms located on the foyer table. For more information, contact Tara Thompson (taraathompson10@gmail.com, 256.762.7711).

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).

Midweek College Study: Thursdays @ 6:00pm at Chris & Laine Oliver's house (2309 Greenwood Dr. SE). Dinner is provided. We will be going through R.C. Sproul's Truths We Confess (Nathan White). For more information, you can email Nathan at nathan@decaturpca.org, (256) 280-7912.

Congregational Meeting: On February 6th, immediately following the worship service, we will hold a Congregational Meeting for the sole purpose of electing men to the office of Ruler Elder and Deacon (BCO 24.1). Those eligible to vote are "communing members in good and regular standing, but no others..." (BCO 24.3) The recommended slate of candidates coming from the Session is as follows: Ruling Elder, Chip Walraven; Deacons, John Elder, James Fudge, Steve Sasser, David Zajic.

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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
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Kent Quinn
Brian Rodgers
Connor Ross
Allen Schmidt

Jason Seale
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Service Times

9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Worship

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