



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

The greatest threat to the church is never persecution from the outside,  
but carnality and compromise from the inside.

Steven Lawson

I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance...  
But I have this against you, that you have abandoned your first love.

Jesus, Revelation 2:1-4

# The Lord's Day — February 6, 2022

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

## Song of Assembly<sup>1</sup>

## Your Great Name We Praise

Smith

Immortal, invisible God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes.

Most holy, most glorious the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious Your great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light, Not wanting or wasting You rule us in might.  
Your justice like mountains high soaring above, Your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

*Most Holy, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, Your great name we praise.*

All life comes from You Lord to both great and small, In all life You live Lord, the true life of all.  
We blossom and flourish, but quickly grow frail, We wither and perish, but You never fail.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, Your angels adore You all veiling their sight.  
All praise we will render O Father of grace, Till one day in splendor we see face to face.

## Welcome and Announcements

## Report of the Living Church

Pastor Search Committee

## Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 134:1-3

Pastor: Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord...!

**People: Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the Lord!**

Pastor: May the Lord bless you from Zion, He who made heaven and earth.

## Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 134

## Hymn of Praise

## Blessed Assurance

Crosby

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

*This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long;*

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Perfect submission, perfect delight, Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending bring from above, Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

<sup>1</sup> All songs used by permission or covered under CCLI license # 391165.

**Reading of the Word: ...that your soul may [really] live**

**Isaiah 55:1-13**

“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. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. “Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. “For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the Lord, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Confession of Sin**

**Lord, you are our Shepherd, yet we still want. You are our greatest good, but we refuse to be satisfied. You are the Way, but we look to our own works. You are near us, yet we still fear and do not trust your protection, cowering in our circumstances. Lord, forgive us. Cause us to believe and bank your goodness and mercy all the days of our life ...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!**

**The Gospel Pardon**

**Galatians 3:13-14**

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”— so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

## Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

### Come Ye Sinners

Ortega

Come ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus ready, stands to save you full, of pity, love and pow'r.

*I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in his arms;  
In the arms of my dear savior, O, there are ten thousand charms.*

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;  
True belief and true repentance, Every grace that brings you nigh.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, Lost and ruined by the fall;  
If you tarry 'til you're better, you will never come at all.

*I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in his arms;  
In the arms of my dear savior, O, there are ten thousand charms.*

### O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Francis

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;  
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.

Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Thy love;  
Leading onward, leading homeward, to Thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread His praise from shore to shore;

How He loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;

How He watcheth o'er His loved ones, died to call them all His own;

How for them He intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of every love the best:

'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;

And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee.

### Rock of Ages

Toplady

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;

Let the water and the blood, from Thy wounded side which flowed,

Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill Thy law's demands;

Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,

All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;

Naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace;

Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death;

When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

Singing to the Lord

*Best News Ever*

Worship Choir

Sermon

Rev. Vinnie Athey

**A Vision for Our Lack**  
**Revelation 3:14-22** (page 1030)

**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.)*

**I Will Wait for You**

Getty

*I wait, my soul waits for the Lord. My hope is in His word.  
More than the watchmen wait for light, my soul waits for the Lord.*

Out of the depths I cry to You, in darkest places I will call.  
Incline Your ear to me anew, and hear my cry for mercy, Lord.

Were You to count my sinful ways, how could I come before Your throne?  
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze, I stand redeemed by grace alone.

So put Your hope in God alone. Take courage in His power to save,  
Completely and forever won by Christ's emerging from the grave.

*I will wait for You, I will wait for You, on Your word I will rely.  
I will wait for You, surely wait for You, till my soul is satisfied.*

Now He has come to make a way, and God Himself has paid the price,  
That all who trust in Him today, find healing in His sacrifice.

*I will wait for You, I will wait for You, through the storm and through the night.  
I will wait for You, surely wait for You, for Your love is my delight.*

## Benediction<sup>2</sup>

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

## Song of Faith

## Blessed be the Lord God Almighty

Fitts

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty,  
Who was, and is, and is to come.  
Blessed be the Lord God Almighty,  
Who reigns forevermore.

## 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

 (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade / Kids of the King

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade / Dare 2 Declare

### Wednesday 6:00-7:30pm

DPC Youth! (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade / Kid's Quest

### Wednesday 7:30pm

Praise Worship Band Practice

### Thursday 6:00pm

College Student Study @ Oliver's home (*Truths We Confess*)

### Friday 6:30am

Men's Bible Study @ Temple, Inc. (*1 Peter*)

<sup>2</sup> 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

Vinnie is the RUF Campus Minister at UAH. A native of Northern Virginia and graduate of Virginia Tech (2010), he served as RUF intern at the University of Florida. It was at UF that he met his wife Molly, who was an RUF intern at Florida State. They married (2014) and moved to Charlotte, NC where Vinnie earned his M.Div. from RTS. The Atheys have been serving at RUF UAH since 2017. Vinnie enjoys trail running, music, and every DC professional sports team. Molly is an avid horticulturist and continues to expand her garden. The Atheys have 2 children, Rhys and Hazel!

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

**Congregational Meeting TODAY!** 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.

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

**\*\*\*NEW DATE\*\*\* Women's Ministry Home Missions Service Night:** Join us Sunday, February 27 @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.

**Bridal Shower:** Join us for a bridal shower for Abigail Blankenship (fiancée to Rian Silvestri) Sunday, March 6 at 2 pm at Carol Godwin's home (1610 Brookmeade Road SE). The couple is registered at TheKnot.com, <https://www.theknot.com/us/abigail-blankenship-and-rian-silvestri-mar-2022/registry>

**"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 (taraonthompson10@gmail.com, 256.762.7711).

**DPC Short-Term Mission Trip:** 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.

**"Saved to Serve!"** Really! (Rom.12:3-8; Eph.2:10) If not now, when? Find your place to plug in and serve in 2022: Nursery, NextGen, Missions, Choir, Kitchen, Greeters, Mercy, and the list continues... For more information, contact Rick Stark (rick@decaturpca.org) or Nathan White (nathan@decaturpca.org).

**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
Connor Ross	Chip Walraven
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## Service Times

9:30am	Sunday School
10:45am	Worship

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