



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

Much of my learning to follow Jesus is unlearning to follow myself.

Burk Parsons

And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me,
let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

Jesus, Luke 9:23

The Lord's Day — February 20, 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

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Wesley

Arise, my soul arise, shake off your guilty fears,

The bleeding sacrifice in my behalf appears.

Before the throne, my Surety stands, Before the throne, my Surety stands,

My name is written on His hands.

Arise, arise, arise, arise my soul, arise! Arise, arise, arise, arise my soul, arise, Shake off your guilty fear and rise!

He ever lives above, for me to intercede,

His all redeeming love, His precious blood to plead,

His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race,

And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary,

They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me,

"Forgive him, o forgive," they cry, "Forgive him, o forgive," they cry,

"Don't let that ransomed sinner die."

My God is reconciled, His pardoning voice I hear,

He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear,

With confidence I now draw nigh, With confidence I now draw nigh,

And "Father, Abba, Father" cry.

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 136:1, 5-7, 10-16, 23-24

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

People: To him who by understanding made the heavens,... spread out the earth... made the great lights... for his steadfast love endures forever

Pastor: To him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt, brought Israel out... who divided the Red Sea... who led his people through the wilderness, for his steadfast love endures forever.

People: It is he who remembered us in our low estate... who rescued us from our foes, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 136

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Hymn of Praise

All Creatures of Our God and King

Francis of Assisi

All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam,

O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise Him, alleluia!

Thou rising moon in praise rejoice, Ye lights of evening, find a voice,

O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, And worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him, alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, Three in One,

O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Reading of the Word: *The Glory of God in His Creation*

Psalm 29:1-9

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness. The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Our Father in Heaven, you see and know us as we are: unworthy of Your gracious care; forgetful that all life comes from You and returns to You; divided hearts toward Your will; failing miserably to love as Christ loves. Apart from you, we are nothing. Only your grace can sustain us. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, heal us, make us whole, and set us free, now and forevermore ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

The Gospel Pardon

1 John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Come People of the Risen King

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Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring Him praise.
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice! One heart, one voice; O, Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease;
But follow us through all our days, with the certain hope of peace.
Come, young and old from every land, men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands, find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world His people sing; Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age, "Our God is All in All."

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Wesley

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide, receive my soul at last!
Other refuge have I none, I helpless hang on Thee,
Leave, oh leave me not alone, still support and comfort me!
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head in the shadow of Thy wing.
Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart, for all eternity.

Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right

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Whate'er my God ordains is right, His Holy will abideth
I will be still whate'er He doth, and follow where He guideth.
He is my God, though dark my road, He holds me that I shall not fall:
And so to Him I leave it all. He holds me that I shall not fall.
Whate'er my God ordains is right, He never will deceive me
He leads me by the proper path, I know He will not leave me.
I take, content, what He hath sent, His hand can turn my griefs away,
And patiently I wait His day. His hand can turn my griefs away.

Whate'er my God ordains is right, here shall my stand be taken
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, yet am I not forsaken.
My Father's care is round me there, He holds me that I shall not fall
And so to Him I leave it all. He holds me that I shall not fall.
He is my God, though dark my road, He holds me that I shall not fall:
And so to Him I leave it all. He holds me that I shall not fall.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Blake Temple

Singing to the Lord

Soli Deo Gloria

Worship Choir

Sermon

Pastor Nathan White

The Living God's Prophet and a Dead Idol's King
1 Kings 17:1-7 (page 299)

We Respond: with the taking of vows...

A Brief Charge

Vows for the Offices of Deacon & Elder

PCA Book of Church Order, §24-6

Installation to the Office of Deacon: John Elder

Re-Installation to the Diaconate: Deacon James Fudge and Deacon David Zajic

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the *Confession of Faith* and the *Catechisms* of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
4. Do you accept the office of deacon & elder in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?
5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the Church?

Congregational Vow

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive these brothers as deacons & elder, and do you promise to yield them all that honor, encouragement and obedience in the Lord to which their office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles them?

The Prayer of Installation

The Declaration

I now pronounce and declare that ... have been regularly elected, ordained, and installed as deacons or elders (as the case may be) in this church, agreeable to the Word of God, and according to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America; and that as such they are entitled to all encouragement, honor, and obedience in the Lord: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

The Right Hand of Fellowship

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.)

Our Great God

Ortega

Eternal God unchanging, mysterious and unknown,
Your boundless love unfailing in grace and mercy shown.
Bright seraphim in endless flight around Your glorious throne;
They raise their voices day and night in praise to You alone.

Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.
Surround us with Your angels, hold us in Your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm.
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sov'reign God.

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God! Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird;
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth;
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe,
Sing praises to the living God who rules them by His word.

Benediction²

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Song of Faith

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty

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

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

Upcoming Guest Preachers: Jeph Guinan (2/27); Nathan White (3/6); Henry Morris (3/13); Adam Venable (3/20); Amos Williams, Jr. (3/27).

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

Table Bridal Shower: on March 6 for Jackson Walraven and Samantha Bettenhausen. There will be a table set up in the Gathering room for cards, gift cards, and checks only. If you want to send a gift, please go to the website Zola.com/wedding/bettenhausenwalravenwedding. If you would like to mail your card, please call Debbie Smith 256-654-8910 for the address.

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.

VBS: will be June 13th-16th from 5:15-8:00. Anyone interested in volunteering, please contact Kristin Ladner at (256)345-9331 or kristinladner@gmail.com. More info to come.

"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: 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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Connor Ross

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Service Times

9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Worship

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