



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 victorious Christian neither exalts nor downgrades himself.
His interests have shifted altogether from self to Christ.

A.W. Tozer

But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world

Galatians 6:14

The Lord's Day — February 27, 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

Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand

Alford/Dykes

Ten thousand times ten thousand in sparkling raiment bright,
The armies of the ransomed saints throng up the steep of light:
'Tis finished, all is finished, their fight with death and sin;
Fling open wide the golden gates, and let the victors in.

What rush of alleluias fills all the earth and sky!
What ringing of a thousand harps bespeaks the triumph nigh!
O day, for which creation and all its tribes were made;
O joy, for all its former woes a thousandfold repaid!

O then what raptured greetings on Canaan's happy shore;
What knitting severed friendship up where partings are no more!
Then eyes with joy shall sparkle, that brimmed with tears of late;
Orphans no longer fatherless, nor widows desolate.

Bring near Thy great salvation, Thou Lamb for sinners slain;
Fill up the roll of Thine elect, then take Thy power, and reign;
Appear, Desire of nations, Thine exiles long for home;
Show in the heaven Thy promised sign; Thou Prince and Savior, come.

Welcome and Announcements

Report of the Living Church

Dr. Sylvia Martinez, Dominican Republic

Responsive Call to Worship

Hebrews 10:19-22

Pastor: Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus,

People: by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh,

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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.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 137

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I love thy Kingdom, Lord, the house of thine abode,
The church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.

I love thy church, O God: her walls before thee stand,
Dear as the apple of thine eye, and graven on thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers ascend;
To her my cares and toils be giv'n, till toils and cares shall end.

Reading of the Word: *Jesus' transfiguration of glory*

Luke 9:28-36

Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!" And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

adapted from hymn, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Lord, we confess that we are debtors in need of your grace. May your grace bind our wandering hearts to you because we are prone to wander, we feel it. We are prone to leave you, the one we love. Here are our hearts, take and seal them for the sake of Christ ...*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

We Will Feast In The House Of Zion

McCracken/Moore

We will not be burned by the fire, He is the Lord, our God
We are not consumed by the flood, upheld, protected, gathered up
*We will feast in the house of Zion, we will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together, we will feast and weep no more*
In the dark of night, before the dawn, my soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh, how long? Oh, God of Jacob, be my strength
Every vow we've broken and betrayed, You are the Faithful one
And from the garden to the grave, bind us together, bring shalom

I Am Not Alone

When I walk through deep waters, I know that You will be with me
When I'm standing in the fire, I will not be overcome
Through the valley of the shadow, I will not fear
*I am not alone, I am not alone, You will go before me
You will never leave me (2x)*
You amaze me, Redeem me, You call me as Your own
You're my strength, You're my defender
You're my refuge in the storm, through these trials
You've always been faithful, You bring healing to my soul

Come Unto Me

Schmidt

Take my yoke, my yoke is easy.
Take my burdens, my burdens are light.
Learn from me, I'm gentle and humble.
Come to me for rest for your soul,
Come to me for rest for your soul.
*Come unto me, all who are weary and I will give you rest.
Give to me, the burdens you carry and I will give you rest.*

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Blake Temple

Singing to the Lord

Remain In Me

Kids of the King

God Meets Us In Our Discouragement
1 Kings 19: 1-18 (page 301)

We Respond By Receiving a New Members

The Lord Adds to His Church

Pete & DeeDee Kelly

To read more about our new member, see page 5.

The Membership Vows (PCA Book of Church Order §57-5)

Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope except through His sovereign mercy?

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as become followers of Christ?

Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your abilities?

Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

Prayer for Pete & DeeDee

Confessing Our Faith: Creed of the Early Church²

Great, indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:

He was manifested in the flesh,

Vindicated by the Spirit,

Seen by angels,

Proclaimed among the nations,

Believed upon in the world,

Taken up in glory.

² Many scholars believe 1 Timothy 3:16 preserves an early Christian creed later used as an outline for the more expansive Apostles' Creed

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.)

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Newton/Tomlin

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed!

*My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me,
And like a flood His mercy reigns; unending love, amazing grace.*

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;

He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

Benediction³

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

Fitts

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty,

Who was, and is, and is to come.

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty,

Who reigns forevermore.

Introduction of New Members

Pete and DeeDee Kelly met while in high school in Central Georgia and have been married for 33 years. Pete is a Sr Advisor, Environmental, Health, and Safety for Decatur Energy Center (owned by Capital Power) and DeeDee works as Sales Analyst/Representative for Omya, Inc, a global calcium carbonate and chemical distribution company. They lived in Georgia the first 26 years of their marriage and moved to the Cincinnati, OH area in 2014 for a job change and then another job change brought them 'back South' to Decatur. They have 3 grown children: Elizabeth is married to Jonathan and lives in Georgia, Stephen also lives in Georgia, and Rachel is living in Ohio. They have 2 grandchildren: Ivey and Emmett.

³ 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

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.

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 TODAY, 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: next Sunday, 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](https://www.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) next 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>

DPC Ironmen Softball Team: DPC men will represent Christ to the city by competing in the city's church softball league every Tuesday night for 12 weeks, beginning April 5th. Contact Chris Oliver (256.617.0370, chrisoliver256@gmail.com) to sign up or for more information.

"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).

RYM Summer Conferences! Middle school conference is June 27-July 1, cost is \$415. High school conference is July 11-16, cost is \$440. Non-refundable \$100 deposits for all students, to save your spots, are due on May 1. Balances will be due on June 5. More fundraising information will be published soon. Scholarships are available. Please see Nathan with any questions. Registration flyers will go out soon.

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:

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

Jeff Keith
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Kent Quinn
Brian Rodgers
Connor Ross

Allen Schmidt
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Service Times

9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Worship

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