



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

If the Lord be with us, we have no cause of fear. His eye is upon us, His arm over us,  
His ear open to our prayer - His grace sufficient, His promise unchangeable.

John Newton (1725-1807)

For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,  
but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"

Romans 8:15

# The Lord's Day — March 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>

## God Of This City

## Tomlin

You're the God of this city, You're the King of these people, You're the Lord of this nation, You are!  
You're the Light in this darkness, You're the Hope to the hopeless, You're the Peace to the restless, You are!

*There is no one like our God, There is no one like our God.  
For greater things have yet to come, And greater things are still to be done in this city.  
Greater things have yet to come, And greater things are still to be done in this city.*

You're the Lord of creation, the creator of all things. You're the King above all Kings, You are!  
You're the strength in our weakness, You're the love to the broken, You're the joy in the sadness, You are!

*Greater things have yet to come, and greater things are still to be done here. There is no one like You, God.*

## Welcome and Announcements

## Report of the Living Church

Scott Mayo, PSC

## Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 138:1-3

Pastor: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

**People: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.**

Pastor: On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased.

## Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 138

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How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He hath said, To you who for refuge to Jesus hath fled?

Fear not! I am with thee; O be not dismayed, For I am thy God and will still give thee aid.  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee; and cause thee to stand, Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;  
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design, Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose; I will not, I will not desert to His foes.  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake!

**Reading of the Word: *"fear not, for I am with you"*****Isaiah 43:1-7**

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Confession of Sin**

**To you, O Lord, we come in heaviness, knowing how in our sins we forfeit the joy of your presence and the light of your face. You know how often we have offended you, forgetting who we are and living in our fears. Forgive us, O Lord, for every fearful thought, every untrue word, every wrong act. Forgive us, for we have been focused only on ourselves. Forgive us for our ingratitude, our neglect, and our carelessness. O God, have mercy upon us. Create in us clean hearts, and renew a right spirit within us, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord**  
*...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!*

**The Gospel Pardon****John 3:16-17**

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

## Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

### Whom Shall I Fear (Angel Armies)

Cash, Cash & Tomlin

You hear me when I call, You are my morning song  
Though darkness fills the night, it cannot hide the Light, Whom shall I fear

You crush the enemy underneath my feet  
You are my Sword and Shield though troubles linger still, Whom shall I fear

#### Chorus

*I know who goes before me, I know who stands behind,  
The God of angel armies is always by my side  
The one who reigns forever, He is a Friend of mine,  
The God of angel armies is always by my side*

My strength is in Your Name for You alone can save  
You will deliver me, Yours is the victory, Whom shall I fear, Whom shall I fear

#### Bridge

*And nothing formed against me shall stand, You hold the whole world in Your hand,  
I'm holding on to Your promises  
You are faithful, You are Faithful, You are Faithful  
The God of angel armies is always by my side*

### 10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

Redman

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger, Your name is great, and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing, Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, Worship His holy name, sing like never before  
O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name*

*Worship Your holy name, Lord, I'll worship Your holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name  
Worship Your holy name, Lord, I'll worship Your holy name*

### Take My Life

Havergal/Tomlin

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise;  
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.  
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee;

Take my voice and let me sing, always, only for my King.  
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee;  
Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect and use every pow'r as You choose.

*Here am I, all of me. Take my life, it's all for Thee.  
Take myself and I will be ever, only all for Thee.*

Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne.  
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Your feet its treasure store;  
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

**Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition**

**Elder Brian Rodgers**

**Singing to the Lord**

***Sing and Shout***

**Date to Declare**

**Sermon**

**Rev. Jeph Guinan**

**Fear Not**  
**Luke 12:22-34** (page 871)

## **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.)*

## The Power of the Cross

Getty/Townend

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day. Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten then. Nailed to a cross of wood.

*This, the pow'r of the cross. Christ became sin for us.  
Took the blame, bore the wrath. We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh to see the pain written on Your face. Bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed crowning Your bloodstained brow.  
Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath quakes as its maker bows His head.  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life. "Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

Oh to see my name written in Your wounds, for through Your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love!

*This the pow'r of the cross. Son of God slain for us.  
What a life, what a cost. We stand forgiven at the cross.*

## Benediction<sup>2</sup>

Galatians 6:14, 18

May your only boast be in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to you, and you to the world. And may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen

## Song of Faith

### Doxology

Old 100th

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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<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

**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:** Henry Morris (3/13); Adam Venable (3/20); Amos Williams, Jr. (3/27).

**Table Bridal Shower:** TODAY, 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) TODAY, 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>

**Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser:** Sunday morning, April 3rd, the youth will host a pancake breakfast. We will begin serving at 8:00 and stop serving at 9:20, in order to make sure everyone is able to get to Sunday School. You can help us with this by making a small donation that morning and eating some good food, and/or donating pancake mix, juice, or pre-cooked frozen sausage patties ahead of time. If you'd like to donate any of these items, email Nathan at [nathan@decaturpca.org](mailto:nathan@decaturpca.org).

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:kristinladner@gmail.com). More info to come.

# ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

SPRING 2022

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  
Mike McMahan  
Kent Quinn  
Brian Rodgers  
Connor Ross

Allen Schmidt  
Greg Smith  
Blake Temple  
Chip Walraven

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## Service Times

9:30am      Sunday School  
10:45am      Worship

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