



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 gospel is not a doctrine of the tongue, but of life. It cannot be grasped by reason and memory only, but it is fully understood when it possesses the whole soul and penetrates to the inner recesses of the heart.

John Calvin (1509-1564)

For God, who said "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts
to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:6

The Lord's Day — March 13, 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

Our God

Tomlin

Water You turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind, There's no one like You, none like You
Into the darkness You shine, out of the ashes we rise, There's no one like You, none like You

*Our God is greater, our God is stronger, God You are higher than any other
Our God is Healer, awesome in power, our God, our God...*

Into the darkness you shine, out of the ashes we rise, There's no one like You, none like You.

And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us, And if our God is with us, then what could stand against?
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Welcome and Announcements

Report of the Living Church

Dr. Sylvia Martinez, Dominican Republic

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 95:6-7

Pastor: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

People: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today, if you hear his voice.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 139

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The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the Word;
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her and for her life he died.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won;
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Reading of the Word: *"What sort of man is this...?"*

Matthew 8:5-27

When he had entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly." And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion replied, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; let it be done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment. And when Jesus entered Peter's house, he saw his mother-in-law lying sick with a fever. He touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she rose and began to serve him. That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: "He took our illnesses and bore our diseases." Now when Jesus saw a crowd around him, he gave orders to go over to the other side. And a scribe came up and said to him, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." Another of the disciples said to him, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." And Jesus said to him, "Follow me, and leave the dead to bury their own dead." And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. And they went and woke him, saying, "Save us, Lord; we are perishing." And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?" Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. And the men marveled, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?"

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and to save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy on us, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

The Gospel Pardon

Luke 19:10

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

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Immortal, Invisible

Story

Immortal, You are not like a man, that You change Your mind or change Your plan.

Invisible, our human eyes can't see, the depths of Your majesty.

You're the God of forever and ever amen! The Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End.

We sing, "Hallelujah!" We worship in awe, Immortal, invisible God.

Immortal, You are not bound by death. You're the living God, my very breath.

Invisible, You are not bound by space, But Your glory is filling this place. Yes, Your glory is filling this place.

Immortal yet You once died for me, To pay my debt, to set me free.

Invisible, You will not always be, 'Cause You're coming to reign as our King,

And the saints will fall down at Your feet.

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Boswell/Papa/Bleecker

Come behold the wondrous mystery, In the dawning of the King;

He the theme of heaven's praises, Robed in frail humanity.

In our longing, in our darkness, Now the Light of Life has come;

Look to Christ, who condescended, Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree;

In the stead of ruined sinners, Hangs the Lamb in victory.

See the price of our redemption, See the Father's plan unfold;

Bringing many sons to glory, Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Slain by death the God of life;

But no grave could e'er restrain Him, Praise the Lord; He is alive!

What a foretaste of deliverance, How unwavering our hope;

Christ in power resurrected, As we will be when He comes

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Revelation Song

Riddle

Worthy is the, Lamb who was slain, Holy, Holy, is He
Sing a new song, to Him who sits on Heaven's Mercy Seat

*Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty; Who was, and is, and is to come. With all creation I sing:
Praise to the King of Kings! You are my everything, and I will adore You...*

Clothed in rainbows, of living color, flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be to You the Only Wise King.

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder at the mention of Your Name
Jesus, Your Name is Power, Breath, and Living Water such a marvelous mystery.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Brian Rodgers

...Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Sermon

Rev. Henry Morris

The Glories of Christ
Colossians 1:15-23 (page 983)

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.)

Who is This, So Weak and Helpless

How

Who is this so weak and helpless, child of lowly Hebrew maid;
Rudely in a stable shelter, coldly in a manger laid?
'Tis the Lord of all creation, who this wondrous path has trod;
He is Lord from everlasting and to everlasting God.

Who is this, a Man of Sorrows, walking sadly life's hard way,
Homeless, weary, sighing, weeping, over sin and Satan's sway?
'Tis our God, our glorious Savior, who above the starry sky,
Is for us a place preparing, where no tear can dim the eye.

Who is this? Behold him shedding drops of blood upon the ground.
Who is this, despised, rejected, mocked, insulted, beaten, bound?
'Tis our God, who gifts and graces on His church is pouring down;
Who shall smite in holy vengeance all his foes beneath His throne.

Who is this that hangs there dying while the rude world scoffs and scorns,
Numbered with the malefactors, torn with nails, and crowned with thorns?
'Tis our God who lives forever mid the shining ones on high,
In the glorious golden city, reigning everlastingly.

Benediction²

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.

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

Henry Morris has served in PCA churches in various capacities - as an RUF campus minister at Mercer and Florida State, as the church planter in Florence, AL, and as an associate pastor in Dothan, Alabama. Recently Henry and his wife Betsy moved into an old house in downtown Birmingham and have begun a ministry called The Schaeffer House. Named after Francis & Edith Schaeffer, the ministry hopes many internationals and young professionals will come to know Christ and be exposed to the truth claims of Christianity, in a welcoming environment with gospel hospitality. Henry & Betsy have three grown children - John Hardin, Henry, and Carolyn.

Upcoming Guest Preachers: Adam Venable (3/20); Amos Williams, Jr. (3/27).

Prayer Meeting, March 13: Today, Sunday evening, 4:00 - 5:00pm, the Elders humbly ask everyone who is able to come pray together at DPC for the situation in Ukraine, and for the Ukrainian and Russian church, and that peace would overcome war. Dr. Jay Suggs will be facilitating this time of prayer.

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser: Sunday morning, April 3rd, the youth will host a pancake breakfast. We will begin serving at 8:00 and stop at 9:20. You can help by making a donation that morning and eating some good food, and/or donating pancake mix, juice, or pre-cooked frozen sausage patties ahead of time. Email Nathan at 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) to sign up or for more information.

"Freedom in Christ" Women's Retreat: The Retreat at Smith Lake has been rescheduled to April 8-9. Our guest speaker is Julie Sparkman. All women ages 21 & up are invited. Cost is \$35 per person. RSVP using forms located on the foyer table. For more information, contact Tara Thompson (taraothompson10@gmail.com, 256.762.7711).

Next Gen Easter Egg Hunt: Mark your calendars for our annual Easter egg hunt Saturday, April 16 at 10 a.m. at DPC. We are excited to have everyone come to the church for a morning of fun and fellowship. Be sure to bring your basket to collect eggs. See you then!

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: 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: Registration for Vacation Bible School is now open! Join us June 13th-16th from 5:15-8pm as we travel through the Solar System to learn about how God saves. Please fill out the link below to register. There will be a \$15 registration fee due by the beginning of VBS. <https://forms.gle/hkU6vslL4kbEyCv9A> Please contact Kristin Ladner if you have any questions or are interested in volunteering. kristinladner@gmail.com or (256) 345-9331

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

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Service Times

9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Worship

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