



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

By reading the scriptures I am so renewed that all nature seems renewed around me and with me.
The sky seems to be a pure, a cooler blue, the trees a deeper green. The whole world is charged
with the glory of God and I feel fire and music under my feet.

Thomas Merton (1915-1968)

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom,
singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Colossians 3:16

The Lord's Day — March 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

How Great Is Our God

Tomlin/Cash/Reeves

The splendor of the King, Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, All the earth rejoice

He wraps Himself in light, And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice,. And trembles at His voice

How great is our God, Sing with me, How great is our God, And all will see how great, How great is our God

And age to age He stands, And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End. Beginning and the End

The Godhead three in one, Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb. The Lion and the Lamb

Name above all names. Worthy of all praise. My heart will sing, how great is our God

Welcome and Announcements

Report of the Living Church

Dr. Jay Suggs, Ukraine-Russia

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 140:6-7, 12-13

Pastor: I say to the Lord, You are my God; give ear to the voice of my pleas for mercy, O Lord!

People: O Lord, my Lord, the strength of my salvation, you have covered my head in the day of battle.

Pastor: I know that the Lord will maintain the cause of the afflicted, and will execute justice for the needy.

People: Surely the righteous shall give thanks to your name; the upright shall dwell in your presence.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 140

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Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for His own abode
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, Thou mayst smile at all thy foes.

See the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love
Well supply Thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove
Who can faint while such a river, ever flows their thirst t' assuage?
Grace which like the Lord the giver, never fails from age to age.

Reading of the Word: ...*rivers of living water***John 7:37-44**

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This really is the Prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the offspring of David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Father, by Jesus' resurrection of Jesus from the grave, shattering the power of sin and death, we humbly ask that You would forgive the sin that so often entangles us, all the ways we doubt and deny Your victory, which offends You and prevents us from serving You. Father, help us to trust Your power to change our lives, that we might live out the reality of Christ's resurrection, and to know the joy of abundant life given in Jesus Christ. This we ask in the name of Your Risen Son, our Savior ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

The Gospel Pardon**Galatians 5:1**

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

God of Wonders

Byrd

Lord of all creation of water, earth and sky;
The heavens are Your tabernacle. Glory to the Lord on high!
God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy. The universe declares Your Majesty.
You are holy, holy. Lord of Heaven and earth, Lord of Heaven and earth.

Early in the morning I will celebrate the light,
When I stumble in the darkness, I will call your name by night.
Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and earth. Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and earth.
Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and earth. You are holy, holy.
God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy. Precious Lord, reveal Your heart to me.
Father, hold me, hold me. The universe declares Your Majesty. You are holy, holy, holy, holy!

Come Praise and Glorify

Kauflin/Chester

Come praise and glorify our God, The Father of our Lord
In Christ He has in heav'nly realms, His blessings on us poured
For pure and blameless in His sight, He destined us to be
And now we've been adopted through, His Son eternally
To the praise of Your glory, To the praise of Your mercy and grace,
To the praise of Your glory, You are the God who saves

Come praise and glorify our God, Who gives His grace in Christ
In Him our sins are washed away, Redeemed through sacrifice
In Him God has made known to us, The myst'ry of His will
That Christ should be the head of all, His purpose to fulfill

Come As You Are

Crowder

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been. Come, broken hearted, let rescue begin.
Come find your mercy. Oh sinner come kneel; Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal,
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.

There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed: Come sit at the table, come taste the grace.
There's rest for the weary, rest that endures. Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure. *(So)*

Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame. All who are broken lift up your face.
Oh wanderer, come home; you're not too far. So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart: Come as you are.

Bridge *(sing after 2nd vs & chorus)*
Come as you are. Fall in His arms. Come as you are.

There's joy for the morning. Oh sinner be still. Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal. *(So)*

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Brian Rodgers

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon

Rev. Adam Venable

The Renewal We Need Isaiah 12:1-6 (page 576)

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Oaklee Grace McGough
Covenant Child of Sam & Kayla McGough

Solemn Vows - Parents

Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God's covenant promises on her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?

Do you now present this child to be baptized into the Christian Faith, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with her and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy faith, and that you will strive, by all means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Solemn Vows - Congregation

Do you, members of this congregation and also members of the Body of Christ outside of this local church, undertake this responsibility - assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

Solemn Words to the Child

Little child, Jesus Christ has come, he has fought, he has suffered. He has entered into the shadows of Gethsemane and the terrors of Calvary; he has uttered the cry "It is finished!" He has risen from the dead and ascended into heaven, and there he intercedes for his church. Today we have pledged to teach you all of these things, and our prayer for you is that you will always mature and grow in the grace and in the knowledge of our great Lord and Savior - Jesus Christ.

Prayer for Oaklee

Elder Brian Rodgers

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.)

O Sacred Head

Bernard of Clairvaux

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down;
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown,
O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.
What Thou, my Lord, has suffered was all for sinners gain:
Mine, mine was the transgression, but Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor, vouch safe to me Thy grace.
What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever; and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to Thee.

Benediction²

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. 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

The Venables are planting a new PCA Church in South Huntsville. Adam grew up in the Huntsville area where his father worked as an Engineer on the Arsenal and his mother was a school teacher at Chaffee Elementary. Adam has worked with RUF, our denominations college ministry, for 10 years at New Mexico State University and UAB in Birmingham, AL. Lisa graduated from Medical School at the University of South Carolina and enjoys homeschooling their children. They have three children, Eli (9), Lucy (7), and Jacob (4).

Upcoming Guest Preachers: Amos Williams, Jr. (3/27); Rick Stark (4/3); Stephen Watson (4/10).

U.S./Local Missions Lunch: The U.S./Local Missions Committee, along with the church officers, will have a meeting next Sunday March 27 immediately after the worship service to hear from church planter - Amos Williams, Jr.

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser: Sunday morning, April 3rd, 8:00 - 9:20 the Youth will host a pancake breakfast. Please help by making a donation that morning and enjoying a delicious breakfast, and/or donating pancake mix, juice, or pre-cooked frozen sausage patties ahead of time. Email Nathan at nathan@decaturpca.org.

"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 (taraonthompson10@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/hkU6vsbL4kbEyCv9A> 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

Jeff Keith
Mike McMahan
Kent Quinn
Brian Rodgers
Connor Ross

Allen Schmidt
Greg Smith
Blake Temple
Chip Walraven

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John Elder
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Service Times

9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Worship

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