



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

Sitting at the feet of Jesus must lead to following in the footsteps of Jesus.

Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892)

If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.
And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith
so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver
up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

1 Corinthians 13:1-5

The Lord's Day — March 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

Leaning

Maher

Let my yes be yes to You oh Lord, Let my no be no to things of this world

If I rise or fall, if I stand at all, I am leaning on Your everlasting arms

What a fellowship, what a joy Devine, What a priceless gift, God, I'm yours and You are mine

Let my restless soul be still and know, I am leaning on Your everlasting arms

From the morning sun and mercy new, To the evening stars, every promise is true

As I walk this world I'm held by You, I am leaning on Your everlasting arms

The more I'm leaning, the more I'm flying, Feels less like dying, more like living for Heaven on Earth

Welcome and Announcements

Report of the Living Church

Pamela Bolding, Neighborhood Christian Center

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 141:1-2

Pastor: O Lord, I call upon you; hasten to me! Give ear to my voice when I call to you!

People: Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 141

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Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down:
 Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown:
 Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;
 Visit us with Thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
 Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find the promised rest:
 Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
 End of faith, as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver, let us all Thy life receive;
 Suddenly return, and never, nevermore Thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
 Pray, and praise Thee, without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Reading of the Word: *A new commandment - love one another***John 13:31-35**

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin**adapted from Psalm 32:3-5**

Our Father in heaven, when I have kept silent about my sin, it is as if my very bones wasted away, even a prolonged groaning within. Day and night Your hand has weighed upon me; my vitality has been like a empty well in the heat of summer. I acknowledge my sin; I will not cover it over, but confess to You, O Lord, all my lovelessness in thought, word, and deed. Thank you that in Christ Jesus you forgive me and free me to really live again for you, from this time forth and forevermore ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

The Gospel Pardon**Luke 7:47-48**

Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.” And he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Newton

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name.
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame.
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood, He has brought us nigh to God.
Let us sing though fierce temptation threaten hard to bear us down.
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqueror's crown.
He, Who washed us with His blood, He, Who washed us with His blood,
He, Who washed us with His blood, soon will bring us home to God.
Let us praise and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high.
Here they trusted Him before us, now their praises fill the sky.
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood, Thou hast washed us with Thy blood,
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood, Thou art worthy Lamb of God.

All I Have Is Christ

Kauflin

I once was lost in darkest night, Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life, Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own, A rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first, I would refuse You still
But as I ran my hell-bound race, Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state, And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed, You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me, Now all I know is grace
Hallelujah! All I have is Christ, Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!
Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone, And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands, Could never come from me
O Father, use my ransomed life, In any way You choose
And let my song forever be, My only boast is You

Behold Our God

Baird/Altrogge

Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice. All creation rises to rejoice.
Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?
Behold our God, seated on His throne. Come, let us adore Him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare, come, let us adore Him!
Who has felt the nails upon His hands, bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave, Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!
You will reign forever. Let Your glory fill the earth.

Singing to the Lord

The Crown, the Cross, the Grave

Worship Choir
soloist: Renee Little

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon

Rev. Amos Williams, Jr.

What's Love Got to Do With It?

1 John 2:15-17; 4:7-12 (page 1021)

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.)

What Wondrous Love Is This

Walker

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss, To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb who is the great "I AM", While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, And through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity, I'll sing on!

Benediction²
Now may the Lord direct your hearts in every way to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

adapted from 2 Thessalonians 3:5

Song of Faith

Doxology
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.

Old 100th

This Week

Monday 6:30pm Women’s Bible Study @ Nelson home (<i>Luke</i>)	Wednesday 6:00-7:30pm DPC Youth! (6 th -12 th Grade)
Tuesday 6:30am Men’s Bible Study @ Java Jaay (<i>Hebrews</i>)	Wednesday 6:15-7:30pm Worship Choir Practice
Tuesday 10:00-11:30am Women’s Bible Study @ DPC (<i>Luke</i>)	Wednesday 6:15-7:15pm Open Door Study (<i>Galatians</i>)
Tuesday @ Noon Men’s Bible Study @ Kent’s Office (<i>1 Samuel</i>)	Wednesday 6:15-7:30pm Life Groups
Wednesday 1:00pm (2 nd & 4 th Wednesday) Singled Out for Christ	Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm 4 Year Olds - 5 th Grade / Kid’s Quest
Wednesday 5:00pm Youth Choir / Soli Deo Gloria	Wednesday 7:30pm Praise Worship Band Practice
Wednesday 5:30pm Church Family Meal	Thursday 6:00pm College Student Study @ Oliver’s home (<i>Truths We Confess</i>)
Wednesday 6:00-6:30pm Kids Choirs: 4 Year Old - 2 nd Grade / Kids of the King 3 rd Grade - 5 th Grade / Dare 2 Declare	Friday 6:30am Men’s Bible Study @ Temple, Inc. (<i>Zechariah</i>)

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.

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Church Family Reminders

Amos and Jessica Williams live in Madison, AL with their two sons Caleb and Christian. Amos graduated from Beeson Divinity School in 2019 with a Master of Divinity, and has served on staff with The Village Church in Huntsville, AL for seven years. He and his family are preparing to be sent out by The Village Church to plant a new PCA congregation on the south side of Madison, and in July they will begin planting Hope City Church.

Upcoming Guest Preachers: Rick Stark (4/3); Stephen Watson (4/10); Nathan White (4/17); Marcus Nobles (4/24).

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

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser: Next 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 response has been very exciting!! Thank you to all the women who signed up and are planning to attend. With the attendees currently registered, we are now at FULL capacity. If you are interested and have not yet signed up, please put your name on the waiting list in the event anyone needs to cancel at the last minute. For more information, please contact Leigh Littrell, Vicki Stephenson, or Tara Thompson.

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 have been mailed out.

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 your 4 years-5th grade children. 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
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Service Times

9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Worship

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