



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

Here were no heralds at arms provided,
no trumpet sounded before him,
no chariots of state, no liveries;
such things as these were not agreeable
to his present state of humiliation,
but will be far outdone at his second coming,
to which his magnificent appearance is reserved, when the last trumpet shall sound,
the glorious angels shall be his heralds and attendants, and the clouds his chariots.

Matthew Henry,
referring to the Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday — April 10, 2022

Welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus! Thank you for joining us today and may the Lord richly bless you.

Children's Palm Sunday Processional

Hosanna (Blessed Is He)

Worship Choir

Welcome and Announcements

Report of the Living Church

Ruling Elder Connor Ross, Nursery & NextGen

Responsive Call to Worship

Zechariah 9:9 & Mark 11:9-10

Pastor: Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem!

People: See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey!

Pastor: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 143

Hymn of Praise

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Theodulph

All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King,
To Whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One!

The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before Thee we present:
To Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King!
All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King,
To Whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

*Majesty, worship His Majesty.
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority
Flow from His throne unto His own,
His anthem raise.*

Reading of the Word: *taking up one's cross...*

Mark 8:34-38

And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Forgiving Father, your Son came as the King of Glory, riding into humiliation all the way to the cross. Yet, we must confess our arrogance in refusing to follow. Finding your way too hard, we have fought for our own rights, our own way, our own kingdoms, our own loves. O Lord Jesus, have mercy upon us, for we have forfeited too much for too long. Forgive us our sins in thought, word, and deed – they are many – and by your Spirit restore us to the peace and freedom you have won for us ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

The Gospel Pardon

Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Hosanna

Baloche

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You, we turn to You.
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You, we long for You
'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day.
In Your Presence all our fears are washed away, washed away

*Hosanna, hosanna. You are the God Who saves us, worthy of all our praises
Hosanna, hosanna. Come have Your way among us, we welcome You here, Lord Jesus*

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You, we turn to You.
In Your Kingdom broken lives are made new, You make us new
'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day.
In Your Presence all our fears are washed away, washed away

You Are the Lord

Smith

Worthy we stand saved by His hand.
Great is Your name in all the earth.
Worthy alone Christ on the throne,
Your kingdom will reign forever.
You are the Lord Most High!

Holy Is the Lord, God Almighty

Tomlin

We stand and lift up our hands, for the joy of the Lord is our strength.
We bow down and worship Him now, how great, how awesome is He.
And together we sing, everyone sing.

*Holy is the Lord God Almighty, the earth is filled with His glory!
Holy is the Lord God Almighty, the earth is filled with His glory!
The earth is filled with His glory!*

It is rising up all around, it's the anthem of the Lord's renown.
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Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty, Holy, Holy

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Kent Quinn

...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

Stephen Watson

God Carries You Isaiah 46:1-13 (page 607)

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.)

We Fall Down

Tomlin

We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus,
The greatness of mercy and love at the feet of Jesus.

And we cry holy, holy, holy
We cry holy, holy, holy
We cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.

Benediction¹

May God in his infinite mercy, whose arms were spread for the world, grant you a journey of reflection and renewal, walking by faith and not by sight, boasting only of the cross of Christ, and with joyful anticipation of our Lord's resurrection. Go in peace; Live the church. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Song of Faith

Majesty

Hayford

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This Week

Monday 6:30pm

Women's Bible Study @ Nelson home (*Luke*)

Tuesday 6:30am

Men's Bible Study @ Java Jaay (*Hebrews*)

Tuesday 10:00-11:30am

Women's Bible Study @ DPC (*Luke*)

Tuesday @ Noon

Men's Bible Study @ Kent's Office (*1 Samuel*)

Wednesday 1:00pm

 (2nd & 4th Wednesday)

Singled Out for Christ

Wednesday 5:00pm

Youth Choir / Soli Deo Gloria

Wednesday 5:30pm

Church Family Meal

Wednesday 6:00-6:30pm

Kids Choirs:

4 Year Old - 2nd Grade / Kids of the King

3rd Grade - 5th Grade / Dare 2 Declare

Wednesday 6:00-7:30pm

DPC Youth! (6th-12th Grade)

Wednesday 6:15-7:30pm

Worship Choir Practice

Wednesday 6:15-7:15pm

Open Door Study (*Galatians*)

Wednesday 6:15-7:30pm

Life Groups

Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm

4 Year Olds - 5th Grade / Kid's Quest

Wednesday 7:30pm

Praise Worship Band Practice

Thursday 6:00pm

College Student Study @ Oliver's home (*Truths We Confess*)

Friday 6:30am

Men's Bible Study @ Temple, Inc. (*Zechariah*)

¹ 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

Stephen Watson is a member of Oak Mountain Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Birmingham, and he is discerning a call to ministry under the care of Evangel Presbytery. He is currently a part-time MDiv student at Beeson Divinity School and a full-time Associate Professor of Art at Samford University. He and his wife Lily have been married for 12 years, and they have three children: Eli (8), Zoe (5), and Anna (2). Stephen and Lily both grew up in Northeast Arkansas, and they met in college at Williams Baptist University. The Watsons live in Hoover, Alabama.

Upcoming Guest Preachers: Nathan White (4/17); Marcus Nobles (4/24).

Officer Nominations: We will be accepting elder & deacon nominations the entire month of April. Officer qualification study guides, reflection papers, and nomination forms are available in the foyer, along with the box in which to place your nomination. Please pray over any nomination you'd like to make and read the nomination form carefully.

Good Friday Service: This Friday, April 15, at 6:00 pm. Invite a friend. Our practice in this unique service is to enter the church and to leave the church IN SILENCE. *“At the cross, in holy love, God through Christ paid the full penalty of our disobedience himself.”* — John Stott

Next Gen Easter Egg Hunt: Mark your calendars for our annual Easter egg hunt this 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.

2022 Senior Recognition Sunday: There will be a reception honoring our 2022 high school graduates immediately following worship service Sunday, May 1. There will be gift tables for each graduate located in the Café area, as well as cake and punch.

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.

Table Bridal Shower: Sunday, June 12 for Tel Schieler and Jordan (Jo) Moore. There will be a table in the gathering room for you to leave your gifts as they prepare for marriage. They are registered at zola.com/wedding/jordanandtel/.

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	Allen Schmidt
Mike McMahan	Greg Smith
Kent Quinn	Blake Temple
Brian Rodgers	Chip Walraven
Connor Ross	

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Service Times

9:30am	Sunday School
10:45am	Worship

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