

For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. 2 Corinthians 4:5

To please God... to be a real ingredient in the divine happiness... to be loved by God, not merely pitied, but delighted in as an artist delights in his work or a father in a son- it seems impossible, a weight or burden of glory which our thoughts can hardly sustain. But so it is.

C.S. Lewis, The Weight of Glory

My heart overflows with a good theme; I address my verses to the King ...

Psalm 45:1

The Lord's Day – May 8, 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

Build My Life

Barrett

Worthy of every song we could ever sing Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe We live for You, oh, we live for You

Jesus, the name above every other name Jesus, the only One who could ever save Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe We live for You, we live for You

Holy, there is no one like You, there is none beside You Open up my eyes in wonder And show me who You are and fill me with Your heart And lead me in Your love to those around me

And I will build my life upon Your love, it is a firm foundation And I will put my trust in You alone and I will not be shaken

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 147:1-6

Pastor: Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting. **People: The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.** Pastor: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. **People: He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.** Pastor: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. **People: The Lord lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground.**

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 147

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The Church's One Foundation

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.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth. Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth; One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

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: Ultimate value; greater goal

But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

Confession of Sin

adapted from Every Moment Holy

O Father, whose gifts and callings in Christ are irrevocable and incomparable, we find ourselves ashamed that we have been too passive and less pressed, too casual and less captivated by Your costly grace, Your timely reversals, Your liberating presence and privileges in serving You. Have mercy, O God. We confess that have looked elsewhere for the blessedness and we have broken faith with You in thought, word and deed. Restorer of all things, redeem the damage I have done. Restore, remake, rekindle, rebuild. Knit together what I have rent. Use even the consequences of my sin to conform my heart into a more fitting likeness of the heart of Christ. Have mercy, O God ... Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!

The Gospel Pardon

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Philippians 3:7-14

Colossians 1:13-14

Come Ye Sinners

Come ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore. Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity joined with power. He is able, He is able; He is willing; doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come and welcome; God's free bounty glorify: True belief and true repentance, Every grace that brings you nigh. Without money, without money, Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall. If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all. Not the righteous, not the righteous; sinners Jesus came to call.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended; pleads the merit of His blood. Venture on Him; venture wholly, let no other trust intrude. None but Jesus, none but Jesus can do helpless sinners good.

Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me Robinson, Farren, Thompson

Smith

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer, There is no more for heaven now to give He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom, My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, For my life is wholly bound to His Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing: All is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken, For by my side, the Savior He will stay I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, For in my need, His power is displayed To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me, Through the deepest valley, He will lead Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome, Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven, The future sure, the price it has been paid For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated, Jesus now and ever is my plea Oh, the chains are released, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus, For He has said that He will bring me home And day by day I know He will renew me, Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, All the glory evermore to Him When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me! When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me! Yet not I, but through Christ in me! Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

I Saw the Cross

I saw the cross of Jesus, when burdened with my sin; I sought the cross of Jesus, to give me peace within; He drew my soul to Him and then He cleansed it in His blood; And in the cross of Jesus Christ I found my peace with God.

I love the cross of Jesus, it tells me what I am, A vile and guilty creature, saved only through the Lamb; No righteousness nor merit mine, no beauty can I plead; Yet in the cross I glory, my title there I read.

I trust the cross of Jesus, in every trying hour, My sure and certain refuge, my never failing tower; In every fear and conflict see I more than conqueror am; Though living safe, or dying, through Christ, the risen Lamb.

Safe, Safe am I, in the cross of Jesus! Still resting in a peace that is unshaken Then in glory I'll sing His wondrous power, Where sin can never enter in, and death is known no more. And in the cross of Jesus Christ I found my peace with God.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Connor Ross

...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.

Singing to the Lord

So Rich A Crown

Worship Choir

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon

Series: The Implications of the Resurrection II. When Mothers' Sons Come Home To Sing Psalm 84 (page 493)

Pastor Rick Stark

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.)

Psalm 84

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O Lord of hosts, how lovely is your dwelling place! I cry aloud, I long for your abode; The joys of earth have left my soul unsatisfied: My heart and flesh desire the living God. Within your walls the sparrow finds a nesting place, That near your altars she may have her young: How happy those who dwell within your house, O Lord, By whom your holy praises are forever sung!

How happy those who have in you the strength they need, And in whose heart are Zion's pathways found! The desert sands they make a place of water-springs, Till autumn rains refresh the barren ground. From strength to strength they journey on their pilgrimage, Until in God's own presence they appear: O Lord of hosts, do good to your anointed one; Receive my earnest prayer: O God of Jacob, hear!

How better, far, a single day within your courts, Than thousands spent in any other way; I'd rather wait upon the steps beside your door, Than pitch my tent where wickedness holds sway. For like a shield the Lord defends and covers us; He gives us grace and crowns with glory too, And nothing good withholds from those that walk aright: O Lord of hosts, how happy all who trust in you!

Benediction²

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Song of Faith

By Faith

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We will stand as children of the promise We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward Till the race is finished and the work is done We'll walk by faith and not by sight We'll walk by faith and not by sight

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. 5

Church Family Reminders

Upcoming Guest Preachers: Rick Stark (5/15), Nathan White (5/22), Rick Stark (5/29)

Wednesday Mid-Week Ministry: As it is our custom, our Wednesday church family meal and all the various ministries (NextGen, LifeGroups, ODS, Choir, etc.) will take a break during the summer months beginning May 4th and resuming in the Fall.

DPC Short-Term Mission Trip: We are going back... FINALLY... and you are invited to support and pray for 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. Questions? Contact Carol Godwin, carolg@pclnet.net or 256.227.5614.

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 **NOW**. Balances will be due on June 5. Scholarships are available. Please see Nathan with any questions. Registration flyers have been mailed out and are available in the youth room.

Coming Soon: The Ezra Worship Initiative! The last week in May, our Ezra Initiative Interns will arrive to begin what we pray is 10- week, a life-changing experience! The Ezra mission is to develop musically-gifted individuals into bi-vocational worship music leaders equipped and called to serve the church, and in particular the PCA. In partnership with Birmingham Theological Seminary, we will be teaching them, mentoring and training them, in the Theology of Public Worship, Musicianship, Sound & Technology, and Principles of Leadership. Let's get ready to welcome them to DPC!

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

Presbyterianism: Who We Are and How We Got Here: Come join us as we study Presbyterianism, in the classroom across the hall from the church offices. Topics include Revelation and Scripture, Overview of Reformed Theology, Covenant Theology, God (Theology) and Man (Anthropology), Christ (Christology), Salvation (Soteriology), Church (Ecclesiology), Practical Theology, Church Policy and the PCA, and Elders and Deacons. 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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