

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 substance of the City of God is present in this creation. Just as the caterpillar becomes a butterfly, as carbon is converted into diamond, as the grain of wheat upon dying in the ground produces other grains of wheat, as all of nature revives in the spring and dresses up in celebrative clothing, as the believing community is formed out of Adam's fallen race, as the resurrection body is raised from the body that is dead and buried in the earth, so too, by the re-creating power of Christ, the new heaven and new earth will one day emerge from the fire-purged elements of this world, radiant in enduring glory and forever set from from the "bondage to decay."

Herman Bavinck

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. For kingship belongs to the Lord and he rules over the nations.

Psalm 22:27-28

# The Lord's Day — May 22, 2022

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

#### Song of Assembly<sup>1</sup>

#### O Church, Arise

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O Church, arise, and put your armor on; hear the call of Christ our Captain. For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given. With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies; An army bold, whose battle cry is love, reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor; And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valor.

When faced with trials on every side, we know the outcome is secure, And Christ will have the prize for which He died, an inheritance of nations.

Arise, shine for your light has come. Arise, shine for the Risen Son Lift your eyes, we are His radiant bride. Arise, o church arise!

Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken; Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet, for the Conquerer has risen!

And as the stone is rolled away and Christ emerges from the grave,
This victory march continues till the day every eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit come, put strength in every stride, give grace for every hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day when with Christ we stand in glory.

#### Welcome and Announcements

### Report of the Living Church

George Godwin, Ezra Initiative

### Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 149:1

Pastor: Praise the Lord!

People: Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!

### Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 149

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#### Hymn of Praise

### This Is My Father's World

Babcock

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass;
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: the battle is not done:
Jesus Who died shall be satisfied, And earth and Heav'n be one.

### Reading of the Word: A Beautiful Inheritance

Psalm 16

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you." As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight. The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips. The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance. I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

#### **Confession of Sin**

Adapted from a prayer of Martin Luther

O Lord, I do not deserve a glimpse of heaven, and I am unable with my works to redeem myself from sin, death, the devil, and hell. Nevertheless, you have given me your Son, Jesus Christ who is much stronger than sin, death, the devil, and hell. Through him, you promise to take these from me, and grant me all that belongs to him ... Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!

### The Gospel Pardon

1 Corinthians 15:54-57

When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

#### Jesus Messiah

Tomlin

He became sin who knew no sin that we might become His righteousness He humbled Himself and carried the cross, love so amazing love so amazing

Jesus Messiah Name above all names, Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven, Jesus Messiah Lord of all

His body the bread His blood the wine, broken and poured out all for love The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn, love so amazing love so amazing All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You, All the glory to You God, the Light of the world

#### Come Ye Sinners

Ortega

Come ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready, stands to save you full, of pity, love and pow'r.

I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in his arms; In the arms of my dear savior, O, there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify; True belief and true repentance, Every grace that brings you nigh.

View him prostrate in the garden, on the ground your maker lies; on the bloody tree behold him, sinner will this not suffice.

Lo! the incarnate God ascended Pleads the merit of his blood. Venture on him, venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.

I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in his arms; In the arms of my dear savior, O, there are ten thousand charms. In the arms of my dear savior, O, there are ten thousand charms.

### Thy Mercy My God

Stoker

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song, The joy of my heart. and the boast of my tongue; Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last, Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart, Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart; Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground, And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own, And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son; All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine, Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

### Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

**Elder Connor Ross** 

Sermon

### surrection Pastor Nathan White

## Series: The Implications of the Resurrection IV. In This Hope We Were Saved Romans 8:18-25 (page 944)

### 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.)

#### I Will Wait for You

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I wait, my soul waits for the Lord. My hope is in His word. More than the watchmen wait for light, my soul waits for the Lord.

Out of the depths I cry to You, in darkest places I will call. Incline Your ear to me anew, and hear my cry for mercy, Lord.

Were You to count my sinful ways, how could I come before Your throne? Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze, I stand redeemed by grace alone.

So put Your hope in God alone. Take courage in His power to save, Completely and forever won by Christ's emerging from the grave.

I will wait for You, I will wait for You, on Your word I will rely.
I will wait for You, surely wait for You, till my soul is satisfied.

Now He has come to make a way, and God Himself has paid the price, That all who trust in Him today, find healing in His sacrifice.

I will wait for You, I will wait for You, through the storm and through the night.

I will wait for You, surely wait for You, for Your love is my delight.

Benediction<sup>2</sup> Ephesians 1:18-21

May you have the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 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

**Taking a Break from Cultivate:** Reading and reflecting upon the Scriptures, book by book and chapter by chapter, is a spiritual discipline we have sought to "cultivate" at DPC. At the end of our study of Hosea on June 1, we will take a break from publishing Cultivate in the months of June - August, and resume in September.

**Upcoming Guest Preachers:** Rick Stark (5/29), Rick Searle (6/5).

**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! Tomorrow, May 23rd 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 Diaconate

Jeff Keith	Allen Schmidt	John Elder	Andy Thompson
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## **Service Times**

9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship

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