



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

Jesus, the good shepherd, will not travel at such a rate as to overdrive the lambs. He has tender consideration for the poor and needy. Kings usually look to the interests of the great and the rich, but in the kingdom of our Great Shepherd He cares most for the poor... The weaklings and the sickly of the flock are special objects of the Savior's care... You think, dear heart, that you are forgotten, because of your nothingness and weakness and poverty.

This is the very reason you are remembered.

C.H. Spurgeon (1834-1892)

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me,
just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

Jesus (John 10:14-15)

The Lord's Day — June 26, 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

Indescribable

Story

From the highest of heights, to the depths of the sea, Creation's revealing your majesty.
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring; Every creature unique in the song that it sings; All exclaiming:

*Indescribable! Uncontainable! You placed the stars in the sky and you know them by name. You are amazing God!
All powerful, untamable; awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim. You are amazing God!*

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go? Or seen Heavenly storehouses laden with snow?
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light? Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night?

None can fathom:

*Incomparable, unchangeable; You know the depths of my heart and you love me the same.
You are amazing God! You are amazing God!*

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 124:8; 34:3

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: Oh, magnify the Lord with me,

People: and let us exalt his name together!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

from Psalm 34

Hymn of Praise

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine, do thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.

¹ All songs used by permission or covered under CCLI license # 391165.

Reading of the Word: *The true shepherd comes...***Ezekiel 34:11-24**

“For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet? Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Holy and Merciful God, in your presence we are undone and confess now our sinfulness, our weaknesses, and our offenses against you. You know how often we have wandered from your ways, wasted your gifts, and forgotten your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of the True Shepherd and Savior, Jesus Christ ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

The Gospel Pardon**Isaiah 44:21-22**

Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant; I formed you; you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me. I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.

Behold Him

Baloche

He who was before there was light, walked across the pages of time,
He who made every living thing, behold Him.

He who heard humanity's cry, left His throne to wake as a child,
He became like the least of us, behold Him.

*Jesus, Son of God, Messiah, The Lamb,
the roaring Lion, oh, be still and behold Him.*

He who dined with sinners and saints, healed the blind, the lost and the lame,
even now He is in our midst, behold Him.

He who chose a criminal's end, paid with blood to settle our debt,
buried death as He rose to life, behold Him.

*Jesus, Son of God, Messiah, The Lamb,
the roaring Lion, oh, be still and behold Him.*

*Jesus, Alpha and Omega, Our God,
the Risen Savior, oh, be still and behold Him.*

Holy, holy, holy Is the Lord God Almighty;
Worthy, worthy, worthy to receive all praise.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Robinson

Come, Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise His name, I'm fixed upon it, name of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come.
And I hope by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love,
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above.

Compassion Hymn

Getty

There is an everlasting kindness You lavished on us
When the Radiance of heaven came to rescue the lost;
You called the sheep without a shepherd to leave their distress
For Your streams of forgiveness and the shade of Your rest.
And with compassion for the hurting, You reached out Your hand
As the lame ran to meet You and the dead breathed again;
You saw behind the eyes of sorrow and shared in our tears,
Heard the sign of the weary, let the children draw near.

*What boundless love, what fathomless grace, You have shown us, O God of compassion!
Each day we live, an offering of praise, As we show to the world Your compassion.*

We stood beneath the cross of Calvary and gazed on Your face,
At the thorns of oppression and the wounds of disgrace;
For surely You have borne our suffering and carried our grief
As You pardoned the scoffer and showed grace to the thief.
How beautiful the feet that carry this gospel of peace
To the fields of injustice and the valleys of need
To be a voice of hope and healing, to answer the cries
Of the hungry and helpless with the mercy of Christ.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Jeff Keith

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon

Pastor Scott Phillips

The Good Shepherd
Mark 6:30-44 (page 841)

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.)

To the Only God

Tomlin

To the only God, who is able to keep us,
Able to keep us from falling.

To the only God, be all glory and honor,
Majesty and power, for all ages now and forevermore.

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

Whom Shall I Fear (Angel Armies)

Cash, Cash & Tomlin

I know who goes before me, I know who stands behind
The God of angel armies is always by my side
The one who reigns forever, He is a Friend of mine
The God of angel armies is always by my side

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

Scott Phillips has been the Senior Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Louisville, MS since 2006. He grew up in East Tennessee, near Knoxville. Karin grew up in Atlanta. Both of them came to trust Jesus while in college and served as RUF interns at Clemson, where they met and married. They have four children, Evelyn (22), Maggie (20), Jacob (18) and Noah (16).

Thank you so much to everyone (our crew leaders, Stuart and our craft team) who dedicated their time and talents, and to our Ezra Interns, to making VBS a success! Thank you Elena, Jill, Donna and the kitchen crew for keeping us well fed and taking care of every need. Thank you Tara, Anna Bekah, and Margaret for working so hard to make music fun for the kids. Thank you to registrations workers, our decorations committee, for the set-up and clean-up and to our nursery workers. A special thank you to Tonya Roth (our officer administrator) for always being on top of her game. Most of all, thank you to Lainee Oliver (our NextGen Coordinator). I truly could not have done this without her!

Upcoming Guest Preachers: (07/03) Drew Tunnell, 1st Presbyterian-Tuscumbia; (07/10) Nathan White, (07/17, 24) John Summers, (07/31) Lenden Fleemen

Congregational Meeting: All members in good standing are asked to remain after the service today for the purpose of 1) voting on the PSC's recommended candidate for senior pastor; 2) voting on the terms of call; 3) and voting to release and disband the Pastor Search Committee.

RYM Summer Conferences: The Youth RYM Conferences are fast approaching. Balance due emails have gone out, balances and DPC Medical Release forms are due now. Please see Nathan with any questions.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

SUMMER 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.

Study #158 - Ephesians: In a world where Christianity seems increasingly sidelined and even irrelevant, we need to grasp the truths of this life-changing letter - Ephesians. Come join this new adult class (Room #158), where in the context of study and fellowship, we will discover how being "in Christ" changes everything—our view of ourselves, our world, our future, our church, homes and workplaces.

Session

Jeff Keith
Mike McMahan
Kent Quinn
Brian Rodgers
Connor Ross

Allen Schmidt
Greg Smith
Blake Temple
Chip Walraven

Diaconate

John Elder
James Fudge
Bill Nelson
Scott Missildine
Steve Sasser
Andy Thompson
Sam Thompson
David Whitcomb
David Zajic

Church Staff

Associate Pastor
Assistant Pastor
Worship Director
Office Administrator
NextGen Coordinator
Nursery Coordinator
Kitchen Coordinator
Media Coordinator

Rick Stark
Nathan White
Stu Schieler
Tonya Roth
Lainee Oliver
Allison Seale
Elena Suggs
Leah Carpenter

rick@decaturpca.org
nathan@decaturpca.org
stu@decaturpca.org
office@decaturpca.org
rosslainee@gmail.com
alliseale@gmail.com
jayandelena@gmail.com
leahccarpenter@gmail.com

Service Times

9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Worship

DECATUR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, P.C.A.

2306 MODAUS ROAD, SOUTHWEST / DECATUR, ALABAMA 35603