



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

Knowing about God is crucially important for the living of our lives. As it would be cruel to an Amazonian tribesman to fly him to London, put him down without explanation in Trafalgar Square and leave him, as one who knew nothing of English or England, to fend for himself, so we are cruel to ourselves if we try to live in this world without knowing about the God whose world it is and who runs it. The world becomes a strange, mad, painful place, and life in it a disappointing and unpleasant business, for those who do not know about God. Disregard the study of God, and you sentence yourself to stumble and blunder through life blindfold, as it were, with no sense of direction, and no understanding of what surrounds you. This way you can waste your life and lose your soul.

J. I. Packer, *Knowing God*

Be still, and know that I am God.

Psalm 46:10

The Lord's Day — July 17, 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

You Are Worthy of My Praise

Ruis

I will worship (repeat), with all of my heart (repeat);
I will praise you (repeat), with all of my strength. (repeat)
I will seek you (repeat), all of my days; (repeat)
And I will follow (repeat), follow all of Your ways (repeat).
*I will give You all my worship, I will give You all my praise.
You alone I long to worship, You alone are worthy of my praise.*
I will bow down (repeat), and hail You as King (repeat);
I will serve you (repeat), give You everything (repeat).
I will lift up (repeat), my eyes to Your throne (repeat);
And I will trust You (repeat), I will trust You alone (repeat).

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Revelation 15:3-4

Pastor: Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty!

People: Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations.

Pastor: Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name?

People: For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Revelation 4

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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
 O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
 All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near, Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
 Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
 Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been, granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!
 All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
 Let the amen sound from His people again; Gladly fore'er we adore Him.

Reading of the Word: *When I saw Jesus...*

Revelation 1:9-18

I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea." Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Holy God, we groan at our weaknesses and sins because Your Word is so clear and your grace is so good. We have often closed our ears, hardened our hearts, and with perverse pride fouled your gifts. Yet you provide streams of mercy and invite us again into the renewal of life. So we turn to the cross, to the empty tomb, and to our interceding Lord Jesus seated at your right hand, and to the gracious Holy Spirit. We seek your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. We draw upon your promises, and ask simply for sanctifying mercies ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

The Gospel Pardon

1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners... He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Immortal, Invisible

Story

Immortal, You are not like a man, that You change Your mind or change Your plan.

Invisible, our human eyes can't see, the depths of Your majesty.

You're the God of forever and ever amen! The Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End.

We sing, "Hallelujah!" We worship in awe, Immortal, invisible God.

Immortal, You are not bound by death. You're the living God, my very breath.

Invisible, You are not bound by space, But Your glory is filling this place. Yes, Your glory is filling this place.

Immortal yet You once died for me, To pay my debt, to set me free.

Invisible, You will not always be, 'Cause You're coming to reign as our King,

And the saints will fall down at Your feet.

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

Redman

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger, Your name is great, and Your heart is kind

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing, Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, Worship His holy name, sing like never before

O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name

Worship Your holy name, Lord, I'll worship Your holy name

Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name

Worship Your holy name, Lord, I'll worship Your holy name

Revelation Song

Riddle

Worthy is the, Lamb who was slain, Holy, Holy, is He

Sing a new song, to Him who sits on Heaven's Mercy Seat

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty; Who was, and is, and is to come. With all creation I sing:

Praise to the King of Kings! You are my everything, and I will adore You...

Clothed in rainbows, of living color, flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be to You the Only Wise King.

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder at the mention of Your Name
Jesus, Your Name is Power, Breath, and Living Water such a marvelous mystery.

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon

Rev. John Summers

Shall a Faultfinder Contend with the Almighty?

Job 40:1-14 (page 445)

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.)

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.

Benediction²**from various portions of Scripture**

May the Almighty God go before you to lead you, go behind you to guard you, go beneath you to support you, go beside you to befriend you. Do not be afraid. May the blessing of God - the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit - come upon you and settle in around you. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen.

Song of Faith**We Will Feast In The House Of Zion****McCracken/Moore**

We will feast in the house of Zion,
we will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together,
we will feast and weep no more

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

John Summers lives in Huntsville with his wife, Michaiiah, and their two children. He is a member of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church and provides pulpit supply throughout Providence Presbytery.

Upcoming Guest Preachers: (07/24) John Summers, (07/31) James Dickson

Thursday Email: Our weekly Thursday Email has resumed, containing helpful resources, news and announcements that encourages the unity, peace and purity of the church. If you are not yet receiving DPC emails, contact Tonya Roth in the church office (256.351.6010, tonya@decaturpca.org).

Baby Shower: Join us for a baby shower for Anna Littrell, today Sunday, July 17 at 2 pm at Temple, Inc. (320 Bank Street). Anna is expecting a girl, and is registered at <https://www.babylist.com/baby-reg-anna-littrell>.

Foster Parent Training: Alabama Baptist Children's Homes & Family Ministries will launch another series of "Foster Parent Training" seminars beginning August 14th. The class will meet weekly from 2-5pm for 10 weeks at Northbrook Baptist Church in Cullman. Contact Sena Sharp to register 256-285-1022 ssharp@alabamachild.org.

Christmas in July! As you gather school supplies, remember to grab a couple extra items for the Operation Christmas Child shoebox ministry of Samaritan's Purse we look forward to supporting in the late fall. For information, please contact Mary Chism at maebelle12@att.net or 336-675-5900.

Midweek College Study: College-aged young adults are invited to a midweek study every Thursday night at 6:00 at Bill & Amy Nelson's house (2522 Sherwood Drive SE). We are going through R.C. Sproul's Truths We Confess. For more information, you can email Nathan at nathan@decaturpca.org or call/text him at (256) 280-7912.

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: The reformer, John Calvin, often called the Psalms, "An anatomy of all parts of the soul." The early church father Athanasius said that the Psalms "embrace the whole life of man, the affections of his mind, and the motion of his soul." Luther was known to call the Psalms "a little Bible" as the book contained within it all the themes of the rest of Scripture set to prayers and songs. Join us as we study this remarkable book this summer, learning to praise and pray to God using the very words He gave us.

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

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9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Worship

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