



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

See how many times human resources have been brought to an utter end; despair has gripped the heart and pessimism and gloom has settled upon a people; and there is nothing that can be done. Then see how the Spirit of God writes in luminous letters, “BUT GOD,” and the whole situation changes into victory.

- Ray C. Steadman

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he has loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved – and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus...

- Ephesians 2:4-6

# The Lord's Day — July 24, 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>

## Open the Eyes of My Heart

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Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart, I want to see You, I want to see You.

*To see You high and lifted up shining in the light of Your glory,  
Pour out Your power and love as we sing, "Holy, holy, holy."*

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart, I want to see You, I want to see You.

Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy, I want to see You.

## Welcome and Announcements

## Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 24:7-10

Pastor: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

**People: Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!**

Pastor: Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

**People: Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!**

## Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 24

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A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
 Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
 For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
 His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal.  
 Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing.  
 Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.  
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,  
 Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same, And He must win the battle.  
 And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
 We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.  
 The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
 His rage we can endure; for lo! his doom is sure; One little word shall fell him.  
 That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;  
 The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.  
 Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
 The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; His kingdom is forever.

### Reading of the Word: *Made Alive with Christ*

**Colossians 2:6-15**

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### Confession of Sin

**based on Psalm 51**

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love, according to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Was us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin! For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Against you have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

## The Gospel Pardon

Colossians 1:19-20

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

## Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

### Cornerstone

Mote, Liljero, Morgan, Myrin

My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus blood and righteousness

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus name

*Christ alone, cornerstone, Weak made strong, in the Savior's love*

*Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all*

When Darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace

In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil

His oath, His covenant, His blood, support me in the whelming flood.

When all around my soul gives way. He then is all my hope and stay. He then is all my hope and stay

When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found.

Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless stand before the throne.

### The Lord Is My Salvation

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The grace of God has reached for me, And pulled me from the raging sea

And I am safe on this solid ground, The Lord is my salvation

I will not fear when darkness falls, His strength will help me scale these walls

I'll see the dawn of the rising sun, The Lord is my salvation

*Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love*

*My debt is paid and the vict'ry won, The Lord is my salvation*

And when I reach my final day, He will not leave me in the grave

But I will rise, He will call me home, The Lord is my salvation

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son

Glory be to God the Spirit, The Lord is our salvation

## **Whom Shall I Fear (Angel Armies)**

**Cash, Cash & Tomlin**

You hear me when I call, You are my morning song  
Though darkness fills the night, it cannot hide the Light, Whom shall I fear  
You crush the enemy underneath my feet  
You are my Sword and Shield though troubles linger still, Whom shall I fear

### **Chorus**

*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*

My strength is in Your Name for You alone can save  
You will deliver me, Yours is the victory, Whom shall I fear, Whom shall I fear

### **Bridge**

*And nothing formed against me shall stand, You hold the whole world in Your hand,  
I'm holding on to Your promises  
You are faithful, You are Faithful, You are Faithful  
The God of angel armies is always by my side*

## **Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition**

**Elder Greg Smith**

## **His Tithes & Our Offerings**

## **Sermon**

**Rev. John Summers**

### **Who Can Stand Against Leviathan?**

**Job 41:1-11** (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.)*

## **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.

## **Benediction<sup>2</sup>**

**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**

### **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

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<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

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

**Upcoming Guest Preachers:** (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](mailto:tonya@decaturpca.org)).

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

Jeff Keith  
Mike McMahan  
Kent Quinn  
Brian Rodgers  
Connor Ross

Allen Schmidt  
Greg Smith  
Blake Temple  
Chip Walraven

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9:30am      Sunday School  
10:45am      Worship

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