



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

“Remember that vision on the Mount of Transfiguration; and let it be ours, even in the glare of earthly joys and brightness, to lift up our eyes, like those wondering three, and see no man anymore, save Jesus only.”

Alexander MacLaren (1826-1919)

They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road,
while he opened to us the Scriptures?”

Luke 24:32

The Lord's Day — July 31, 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

Welcome and Announcements

Report of the Living Church

George Godwin, The Ezra Worship Initiative

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 27:7-8

Pastor: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

People: You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, Lord, do I seek."

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 27

Hymn of Praise

Your Great Name We Praise

Smith

Immortal, invisible God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes.

Most holy, most glorious the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious Your great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light, Not wanting or wasting You rule us in might.

Your justice like mountains high soaring above, Your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Most Holy, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, Your great name we praise.

All life comes from You Lord to both great and small, In all life You live Lord, the true life of all.

We blossom and flourish, but quickly grow frail, We wither and perish, but You never fail.

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Reading of the Word: *Surprised by God*

Exodus 3:1-12

Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

from The Valley of Vision

O Father, it is a good day when you give me a glimpse of myself. Sin is my greatest evil but you are my greatest good. I confess my crucified yet never wholly mortified sinfulness: the things I have done and have failed to do. Destroy, O Holy Spirit, the dark guest within, whose hidden presence is tormenting slavery. Yet you, O Savior, have not left me without grace; thy cross still stands to meet my need; here I bow to receive forgiveness and freedom ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

The Gospel Pardon

Psalm 32:1; Romans 8:1-2

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Come Praise and Glorify

Kauflin/Chester

Come praise and glorify our God, The Father of our Lord
In Christ He has in heav'nly realms, His blessings on us poured
For pure and blameless in His sight, He destined us to be
And now we've been adopted through, His Son eternally

Come praise and glorify our God, Who gives His grace in Christ
In Him our sins are washed away, Redeemed through sacrifice
In Him God has made known to us, The myst'ry of His will
That Christ should be the head of all, His purpose to fulfill

*To the praise of Your glory, To the praise of Your mercy and grace,
To the praise of Your glory, You are the God who saves*

Come praise and glorify our God, For we've believed the Word
And through our faith we have a seal, The Spirit of the Lord
The Spirit guarantees our hope, Until redemption's done
Until we join in endless praise, To God, the Three in One

Glory In The Highest

Tomlin

You are the first, You go before, You are the last, You reign forevermore
Your name's in lights for all to see, the starry host declare Your glory

Glory in the highest, glory in the highest, glory in the highest

Apart from You there is no God, light of the world, the bright and morning star
Your name will shine for all to see, You are the one, You are my glory

And no one else could ever compare to You, Lord, All the earth together declares.....

Glory in the highest, glory in the highest Glory in the highest to You, Lord, to You, Lord

All the earth will sing Your praise, the moon and stars, the sun and rain

Every nation will proclaim You are God and You will reign

Glory, glory Hallelujah, glory, glory to You, Lord. Glory, glory Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

Above All

LeBlanc

Above all powers, above all kings, Above all nature and all created things;
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man, You were here before the world began.

Above all kingdoms, above all thrones, Above all wonders the world has ever known;
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth, There's no way to measure what You're worth.

*Crucified, laid behind the stone; You lived to die, rejected and alone;
Like a rose trampled on the ground, You took the fall, were glorified above all*

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon

Pastor James Dickson

Expectant Worship
Luke 9:28-36 (page 867)

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.)

Rock of Ages

Toplady

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, from Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death;
When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

Benediction²

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

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

James and Anna Dickson moved to Trussville, AL in 2011 to plant Christ Church PCA. This fall they will be living in an empty nest, with all three of their children attending Auburn University. Pierce will be a senior. Blair, following her time as an Ezra Intern, will be a junior. And Stuart will join them as a freshman.

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).

DPC Session Meeting: On Monday August 1 your Elders will gather once again for the monthly Session meeting. Please pray for your leaders as they seek the Lord's wisdom in guiding and advancing the peace and purity and proclamation of the church. Be encouraged, too, that on the 'agenda' as a high priority is praying for our members and visitors. Contact Rick Stark (256.351.6010) should you have a particular prayer concern or other issues for the Elders to consider.

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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Allen Schmidt
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Service Times

9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Worship

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