



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

Some wish to live within the sound of a chapel bell; I wish to run a rescue mission within a yard of hell.

C.T. Studd,
(1860-1931, professional athlete and missionary)

Whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

1 John 2:6

The Lord's Day — August 7, 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

Through the Precious Blood

Altrogge

You have ordained every breath we take, in pleasure or pain, there is no mistake
Gladness and grief, both are in Your hands, and sufferings brief carry out Your plan
And our fleeting sorrows, will yield an endless prize, When some bright tomorrow, we'll see You with our eyes, and

*Grace upon grace flows down, flows down, And Grace upon grace flows down, flows down,
Through the precious blood of Christ*

Father of lights, Giver of all grace, Your mercies crown our lives all our days
River of Life, quench our thirsty souls, for no true delight does Your love withhold
And in every season, we are satisfied, For just one reason, Christ was crucified, and

All good gifts, every good thing, comes to us freely, so freely,
All good gifts, every good thing, comes to us freely, so freely,
Through the precious blood, Through the precious blood.

Welcome and Announcements

Report of the Living Church

Howard Shelden, World Missions Committee

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 33:1-4

Pastor: Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

People: Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!

Pastor: Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

People: For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 33

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Rejoice, ye pure in Heart, Rejoice, give thanks and sing;
Your festal banner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King.

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing!

Yes, on through life's long path, Still chanting as ye go,
From youth to age, by night by day, In gladness and in woe.

At last the march shall end, The wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their Father's house, Jerusalem the blest.

Then on, ye pure in heart, Rejoice, give thanks and sing:
Your glorious banner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King.

Reading of the Word: *God's jealousy for justice & mercy...*

Zechariah 7:4-8:8

Then the word of the Lord of hosts came to me: "Say to all the people of the land and the priests, 'When you fasted and mourned in the fifth month and in the seventh, for these seventy years, was it for me that you fasted? And when you eat and when you drink, do you not eat for yourselves and drink for yourselves? Were not these the words that the Lord proclaimed by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and prosperous, with her cities around her, and the South and the lowland were inhabited?'" And the word of the Lord came to Zechariah, saying, "Thus says the Lord of hosts, Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another, do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor, and let none of you devise evil against another in your heart." But they refused to pay attention and turned a stubborn shoulder and stopped their ears that they might not hear. They made their hearts diamond-hard lest they should hear the law and the words that the Lord of hosts had sent by his Spirit through the former prophets. Therefore great anger came from the Lord of hosts. "As I called, and they would not hear, so they called, and I would not hear," says the Lord of hosts, "and I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations that they had not known. Thus the land they left was desolate, so that no one went to and fro, and the pleasant land was made desolate." And the word of the Lord of hosts came, saying, "Thus says the Lord of hosts: I am jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I am jealous for her with great wrath. Thus says the Lord: I have returned to Zion and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem, and Jerusalem shall be called the faithful city, and the mountain of the Lord of hosts, the holy mountain. Thus says the Lord of hosts: Old men and old women shall again sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each with staff in hand because of great age. And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets. Thus says the Lord of hosts: If it is marvelous in the sight of the remnant of this people in those days, should it also be marvelous in my sight, declares the Lord of hosts? Thus says the Lord of hosts: Behold, I will save my people from the east country and from the west country, and I will bring them to dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in faithfulness and in righteousness."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

from The Valley of Vision

O Lord, you render true judgments and show kindness and mercy to all; yet we have not. You called to us but we would not respond, listening more to our own perverted hearts and the world's noise. You are jealous for us but we are not jealous for you. Forgive us, O God, by the mercies of Christ. Create in us new hearts and new inclinations that please and glorify you ...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!

The Gospel Pardon

Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

I Am the Lord Your God (Isaiah 43)

Unknown

When you pass through the waters I will be with you, and the waves will not overcome you.

Do not fear. For I have redeemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine.

For I am the Lord Your God, (I am Lord your God)

I am the Lord your God, (I... Am)

I Am the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I am the Lord, (Do not fear.) I am the Lord, (Do not fear.)

I am the Lord, (Do not fear.) I am the Lord. (Do not fear.)

When you pass through the fire you'll not be burned. and the flames will not consume you.

Do not fear. For I have redeemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine.

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.

Leaning

Maher

Let my yes be yes to You oh Lord, Let my no be no to things of this world

If I rise or fall, if I stand at all, I am leaning on Your everlasting arms

What a fellowship, what a joy Devine, What a priceless gift, God, I'm yours and You are mine

Let my restless soul be still and know, I am leaning on Your everlasting arms

From the morning sun and mercy new, To the evening stars, every promise is true

As I walk this world I'm held by You, I am leaning on Your everlasting arms

The more I'm leaning, the more I'm flying, Feels less like dying, more like living for Heaven on Earth

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon

TE/Missionary Lenden Fleeman

**The Seeking Savior
Luke 18:35 - 19:10 (page 878)**

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.)

Before the Throne of God Above

Bancroft & Cook

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is "Love," who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav'n He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart. No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end to all my sin.

Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on him and pardon me. To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!

One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God. With Christ, my Savior and my God.

Benediction²

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Go to love and serve the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 5:28

Song of Faith

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Newton/Tomlin

My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me,
And like a flood His mercy reigns;
Unending love, amazing grace.

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

Back-to-School Prayer Walk: 1st Priority Ministry is coordinating for parents and grandparents a "prayer walk" on the campuses of all the Decatur Public Schools at 6pm on August 7. Contact Zach Cameron for more information (256.345.3674).

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.

Navigating Sex & Gender in A Changing World: A conference for teens, parents, grandparents and student leaders will be hosted by Westminster Pres - Huntsville and co-sponsored by Cornerstone Pres - Huntsville on September 17, 8:30am - 3:00pm. The guest speaker is Dr. Walt Mueller, President of Center for Parent/Youth Understanding. Tickets are \$10.00. Breakfast is available at 8:15, and lunch will be served. Register online at www.wpc-hsv.org, or scan the QR code on the flyers available in the foyer.

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.

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).

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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Service Times

9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Worship

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