



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth... And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds;...And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified...

Nicene Creed (AD 325)

The Trinity means that God himself is in community... God is community: one God, three persons.

Robert H. Thune

Let us make man in our image.

Genesis 1:26

The Lord's Day — August 14, 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

Blessed Be Your Name

Redman

Blessed Be Your Name in the land that is plentiful;
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.

Blessed Be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise;

When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name;

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me;
When the world's 'all as it should be', blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering;
Though there's pain in the offering; blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name;
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name

You give and take away, You give and take away;
My heart will choose to say, "Lord, blessed be Your name."

Welcome and Announcements

Report of the Living Church

Zach Cameron & Bruce Jones, DCS Dads on Duty

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 113:1-2

Pastor: Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!

People: **Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore!**

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 113

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The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
 She is his new creation by water and the Word;
 From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
 With his own blood he bought her and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth.
 Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
 And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
 She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
 Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
 And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
 And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won;
 O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
 Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Reading of the Word: *a Redeemer comes for a New people*

Isaiah 59:1-2...9-21

Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear; but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear. Therefore justice is far from us, and righteousness does not overtake us; we hope for light, and behold, darkness, and for brightness, but we walk in gloom. We grope for the wall like the blind; we grope like those who have no eyes; we stumble at noon as in the twilight, among those in full vigor we are like dead men. We all growl like bears; we moan and moan like doves; we hope for justice, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far from us. For our transgressions are multiplied before you, and our sins testify against us; for our transgressions are with us, and we know our iniquities: transgressing, and denying the Lord, and turning back from following our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart lying words. Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands far away; for truth has stumbled in the public squares, and uprightness cannot enter. Truth is lacking, and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. The Lord saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice. He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no one to intercede; then his own arm brought him salvation, and his righteousness upheld him. He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on his head; he put on garments of vengeance for clothing, and wrapped himself in zeal as a cloak. According to their deeds, so will he repay, wrath to his adversaries, repayment to his enemies; to the coastlands he will render repayment. So they shall fear the name of the Lord from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun; for he will come like a rushing stream, which the wind of the Lord drives. "And a Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who turn from transgression," declares the Lord. "And as for me, this is my covenant with them," says the Lord: "My Spirit that is upon you, and my words that I have put in your mouth, shall not depart out of your mouth, or out of the mouth of your offspring, or out of the mouth of your children's offspring," says the Lord, "from this time forth and forevermore."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

from *The Book of Common Worship*

Most Merciful Father, we are cut to the quick and confess that we have sinned against You and against others in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved You with all our heart, soul, mind and strength; and we have not loved our neighbor the same. We ask You to forgive what we have been, to help us amend what we are, and of Your mercy, to direct what we shall be. Henceforth, may we walk in the way of Your commandments and do those things which are pleasing in Your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

The Gospel Pardon

1 Peter 1:18-19

...you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

By Faith

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By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight
By faith our fathers roamed the earth with the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand, a place where peace and justice reign
*We will stand as children of the promise, we will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight*
By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death and rise triumphant from the grave
By faith the church was called to go in the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news in every corner of the earth
We will stand...

By faith this mountain shall be moved and the power of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon His name
We will stand...

I Will Glory In My Redeemer

Cook

I will glory in my Redeemer, Whose priceless blood has ransomed me,
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails, And hung Him on that judgment tree.
I will glory in my Redeemer, Who crushed the power of sin and death,
My only Savior before the holy Judge, The Lamb who is my righteousness, The Lamb who is my righteousness.
I will glory in my Redeemer, My life He bought, my love He owns,
I have no longings for another, I'm satisfied in Him alone.
I will glory in my Redeemer, His faithfulness my standing place,
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me, My feet are firm, held by His grace, My feet are firm held by His grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer, Who carries me on eagle's wings,
He crowns my life with lovingkindness, His triumph song I'll ever sing.
I will glory in my Redeemer, Who waits for me at gates of gold,
And when he calls me it will be paradise, His face forever to behold, His face forever to behold.
His face forever to behold. I will glory in my Redeemer.

Glorify Thy Name in All the Earth

Adkins

Father, we love You, We worship and adore You, Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name in all the earth!
Jesus, we love You, We worship and adore You, Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name in all the earth!
Spirit, we love You, We worship and adore You, Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name in all the earth!

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Chip Walraven

...Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon

Pastor Rick Stark

The Community of God
Acts 2:41-47 (page 911)

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.)

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

Heber

Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed,
By whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead.

Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed;
And be thy feast to us the token that by thy grace our souls are fed.

Benediction²

Ephesians 6:23-24

Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.

Song of Faith

We Are the Body of Christ

Hampton

One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise You, we are the body of Christ.

One goal, one vision, to see You exalted, we are the body of Christ.

And to this we give our lives, to see You glorified.

One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise You,

We are the body of Christ. We are the body of Christ.

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

Upcoming Guest Preachers: Nathan White (8/21), Rick Stark (08/28)

Foster Parent Training Classes: There are two opportunities upcoming for training toward the eventual approval as foster parents. Morgan County DHR classes will begin August 16 (contact Leslie Terry, 256.301.8623. The Alabama Baptist Children's Homes & Family Ministries classes will begin August 14 in Cullman (contact Sena Sharp, 256.285.1022).

Dads On Duty: Austin and Decatur Middle Schools need dads! Bruce Jones, Community Outreach Coordinator for DCS, is introducing this new program whereby local dads spend whatever time they might have to help provide a safe and nurturing environment in the schools: welcoming students to school in the mornings, or providing a presence in the hallways during class changes or in the cafeteria at lunch times. In other words, be the hands, feet, and smile of Jesus to the students in our community. For more information, contact Zach Cameron (256.345.3674, zacharyleecameron@hotmail.com)

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. To register, scan the QR code on the flyers available in the foyer, or by following this link: <https://tinyurl.com/shcxxfa6>

Midweek College Study: College-aged young adults are invited to a midweek study every Thursday night at 6:00 at Chris and Laine Oliver's house (2309 Greenwood Dr. SE). We are studying Revelation using Dennis E. Johnson's *Triumph of the Lamb*. For more information, contact Nathan at nathan@decaturpca.org or (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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9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Worship

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