



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

The Great Commission is the call of Christ for His disciples to extend His authority over the whole world. We are to share the gospel with everyone so that more and more people might call Him Master. This calling is not simply a call to evangelism... Rather, Christ calls us to make disciples. Disciples are people who have committed in their hearts and minds to follow the thinking and conduct of the Master forever. Such discipleship is a lifelong experience.

R.C. Sproul

You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also."

2 Timothy 2:1-2

The Lord's Day — August 21, 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

All I Have Is Christ

Kauflin

I once was lost in darkest night, Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life, Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own, A rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first, I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race, Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state, And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed, You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me, Now all I know is grace

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ, Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone, And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands, Could never come from me

O Father, use my ransomed life, In any way You choose
And let my song forever be, My only boast is You

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 145:3

Pastor: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,

People: And his greatness is unsearchable.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 145

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My hope is built on nothing less, Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely 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.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne.

Reading of the Word: *The Goodness of God to all the Earth* **Genesis 12:1-3; Exodus 19:3-6; Isaiah 49:6**

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."...The Lord called to [Moses] out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: 'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."... "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Adapted from The Valley of Vision

Mighty God, we humble ourselves before you for the gifts we have misused, the opportunities we have neglected, and the harsh words we have spoken. We repent of our foolishness and selfishness, our broken promises and insincere service. Bury our sins in the ocean of Jesus' blood and let no further evil result from them ...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!

The Gospel Pardon

1 Peter 2:9-10

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Lead On, O King Eternal

Shurtleff

Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come; Henceforth in fields of conquest, thy tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation, thy grace has made us strong; And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease, And holiness shall whisper, the sweet amen of peace.

For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums;

With deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

So lead on, O King, Lead on, O King, Lead on, O King, Lead on.

Lead on, O King eternal, we follow, not with fears, For gladness breaks like morning where'er thy face appears.
Thy cross is lifted o'er us, we journey in its light; The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

In Christ Alone

Townend

In Christ Alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! Who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied,
For every sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Be Thou My Vision

Hull

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son, Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon

Pastor Nathan White

The Mission of God
Matthew 28:16-20 (page 835)

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.)

My Worth Is Not In What I Own

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My worth is not in what I own; Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love, At the cross

My worth is not in skill or name, In win or lose, in pride or shame,
But in the blood of Christ that flowed, At the cross

*I rejoice in my Redeemer, Greatest Treasure, Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him, no other. My soul is satisfied in Him alone.*

As summer flowers we fade and die, Fame, youth and beauty hurry by,
But life eternal calls to us, At the cross

I will not boast in wealth or might, Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ, At the cross

Two wonders here that I confess, My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed - my ransom paid, At the cross.

Benediction²

Psalm 23:6

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow [you] all the days of [your] life and [you] shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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: Rick Stark (08/28); Scott Phillips (09/04)

Service of Installation: Everyone is invited back to the church Sunday evening, August 28, at 6pm as a Commission of Providence Presbytery leads us in worship and installation of Scott Phillips as Senior Pastor of DPC. Our guest preacher is Rev. Randy Thompson, 1st Presbyterian Church of Tuscumbia. There will be a reception immediately following the service hosted by the Women's Ministry Team. Nursery will be provided.

Aluminum Cans for the DR Mission: We will no longer offer the opportunity to drop off bags of aluminum cans at the church. Please feel free to take the cans yourselves to recycle and donate the proceeds to the church, earmarked Dominican Republic. Thank you so much for all who have so generously participated!

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)

Ladies Night-Fall Kickoff: You don't want to miss this! Wednesday, August 31, 6:00pm @ DPC. The meal will be catered so be sure to RSVP to the church office, to Jessica Keith @ 256-466-4651, or fill out the RSVP form that will be in the worship guide.

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>

Secret Sisters: Love to encourage one another? Secret Sisters is a great way to shower someone with words and small gifts of encouragement. Runs September to May. If you are interested, contact Julie Rodgers for details at 256-520-2497 or jrose0152@yahoo.com.

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 Mark - Sports Center of the Bible. The class meets in the classroom down the back hallway from the sanctuary, across from the choir room. Walk-ons are 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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