



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

They tell me he is a refiner, that he cleanses from spots; he has washed me in his precious blood, and to that extent I know him. They tell me that he clothes the naked; he hath covered me with a garment of righteousness, and to that extent I know him. They tell me that he is a breaker, and that he breaks fetters, he has set my soul at liberty, and therefore I know him. They tell me that he is a king and that he reigns over sin; he hath subdued my enemies beneath his feet, and I know him in that character.

They tell me he is a shepherd: I know him for I am his sheep. They say he is a door:

I have entered in through him, and I know him as a door. They say he is food:  
my spirit feeds on him as on the bread of heaven, and, therefore, I know him as such.

Charles H. Spurgeon (1834-1892)

I count everything as loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

Apostle Paul (Philippians 3:8)

# The Lord's Day — August 28, 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>

### How Great Is Our God

Tomlin/Cash/Reeves

The splendor of the King, Clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice, All the earth rejoice

He wraps Himself in light, And darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice, And trembles at His voice

*How great is our God, Sing with me, How great is our God, And all will see how great, How great is our God*

And age to age He stands, And time is in His hands  
Beginning and the End. Beginning and the End

The Godhead three in one, Father Spirit Son  
The Lion and the Lamb. The Lion and the Lamb

Name above all names. Worthy of all praise. My heart will sing, how great is our God

## Welcome and Announcements

### Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 34:1-3

Pastor: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**People: My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.**

**All: Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!**

### Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 34

### Hymn of Praise

### Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Wesley

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down:

Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown:

Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;

Visit us with Thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;

Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find the promised rest:

Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;

End of faith, as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver, let us all Thy life receive;

Suddenly return, and never, nevermore Thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,

Pray, and praise Thee, without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

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## **Reading of the Word: *Holiness by 10***

**Exodus 20:1-17**

And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## **Confession of Sin**

**Heavenly Father, forgive all my sins: the sins I remember and sins long forgotten. These are my many failures in the face of temptation, and opposite of Your holiness and goodness. Forgive the times I have boasted more of my own achievements than boasting in the work of your Son. Forgive the harsh judgments toward others yet leniency toward myself. Forgive the lies I have told and the truths I have avoided, and thus the pain I have brought upon others. O God have mercy on me and make me whole again ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!***

## **The Gospel Pardon**

**1 John 1:8-9**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

## Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

### The Wonderful Cross

Watts/Tomlin

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down:  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

*O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross, Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.  
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross, All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.*

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an off ring far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

### Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

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What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.

What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command?

And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;  
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess, Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.

Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"

And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and death will be destroyed,

And we will feast in endless joy, When Christ is ours forevermore.

### Take My Life

Havergal/Tomlin

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;

Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise;

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee;

Take my voice and let me sing, always, only for my King.

Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee;

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect and use every pow'r as You choose.

*Here am I, all of me. Take my life, it's all for Thee. Take myself and I will be ever, only all for Thee.*

Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine;

Take my heart, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Your feet its treasure store;

Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

## His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon

Series: The Mission of DPC  
V: The One Thing - The Godly Goal  
Philippians 3:1-16 (page 981)

Pastor Rick Stark

## 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.)*

## Take Shelter

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When the nations rage and death is at the door, When the wars are waged as they have been before  
There's a refuge that I run to, a respite from my fear, Nothing in this world can harm me here

When my song of hope is swallowed by the pain, As the weariness of grief floods in again  
Will You find me in the valley? Oh, hear my helpless cry, Hold me as a mother holds her child

*And I'll take shelter, take shelter in the loving arms of God  
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When a greater war had torn apart my soul, And the iron hold of sin would not let go  
All of Heaven stormed the darkness in the power of the cross, I'm freed beneath the banner of His love

When the labors of this fleeting life are done, As the shadows fall, we'll see the lights of home  
And then all our present troubles will be stories of the past, Safe within His gates, we'll find our rest

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

**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 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.

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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

**Upcoming Preachers:** Scott Phillips (09/04)

**Service of Installation:** Everyone is invited back this evening 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 is on the table in the foyer.

**"Welcome To DPC" Saturday Seminar!** If you have been visiting and become interested in church membership or just curious about the Reformed Faith, the Presbyterian Church in America, and the gospel life, come join your friends on Saturday, September 10th. We'll meet in the church Café area from 9a.m.-1:00p.m. (including breakfast snacks and a light lunch). For RSVP, questions and/or childcare, contact Rick Stark (256.351.6010 or rick@decaturpca.org).

**Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study:** Beginning Sept. 13, 10-11:30 am at the church in the gathering room. Also, on Monday nights (beginning Sept.19), 6:30-8 pm at Amy Nelson's home (2522 Sherwood Dr). We are studying the Old Testament prophets, guided by *The Word of the Lord*, by Nancy Guthrie. Study books are available in the Book Nook for \$10. Child care will be provided on Tuesdays. For questions, contact Teresa Quinn, teresaquinn703@gmail.com, or 256-565-0897. Visitors are welcome!

**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. Sign up list is located at the 'Welcome Table' in the Gathering Area of the church. Contact Julie Rodgers for more information (256-520-2497, 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.

# 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

Jeff Keith  
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Connor Ross

Allen Schmidt  
Greg Smith  
Blake Temple  
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10:45am     Worship

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