



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 dogma of the Incarnation is the most dramatic thing about Christianity, and indeed, the most dramatic thing that ever entered the mind of man; but if you tell people so, they stare at you in bewilderment.

Dorothy Sayers

The Law works fear and wrath; grace works hope and mercy.

Martin Luther

The Lord's Day — September 4, 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

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Newton/Tomlin

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
T'was grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed!
*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.*
The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 29:1-4

Pastor: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

People: he voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 29

Hymn of Praise

All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name!

Perronet

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all; *(Repeat)*
Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all. *(Repeat)*
Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all; *(Repeat)*

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Reading of the Word: *Careful Life of the Holy People***Deuteronomy 7:6-11**

For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations, and repays to their face those who hate him, by destroying them. He will not be slack with one who hates him. He will repay him to his face. You shall therefore be careful to do the commandment and the statutes and the rules that I command you today.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Father in heaven, we thank you for the freedom you have given us through the life, death and resurrection of your Son. But we confess today that we often live like slaves. Instead of living like you delight in us, we avoid you in shame and guilt. Instead of receiving your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts. Instead of accepting your freedom, we prefer our chains. Instead of pursuing your purposes, we cling to our short-sighted agendas. Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us ...*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

And Can It Be

Wesley

And can it be that I should gain an in'trest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

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He left His Father's throne above so free, so infinite His grace!
Humbled Himself so great His love! And bled for all His chosen race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay, fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray, I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine!
Bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

Come Ye Sinners

Ortega

Come ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready, stands to save you full, of pity, love and pow'r.

I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in his arms;
In the arms of my dear savior, O, there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance, Every grace that brings you nigh.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, Lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry 'til you're better, you will never come at all.

Lo! the incarnate God ascended Pleads the merit of his blood.
Venture on him, venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.

I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in his arms;
In the arms of my dear savior, O, there are ten thousand charms.
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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.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Mike McMahan

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon

Pastor Scott Phillips

More Than Enough
John 1:1-18 (page 886)

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.)

I Saw the Cross

Carpenter

I saw the cross of Jesus, when burdened with my sin; I sought the cross of Jesus, to give me peace within;
He drew my soul to Him and then He cleansed it in His blood;
And in the cross of Jesus Christ I found my peace with God.

I love the cross of Jesus, it tells me what I am, A vile and guilty creature, saved only through the Lamb;
No righteousness nor merit mine, no beauty can I plead;
Yet in the cross I glory, my title there I read.

I trust the cross of Jesus, in every trying hour, My sure and certain refuge, my never failing tower;
In every fear and conflict see I more than conqueror am;
Though living safe, or dying, through Christ, the risen Lamb.

*Safe, Safe am I, in the cross of Jesus! Still resting in a peace that is unshaken
Then in glory I'll sing His wondrous power, Where sin can never enter in, and death is known no more.
And in the cross of Jesus Christ I found my peace with God.*

Benediction²

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; he Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Song of Faith

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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

"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!

Men's Morning Bible Studies:

Every Tuesday, 6:30 - 7:30am, at Java Jaay Cafe (1713 6th Ave SE) beginning September 13th.

Every Tuesday, 12 - 1:00pm, at Kent Quinn's office (1323 Stratford Rd SE), lunch together immediately afterward.

Every Friday, 6:30 - 7:30am, at Blake Temple's office (305 Bank St NE).

Wednesday Night Ministries - Yahoo! Mark your calendar, for our Wednesday night activities will resume September 14th. The church family meal begins at 5:30pm (\$5.00/per person or \$20/family). From 5:00 – 7:30pm, there are ministries such as Children & Youth Choirs, Adult Worship Choirs, NextGen lessons & activities, Life Groups, the Open Door Study, etc... (details in the Thursday Email)

Women's Ministry Team "The Fall Gathering": Join us at the Stark home (3773 S. Woodtrail Rd SW) on Tuesday, September 20, 6:00-8:00pm. Bring snacks and drinks to share. Come for a relaxing evening of fellowship.

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.

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)

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

FALL 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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