



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

Gospel-humility is not needing to think about myself. Not needing to connect things with myself. It is an end to thoughts such as, "I'm in this room with these people, does that make me look good? Do I want to be here?" True gospel-humility means I stop connecting every experience, every conversation, with myself. In fact, I stop thinking about myself. The freedom of self-forgetfulness.

The blessed rest that only self-forgetfulness brings.

Timothy Keller, *The Freedom of Self Forgetfulness*

He must increase, but I must decrease.

John 3:30

The Lord's Day — September 11, 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

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

Traditional

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye,
To Canaan's fair and happy land where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains shines one eternal day;
There God, the Son forever reigns and scatters night away.

I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the Promised Land.

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No chilling winds nor pois'nous breath can reach that healthful shore,
And sickness, sorrow, pain, and death are felt and feared no more.

When shall I reach that happy place and be forever blest?

When shall I see my Savior's face and in His bosom rest?

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 105:1-3

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

People: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

All: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 105

Hymn of Praise

All Creatures of Our God and King

Francis of Assisi

All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam,

O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise Him, alleluia!

Thou rising morn in praise rejoice, Ye lights of evening, find a voice,

O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, And worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him, alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, Three in One,

O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Reading of the Word: *The Place to Go to Find God***Isaiah 57:15-21**

For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite. For I will not contend forever, nor will I always be angry; for the spirit would grow faint before me, and the breath of life that I made. Because of the iniquity of his unjust gain I was angry, I struck him; I hid my face and was angry, but he went on backsliding in the way of his own heart. I have seen his ways, but I will heal him; I will lead him and restore comfort to him and his mourners, creating the fruit of the lips. Peace, peace, to the far and to the near," says the Lord, "and I will heal him. But the wicked are like the tossing sea; for it cannot be quiet, and its waters toss up mire and dirt. There is no peace," says my God, "for the wicked."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Our Father, forgive our sins. Forgive our many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when we have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times we have been proud of our own achievements and those when we have failed to boast in your works. Forgive our attempts to redeem ourselves and our unwillingness to trust you. We come now to you with empty hands and contrite hearts to receive the mercy you give so freely ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

The Gospel Pardon**Isaiah 1:18**

Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Williams

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore;
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing waters flow;
Let the fiery cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield;
Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises I will ever give to Thee; Songs of praises I will ever give to Thee.

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Boswell/Papa/Bleecker

Come behold the wondrous mystery, In the dawning of the King;
He the theme of heaven's praises, Robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness, Now the Light of Life has come;
Look to Christ, who condescended, Took on flesh to ransom us
Come behold the wondrous mystery, He the perfect Son of Man;
In His living, in His suffering, Never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam, Come to save the hell-bound man;
Christ the great and sure fulfillment, Of the law; in Him we stand.
Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree;
In the stead of ruined sinners, Hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption, See the Father's plan unfold;
Bringing many sons to glory, Grace unmeasured, love untold
Come behold the wondrous mystery, Slain by death the God of life;
But no grave could e'er restrain Him, Praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance, How unwavering our hope;
Christ in power resurrected, As we will be when He comes

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Robinson

Come, Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise His name, I'm fixed upon it, name of Thy redeeming love.
Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come.
And I hope by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love,
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Mike McMahan

...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 Scott Phillips

**The Center of Attention
John 1:19-29, 43-51 (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.)

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Francis

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Your love;
Leading onward, leading homeward, to Your glorious rest above.

Oh the deep, deep love, all I need and trust, Is the deep, deep love of Jesus.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread His praise from shore to shore;
How He came to pay our ransom, through the saving cross He bore;
How He watches o'er His loved ones, those He died to make His own;
How for them He's interceding, pleading now before the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Far surpassing all the rest:
It's an ocean full of blessing, in the midst of every test.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Mighty Savior, precious Friend;
You will bring us home to glory, where Your love will never end.

Benediction²

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study: Beginning this Tuesday, 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. Please read the first chapter of the study book before the first meeting. 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 this Tuesday, 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 this Wednesday, 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)

New to DPC? If you're visiting or just new around DPC, you're invited for a casual evening at the Phillips' home, Sunday September 18, 5:00pm - 6:30pm (2705 Summerwind Dr, SE, 662.736.0191).

Women's Ministry "Fall Gathering": All the women of DPC are invited to the Stark's 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. For more information, contact Betsy Stark (334.728.1409, bstark8905@gmail.com) or Faye Temple (256.227.6525, faye.temple@temple-inc.com).

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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Allen Schmidt
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Service Times

9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Worship

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