



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

A world of nice people, content in their own niceness, looking no further, turned away from God, would be just as desperately in need of salvation as a miserable world—and might even be more difficult to save. For mere improvement is not redemption, though redemption always improves people even here and now and will, in the end, improve them to a degree we cannot yet imagine. God became man to turn creatures into sons: not simply to produce better men of the old kind but to produce a new kind of man. It is not like teaching a horse to jump better and better but like turning a horse into a winged creature.”

C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*
(Book IV Chapter 10)

Faith is the evidence of the new birth not the cause of it.

John Piper, *Desiring God*
(Chapter 2: Conversion)

The Lord's Day — October 2, 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

O Church, Arise

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O Church, arise, and put your armor on; hear the call of Christ our Captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold, whose battle cry is love, reaching out to those in darkness.
Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on every side, we know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died, an inheritance of nations.
Arise, shine for your light has come. Arise, shine for the Risen Son
Lift your eyes, we are His radiant bride. Arise, o church arise!
Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet, for the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away and Christ emerges from the grave,
This victory march continues till the day every eye and heart shall see Him.
So Spirit come, put strength in every stride, give grace for every hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day when with Christ we stand in glory.

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 24:7-10

Pastor: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

People: Who is this King of glory?

Pastor: The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

People: Who is this King of glory?

All: The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

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Hymn of Praise

All Creatures of Our God and King

Baird/Francis of Assisi

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing

O praise Him! Allelujah! Thou, burning sun with golden beam.

Thou, silver moon with softer gleam. O praise Him! O praise Him! Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelu-jah!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness

O praise Him! Allelujah! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son.

And praise the Spirit, Three-in-one. O praise Him! O praise Him! Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelu-jah!

All the redeemed washed by His blood, Come and rejoice in His great love.

O praise Him! Allelujah! Christ has defeated every sin. Cast all your burdens now on Him.

O praise Him! O praise Him! O praise Him! O praise Him! Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelu-jah!

Reading of the Word: *Being Made New and Clean*

Ezekiel 36:22-28

Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Lord God, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Lord, forgive us of our sins. Wash us in your Word. Turn our hearts of stone into hearts of flesh. Give us ears that we may hear, and eyes that we may see. Cleanse our souls and make us whole. For we have failed to love you with our whole hearts. We have turned to our own way. We are lost without you. Lead us in the paths of righteousness for your name's sake. Make your Word be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. Order our steps and stops for your glory. Grant us a worthy walk, holy habits, devoted discipleship, consistent compassion, and liberated love, that we may truly love you ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

Assurance of Forgiveness

Titus 3:4-7

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

God So Loved

Bergthold/Cash

Come all you weary, come all you thirsty, come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water, come and thirst no more

Come all you sinners, come find His mercy, come to the table, He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness, find what you're looking for

*For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will love forever*

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions, come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there with open arms, see His open arms

*For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us, Whoever believes in Him will love forever
The power of hell, forever defeated, now it is well, I'm walking in freedom, For God so loved, God so loved the world*

Praise God, Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, Praise Him for wonders of His love

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions, come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting, God so loved the world.

Praise the Lord (Psalm 150)

Boswell/Papa

You made the starry hosts, You traced the mountain peaks You paint the evening sky with wonders
The earth, it is Your throne, from desert to the sea, all nature testifies Your splendor

*Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Sing His greatness All creation, Praise the Lord, Raise your voice,
You heights and all you depths, From furthest east to west, Let everything that has breath, Praise the Lord*

You reached into the dust, In love, Your Spirit breathed, You formed us in Your very likeness
To know Your wondrous works, To tell Your mighty deeds, To join the everlasting chorus

Let symphonies resound, Let drums and choirs ring out, All heaven hear the sound of worship
Let every nation bring, Its honors to the King, A roar of harmonies eternal

*Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Sing His greatness, All creation, Praise the Lord, Raise your voice
You heights and all you depths, From furthest east to west, You distant burning stars,*

*All creatures near and far, From sky to sea to shore, Sing out forevermore,
Let everything that has breath, Praise the Lord*

Build My Life

Barrett

Worthy of every song we could ever sing, Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe, We live for You, oh, we live for You

Jesus, the name above every other name, Jesus, the only One who could ever save
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe, We live for You, we live for You

*Holy, there is no one like You, there is none beside You, Open up my eyes in wonder
And show me who You are and fill me with Your heart, And lead me in Your love to those around me*

And I will build my life upon Your love, it is a firm foundation
And I will put my trust in You alone and I will not be shaken

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Brian Rodgers

(Immediately following this prayer, 4-5 year olds are invited, but not required, to attend Teach me to Worship. They will meet their teachers in the back of the sanctuary and from there, will follow them to the classroom. They will return to sit on the back row to see Communion and hear the Benediction. Parents can pick them up there at the conclusion of the service.)

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon

Pastor Scott Phillips

“Born Again” Christians
John 3:1-21(page 887)

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.)

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Watts

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.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God:
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

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?

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

Benediction²**from Romans 8:11**

Now may the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwell in you by faith, and fill you up, giving life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit.

Song of Faith**Doxology****Old 100th**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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

Women's Ministry "Mid-Season Gathering": All the women of DPC are invited to Temple Inc. (320 Bank Street) on Thursday, October 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).

Fall Festival: Join us for the Fall Festival Wednesday, October 26 at 5:30 p.m.! We will have a bonfire, live music, bounce houses, games, a hayride, and our annual chili cookoff. **If you would like to make chili for the cookoff, please contact Margaret Fudge at jtfudge@att.net.**

Women in the Church (WIC): How can you stay current with all the coordinated efforts to be connected, encouraged, and equipped for ministry? The WIC events (previously called Women of Grace) are led by the Women's Ministry Team and promoted by way of Thursday Email, Sunday Worship Guide, and a WIC email list. All the women who are members are on this list. Visitors can request to be included by contacting Tonya Roth, church administrator (tonya@decaturpca.org).

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study: Join us on Tuesday mornings! We meet 10-11:30 am at the church in the gathering room. Also, on Monday nights we meet 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. Child care is 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).

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! Our Wednesday night activities have resumed. 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)

NextGen Missions Fundraiser: Do you love to support foreign missions? Do you also love cookies? Well, do we have a great opportunity for you! On the 3rd Wednesday of each month, the NextGen kids will be providing dessert for the churchwide dinner. For a donation of 50 cents per pre-packaged treat, you can help our kids support DPC missionaries, and satisfy your sweet tooth all at the same time!

Operation Christmas Child: Your participation in the shoebox ministry of Samaritan's Purse is a chance to send love and the gospel to children all around the world. Stop by the OCC table in the Gathering Room and pick up your box(es). Prayerfully fill them with items (note exceptions) and return to DPC, unsealed. The World Missions Committee is funding the shipping fee on our first 50 boxes, so send no money! Contact Mary Chism at maebelle12@att.net with questions.

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

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!

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	Allen Schmidt
Mike McMahan	Greg Smith
Kent Quinn	Blake Temple
Brian Rodgers	Chip Walraven
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Service Times

9:30am	Sunday School
10:45am	Worship

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