



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

[Grace] remains a startling story to those who never understand that the men and women who are truly filled with light are those who have gazed deeply into the darkness of their imperfect existence.

Brennan Manning, *The Ragamuffin Gospel*

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:6

# The Lord's Day — October 23, 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>

### Lo, He Comes

Wesley

Every eye shall now behold Him, robed in dreadful majesty.  
Those who set at naught and sold Him, pierced and nailed Him to the tree.  
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.

*Lo! He comes with clouds descending, once for our salvation slain.  
Thousand, thousand saints attending, swell the triumph of His train.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! God appears on earth to reign.*

Lo! He comes in glory shining, saints arise and meet your King.  
Glorious captain of salvation, "welcome, welcome" hear them sing.  
Shouts of triumph, Shouts of triumph, make the heav'ns with echoes ring.

Now redemption long expected, see in solemn pomp appear!  
All his saints by man rejected, now shall meet Him in the air.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the day of God appear.

Yea amen let all adore Thee, high on thine eternal throne.  
Savior take the power and glory, claim the kingdom for thine own.  
O Come quickly, O come quickly, alleluia, come Lord, come!

## Welcome and Announcements

### Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 67:4-5

Pastor: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

**People: for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon the earth.**

**All: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!**

### Prayer of Adoration & Praise

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Come, let us sing unto the Lord, new songs of praise with sweet accord;  
For wonders great by Him are done, His hand and arm have vict'ry won.

Praise God with harp, with harp sing praise, with voice of psalms his glory raise;  
With trumpets, cornets, gladly sing, and shout before the Lord, the King.

For lo, he comes; at his command, all nations shall in judgment stand;  
In justice robed and throned in light, the Lord shall judge, dispensing right.

**Reading of the Word: *Holes in your pocket? Come on in!***

**Isaiah 55:1-11**

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Confession of Sin**

**Gracious Lord, we confess that we dishonor you in our words, thoughts and deeds. Depending on our own strength, we stumble; glorying in our own righteousness, we reject you; and turning our faces from you, we desire the things of this world to satisfy us. We pray now, Lord, for you to forgive all of our many sins; to cleanse the darkness; open our eyes; turn our faces and our hearts back towards you ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**1 John 1:9**

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

### God Of This City

Tomlin

You're the God of this city, You're the King of these people, You're the Lord of this nation, You are!  
You're the Light in this darkness, You're the Hope to the hopeless, You're the Peace to the restless, You are!

*There is no one like our God, There is no one like our God.  
For greater things have yet to come, And greater things are still to be done in this city.  
Greater things have yet to come, And greater things are still to be done in this city.*

You're the Lord of creation, the creator of all things. You're the King above all Kings, You are!  
You're the strength in our weakness, You're the love to the broken, You're the joy in the sadness, You are!

*Greater things have yet to come, and greater things are still to be done here. There is no one like You, God.*

### Beautiful Scandalous Night

Daugherty

Go on up to the mountain of mercy, To the crimson perpetual tide;  
Kneel down on the shore, be thirsty no more. Go under and be purified;

Follow Christ to the holy mountain. Sinner, sorry and wrecked by the fall,  
Cleanse your heart and your soul in the fountain that flows, For you and for me and for all.

*At the wonderful, tragic, mysterious tree, On that beautiful, scandalous night you and me,  
Were atoned by His blood and forever washed white, On that beautiful scandalous night.*

On the hillside you will be delivered, At the foot of the cross, justified.  
And your spirit restored by the river, That pours from our blessed Savior's side.

### The Power of the Cross

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Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day. Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten then. Nailed to a cross of wood.

*This, the pow'r of the cross. Christ became sin for us.  
Took the blame, bore the wrath. We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh to see the pain written on Your face. Bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed crowning Your bloodstained brow.  
Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath quakes as its maker bows His head.  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life. "Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

Oh to see my name written in Your wounds, for through Your suffring I am free.  
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love!

*This the pow'r of the cross. Son of God slain for us.  
What a life, what a cost. We stand forgiven at the cross.*

## **Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition**

**Elder Allen Schmidt**

*(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 Rick Stark**

### **The Way the Kingdom Grows**

**John 4:27-42** (page 889)

### **The Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

*George Henry Ross*

*Covenant Child of Connor & Britt Ross*

### **Solemn Vows - Parents**

*Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?*

*Do you claim God's covenant promises on his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?*

*Do you now present this child to be baptized into the Christian Faith, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with him and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy faith, and that you will strive, by all means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?*

### **Solemn Vows - Congregation**

*Do you, members of this congregation and also members of the Body of Christ outside of this local church, undertake this responsibility - assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?*

### **Solemn Words to the Child**

*Little child, Jesus Christ has come, he has fought, he has suffered. He has entered into the shadows of Gethsemane and the terrors of Calvary; he has uttered the cry "It is finished!" He has risen from the dead and ascended into heaven, and there he intercedes for his church. Today we have pledged to teach you all of these things, and our prayer for you is that you will always mature and grow in the grace and in the knowledge of our great Lord and Savior - Jesus Christ.*

### **Prayer for Hank**

**Elder Jeff Keith**

## 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  
And I will take shelter, take shelter in the loving arms of God*

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>

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

## 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.

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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

**Fall Festival:** Join us for the Fall Festival this 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](mailto:jtfudge@att.net).**

**Bridal Shower:** Join us for a bridal shower for Leah Carpenter (fiancé is Rylan Scott) next Sunday, October 30, 2:00-3:30pm at Temple, Inc. (320 Bank Street). You can go to the website <https://rylan-leah.wedsites.com/> to see the couple's registries.

**Operation Christmas Child:** Spread the Good News! Give a child Great Joy! Pick up a box(es), fill with fun and durable toys and practical items (note exceptions!), affix a sticky label marked as to age and gender, and place under the OCC table in the Gathering Room. Do NOT seal. Do NOT include money. Please return by the **DEADLINE**, Wed, Nov 16. Contact Mary Chism, [maebelle12@att.net](mailto:maebelle12@att.net), with any questions.

**Women in the Church (WIC):** Stay current and connected to updates and ministry events among the Women's Ministry! Check out the Thursday Email, Sunday Worship Guide, and the WIC email list. If you're not on the WIC email list, please contact Tonya Roth, church administrator ([tonya@decaturpca.org](mailto:tonya@decaturpca.org)).

**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!

**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](mailto: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
Connor Ross	

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## Service Times

9:30am	Sunday School
10:45am	Worship

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