



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified,
a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called,
both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Corinthians 1:22-24

The weakest faith gets the same strong Christ as does the strongest faith.

Sinclair Ferguson

The Lord's Day — October 30, 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

Immortal, Invisible

Story

Immortal, You are not like a man, that You change Your mind or change Your plan.

Invisible, our human eyes can't see, the depths of Your majesty.

You're the God of forever and ever amen! The Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End.

We sing, "Hallelujah!" We worship in awe, Immortal, invisible God.

Immortal, You are not bound by death. You're the living God, my very breath.

Invisible, You are not bound by space, But Your glory is filling this place. Yes, Your glory is filling this place.

Immortal yet You once died for me, To pay my debt, to set me free.

Invisible, You will not always be, 'Cause You're coming to reign as our King,

And the saints will fall down at Your feet.

Welcome and Announcements

Report of the Living Church

Chip Walraven, New Pictorial Directory

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-5

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

People: And all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

All: Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your strength is renewed like the eagle's.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

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From the depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lamentation;
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication;
If Thou iniquities dost mark, our secret sins and misdeeds dark:
O who shall stand before Thee? O who shall stand before Thee?

To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works alas! are all in vain; in much the best life faileth:
No man can glory in Thy sight, all must alike confess Thy might,
And live alone by mercy. And live alone by mercy.

Therefore my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit;
On Him my soul shall rest, His Word upholds my fainting spirit:
His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort, and my sweet support:
I wait for it with patience. I wait for it with patience.

Though great our sins and sore our woes, His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows, our utmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is He, who will at last His Israel free
From all our sin and sorrow. From all our sin and sorrow.

Reading of the Word: *A Defender of the Desperate*

Isaiah 42:1-9

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: "I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Gracious God, we have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek you in our daily lives. Our sins and shortcomings present us with a list of accusations, but we thank you that they will not stand against us, for all have been laid on Christ. Deliver us from every evil habit, every interest of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in us, everything that prevents us taking delight in you ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 130:3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you, there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Praise God

Ken/Watts/Kauflin

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, In Heaven above and earth below.

Praise God the Father and the Son, Praise God the Spirit, three-in-one.

From all that dwell beneath the skies, Let the Creator's praise arise.

Let our Redeemer's name be sung, Through every land, by every tongue.

Eternal are Your mercies Lord, Eternal truth attends Your Word.

Your praise will sound from shore to shore, Till suns shall rise and set no more.

*In every land, by every tongue,
Let our Redeemer's name be sung.*

Come Unto Me

Schmidt

Take my yoke, my yoke is easy. Take my burdens, my burdens are light.

Learn from me, I'm gentle and humble.

Come to me for rest for your soul, Come to me for rest for your soul.

*Come unto me, all who are weary and I will give you rest.
Give to me, the burdens you carry and I will give you rest.*

I Am Not Alone

When I walk through deep waters, I know that You will be with me

When I'm standing in the fire, I will not be overcome

Through the valley of the shadow, I will not fear

*I am not alone, I am not alone, You will go before me
You will never leave me (2x)*

In the midst of deep sorrow, I see Your light is breaking through

The dark of night will not overtake me, I am pressing into You

Lord, You fight my every battle, and I will not fear

You amaze me, Redeem me, You call me as Your own

You're my strength, You're my defender

You're my refuge in the storm, through these trials

You've always been faithful, You bring healing to my soul.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Allen Schmidt

(This is the 5th Sunday of the month, therefore there is no Teach Me to Worship lesson. The children will stay in the worship service with their parents today.)

Singing to the Lord

A Mighty Fortress

Worship Choir

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon

Pastor Nathan White

Signs or The Savior?
John 4:43-54 (page 889)

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.)

There Is A Fountain Filled with Blood

Cowper

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains. *(Repeat)*

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away. *(Repeat)*

O dying Lamb, thy precious blood shall never lose its power,
Til all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more. *(Repeat)*

Ever since, by faith, I saw the stream thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die. *(Repeat x2)*

Benediction²

Philemon 1:25

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your 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

Bridal Shower: Join us for a bridal shower for Leah Carpenter (fiancé is Rylan Scott) today 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.

Flag Football: This Saturday, November 5th, at 10:00 AM, the youth group is invited to the church for a flag football game followed by lunch! Come enjoy friends, food and a chance to get to know Pastor Scott.

Welcome to DPC Saturday Seminar

New to DPC? Are you interested in learning (or refresher) about what is "Presbyterian" and what might it be like to be a member of DPC? Then please join us on Saturday, November 12, from 9am - 12:00pm in the church Cafe area. We'll begin with breakfast snacks & coffee and conclude with a catered light lunch. For more information, contact pastor Rick Stark (rick@decaturpca.org, 256.351.6010 - o, 334.728.1409 - c).

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, with any questions.

NCC Thanksgiving Food Boxes

By November 17, please bring donated food items to the NCC: canned hams, sweet potatoes, green beans, corn, Jiffy cornbread mix, chocolate chip cookie mix, cake mix & frosting, grave mix packets, boxed potatoes. Or, donate money: send check to NCC (write 'Thanksgiving' in memo) or Online at www.decaturncc.org or drop off cash at the NCC (619 Bank St., Decatur)

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 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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