



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

If you seek peace, you will not find it; if you seek Christ, you will find peace.
If you seek joy, you will not find it; if you seek Christ, you will find joy.
If you seek holiness, you will not find it; if you seek Christ, you will find holiness.

D. A. Carson

The Bible isn't a book of rules or a book of heroes. The Bible is most of all a Story.
It's an adventure story about a young Hero who comes from a far country to win back his lost treasure.
It's a love story about a brave Prince who leaves his palace, his throne—everything—to rescue the one he loves.
It's like the most wonderful of fairy tales has come true in real life.

Sally Lloyd-Jones

The Lord's Day — November 20, 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

You Are Worthy of My Praise

Ruis

I will worship (repeat), with all of my heart (repeat);
I will praise you (repeat), with all of my strength. (repeat)
I will seek you (repeat), all of my days; (repeat)
And I will follow (repeat), follow all of Your ways (repeat).

*I will give You all my worship,
I will give You all my praise.
You alone I long to worship,
You alone are worthy of my praise.*

I will bow down (repeat), and hail You as King (repeat);
I will serve you (repeat), give You everything (repeat).
I will lift up (repeat), my eyes to Your throne (repeat);
And I will trust You (repeat), I will trust You alone (repeat).

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Revelation 5:11-13

Pastor: Then I looked, and I heard around the throne, the living creatures and elders and the voice of angels, myriads and myriads, saying with a loud voice,

People: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

Pastor: And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea saying,

People: "To Him who sits of the throne be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever."

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

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Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.
For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take His harvest home;
From His field shall in that day all offenses purge away,
Give His angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;
But the fruitful ears to store in His garner evermore.
Even so, Lord, quickly come, to Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified, in Thy presence to abide;
Come, with all Thine angels come, raise the glorious harvest home.

Reading of the Word: *Power of God in Christ Crucified***1 Corinthians 1:20-25, 2:1-5**

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. 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. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Great and merciful God: we confess to You that we often seek the appearance of godliness but deny Your power; our faith being overcome by what makes sense to us and the world's opinions rather than what You have revealed in your Word. You alone are wisdom and righteousness, but we stand before You as foolish and unrighteous in thought, word and deed. Have mercy on us; please cleanse and renew us and lead us in Your holy direction ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

Assurance of Forgiveness

Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

You Are the Lord

Smith

Worthy we stand saved by His hand.
Great is Your name in all the earth.
Worthy alone Christ on the throne,
Your kingdom will reign forever.
You are the Lord Most High!

Leaning

Maher

Let my yes be yes to You oh Lord, Let my no be no to things of this world
If I rise or fall, if I stand at all, I am leaning on Your everlasting arms
What a fellowship, what a joy Divine, What a priceless gift, God, I'm yours and You are mine
Let my restless soul be still and know, I am leaning on Your everlasting arms
From the morning sun and mercy new, To the evening stars, every promise is true
As I walk this world I'm held by You, I am leaning on Your everlasting arms
The more I'm leaning, the more I'm flying, Feels less like dying, more like living for Heaven on Earth

Lord Have Mercy

Merkel

Jesus I've forgotten the words that You have spoken
Promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim.
With a doubting heart I follow the paths of earthly wisdom
Forgive me for my unbelief; renew the fire again.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy on me.

I have longed to know You... and Your tender mercies
Like a river of forgiveness ever flowing without end.
I bow my heart before You in the goodness of Your presence,
Your grace forever shining like a beacon in the night.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Greg Smith

(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.)

Singing to the Lord

It Is Well

Worship Choir

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon

Pastor Scott Phillips

Jesus is the Truth
John 5:30-47 (page 890)

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.)

My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness

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My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who bore my pain;
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again.
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me in His light
And wrote His law of righteousness with pow'r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly.
Whose every promise is enough for every step I take;
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who reigns above;
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose every thought is love.
For every day I have on earth is given by the King.

So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow Him. To love and follow Him.

Benediction²

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Song of Faith

Now Thank We All Our God

Rinkart

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest Heaven.
The one eternal God, whom earth and Heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

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

Operation Christmas Child Thank You! Thanks to your energetic participation in Operation Christmas Child, 44 shoeboxes have begun their journey to show the love of Christ to children around the world. DPC should feel blessed to be a blessing. -Mary Chism

Our Pictorial Church Directory is Online! We need *every family* to create a Login and upload a picture. Please go to go to <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/> and follow the prompts under “First time signing in? Create Login”. Please remember, you must confirm your email address before you can sign in and edit your family profile. You won’t be able to see your changes until an administrator approves the change. Contact chip.walraven@gmail.com or tonya@decaturpca.org if you need help.

Women’s Bible Studies Christmas Brunch: The DPC Women's Bible Studies are having a Christmas Brunch on Tuesday, November 29th @ Laine Oliver's home (2309 Greenwood Dr SE) 10:00-12:00. Anyone who would like to know more about our Bible Studies, please join us! Please bring a brunch food item to share. We will be having a Christmas ornament exchange! Bring a wrapped ornament with your name inside (not on the outside). Childcare will be provided at Laine's home.

Annual Christmas Cantata & Reception: Mark your calendars in advance for a spectacular event, "*Sing Noel!*" which all 4 choirs have been preparing for us. The event is scheduled for Sunday evening, December 11 from 5:00 - 6:00pm. Immediately following there will be a delicious reception to honor the Cantata and to celebrate the Christmas season.

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 going through *Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God* by J.I. Packer 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 - Ezra and Nehemiah: Come join the new adult class in room #158 where in the context of study and fellowship, we will discuss the vital story of a community revived and restored by God's grace, through the gifted individuals of Ezra and Nehemiah, preparing the way for the Messiah to come.

Session

Jeff Keith	Allen Schmidt
Mike McMahan	Greg Smith
Kent Quinn	Blake Temple
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Service Times

9:30am	Sunday School
10:45am	Worship

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