



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

Advent is a reminder of God speaking into your silence, your doubts, your questions, your fears,
your sin, wondering where He is – speaking in the form of His Son, Jesus

Wes Simmons

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,
but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son...

Hebrews 1:1-2

The Lord's Day — November 27, 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

A Light Has Dawned

Light

A light has dawned, a King has come, to redeem every heart and soul,
Born unto us, Emmanuel, the Savior of the world. Let us adore and praise His name.

Angels rejoice and shepherds bow, at the sight of the holy Child,
Men from afar searching to find the Savior of the world. Let us adore and praise His name.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna, let us sing. Hosanna in the highest, we give glory to the King. Glory to the King.

You are the Christ, the Son of God, and the nations will rally to You.
Let every heart come recognize the Savior of the world. Let us adore and praise His name.

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 138:2,8; Luke 1:46, 49-50

Pastor: I bow down... and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.

People: On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased... For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly.

Pastor: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for us; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.

People: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior... For he who is mighty has done great things for us, and holy is his name.

Pastor: And his mercy is for those who fear him, from generation to generation.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

Hymn of Praise

The First Noel

Traditional Carol

The first Noel, the angel did say, Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star, Shining in the east, beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light, And so it continued both day and night.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

Then let us all with one accord, Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,
That hath made heaven and earth of naught, And with His blood mankind hath bought.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

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The Reading for the First Sunday of Advent: Jeremiah 33:14-16

The David Whitcomb Family

Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Lord, you alone are righteous; we are not, and this we humbly confess. In the busyness of life we forget to acknowledge your holy will for us, your authority over us, and our need of you. We set up our own kingdom, instead of abiding in your kingdom in our midst. We pray that you would cut through the pretense that we construct and lead us to Jesus. Please forgive us our sins, for the sake of our Savior ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

Assurance of Forgiveness

2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

We Have A Savior

Glover/Morgan

A child has been given, The King of our freedom. Sing for the light has come, This is Christmas.
Come and adore Him, and bring gifts before Him. Joy to the world, worship the Son, This is Christmas.

*Jesus, Emmanuel here with us, tell all the world, We have a Savior, We have a Savior.
We are no longer lost, 'cause He has come down for us, We have a Savior, We have a Savior.*

Sing with angels, and lift up your voices, Join in the song of hope, This is Christmas.

His love will reign forever. His love will reign forever. His love will reign forever.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Wesley

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.
Joy to those who long to see Thee, Day-spring from on high, appear;
Come, Thou promised Rod of Jesse, of Thy birth we long to hear.
O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth;
"Go to Him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."
Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king;
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Mary, Did You Know?

Lowry

Mary, did you know that your baby boy would one day walk on water?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters?
Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new;
This Child that you delivered will soon deliver you?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy will give sight to the blind man?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy would calm a storm with His hand?
Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod,
And when you kiss your little baby you've kissed the face of God?
Oh Mary, did you know?
The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again,
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak, the praises of the Lamb.
Mary, did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy will one day rule the nations?
Did you know that your baby boy was Heaven's perfect Lamb,
And the sleeping Child you're holding is the great I AM?

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Kent Quinn

(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

Mary's Magnificat
Luke 1:46-56 (page 856)

We Respond By Receiving a New Members

The Lord Adds to His Church

*Tucker and Kaleigh Fleming (Owen), Evelyn Huggins,
Molly Moore, Katie Oakley, SaraBeth White, Rick White*

The Membership Vows (PCA Book of Church Order §57-5)

Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope except through His sovereign mercy?

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as become followers of Christ?

Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your abilities?

Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

Prayer for the New Members

Elder Chip Walraven

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.)

What Child is This?

Traditional

What child is this, Who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you:
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, Come, peasant, king, to own Him;
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby:
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

Benediction²

Ephesians 5:18b-20

May you be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Song of Faith

Let There Be Light

Let there be light, let it shine bright,
Piercing the darkness with dazzling white.
Hope for the hopeless was born on that night
When God sent His Son and said let there be light.

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

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 this 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.

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
Brian Rodgers	Chip Walraven
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Service Times

9:30am	Sunday School
10:45am	Worship

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