



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

The people of God are not merely to mark time, waiting for God to step in and set right all that is wrong.  
Rather, they are to model the new heaven and new earth, and by so doing awaken longings  
for what God will someday bring to pass.

Philip Yancey

Our Christian hope is that we are going to live with Christ in a new earth,  
where there is not only no more death, but where life is what is was always meant to be.

Tim Keller

# The Lord's Day — January 1, 2023

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>

## The Sands of Time Are Sinking

Rutherford

The sands of time are sinking, The dawn of heaven breaks;  
The summer morn I've sighed for, The fair, sweet morn awakes:  
Dark, dark had been the midnight, But dayspring is at hand, And glory, glory dwelleth, In Emmanuel's land.  
The king there in His beauty, Without a veil is seen:  
It were a well-spent journey, Though seven deaths lay between:  
The Lamb with His fair army, Doth on Mount Zion stand, And glory, glory dwelleth, In Emmanuel's land  
O Christ, He is the fountain, The deep, sweet well of love!  
The streams on earth I've tasted, More deep I'll drink above:  
There to an ocean fullness, His mercy doth expand, And glory, glory dwelleth, In Emmanuel's land.  
The bride eyes not her garment, But her dear Bridegroom's face;  
I will not gaze at glory, But on my King of grace.  
Not at the crown He giveth, But on His pierced hand; The Lamb is all the glory, Of Emmanuel's land.

## Welcome and Announcements

## Responsive Call to Worship

Hebrews 10:19-23

**Pastor:** Therefore, brothers [and sisters], since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that He opened for us through the curtain, that is, His flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God,

**People:** let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

**All:** Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

## Prayer of Adoration & Praise

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Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down:  
 Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown:  
 Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
 Visit us with Thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;  
 Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find the promised rest:  
 Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
 End of faith, as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver, let us all Thy life receive;  
 Suddenly return, and never, nevermore Thy temples leave.  
 Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
 Pray, and praise Thee, without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be:  
 Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee;  
 Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,  
 Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

**Reading of the Word: *Responding to Hope*****1 John 2:28-3:3**

And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming. If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him. See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Confession of Sin**

Heavenly Father have mercy upon us. We confess that we need your Spirit to teach us to walk in your ways and to grieve over the sin inside and outside of us. Would you open our eyes and humble our hearts over the immense privilege of being called children of God? Renew us, Lord. Manifest through us the life of your Son Jesus as we look to you in hope of being like him, purify us in every way ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

**Assurance of Forgiveness****1 John 1:8-9**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 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

### 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,  
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### To the Only God

Tomlin

To the only God, who is able to keep us,  
Able to keep us from falling.  
To the only God, be all glory and honor,  
Majesty and power, for all ages now and forevermore.

## Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

**Elder George Godwin**

*(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**

**All Things New**  
**Isaiah 65:17-25** (page 624)

## 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.)*

## He Knows My Name

**Walker**

I have a Maker, He formed my heart  
Before even time began, My life was in His hands

*He knows my name, He knows my every thought  
He sees each tear that falls, And hears me when I call*

I have a Father, He calls me His own  
He'll never leave me, No matter where I go

## **Benediction<sup>2</sup>**

**1 Peter 5:10-11**

And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

## **Song of Faith**

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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

**Holiday Office Hours:** The church will be closed tomorrow, Monday January 2.

**Congregational Meeting:** The elders have called a congregational meeting on January 29, immediately following the worship service, for the sole purpose of electing men to the office of Ruler Elder and Deacon (BCO 24.1). All communing members in good standing (BCO 24.3) are encouraged to stay for the meeting and vote. The recommended slate of candidates coming from the Session is as follows: Ruling Elder: George Godwin, Jeff Keith, Brian Rodgers, Stuart Smith, Blake Temple; Deacons: Wade Littrell, Bill Nelson, Kris Olin.

**Wednesday Mid-Week Ministry:** We resume on Wednesday, January 11th. A church family meal is served from 5:30pm – 6:15pm. Children’s choir and Youth begin at 6:00pm; NextGen, Open Door Study and Life Groups are at 6:30pm – 7:30pm.

**Women’s Bible Study:** Make plans to be part of Women's Bible study in the New year! Our books for the Winter/Spring study of Luke are available for purchase in the book nook for \$8. Our Women's Bible studies will resume Tuesday, January 17th and Monday evening, January 23rd. For more information, contact Teresa Quinn at [teresaquinn703@gmail.com](mailto:teresaquinn703@gmail.com).

**Ladies!** Mark your calendars for the evening of February 11th and the morning of the 12th! We will have the opportunity to hear from Christina Fox, author of the book *Closer Than a Sister*. She will be speaking to us about friendships in the church; both cultivating them within the body and reflecting them to the world around us. More details coming soon!

**Our Pictorial Church Directory is Online!** We need *every family* to create a Login and upload a picture. Please 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](mailto:chip.walraven@gmail.com) or [tonya@decaturpca.org](mailto:tonya@decaturpca.org) if you need help.

**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 *1 Kings*. For more information, contact Nathan at [nathan@decaturpca.org](mailto:nathan@decaturpca.org) or (256) 280-7912.

# ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

WINTER 2023

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
Connor Ross	

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## Service Times

9:30am	Sunday School
10:45am	Worship

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