



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

Some wish to live within the sound of church and chapel bell. I want to run a rescue shop within a yard of hell!

C.T. Studd

The spirit of Christ is the spirit of missions. The nearer we get to him, the more intensely missionary we become.

Henry Martyn

There is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ,
who is Sovereign over all, does not cry, Mine!

Abraham Kuyper

I will tell of the decree; The Lord said to me, You are my Son; today I have begotten you.
Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

Psalms 2:7-8

The Lord's Day — January 15, 2023

Welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus! Thank you for joining us today and may the Lord richly bless you.

Song of Assembly¹

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.

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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.

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 22:25-28

Pastor: From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

People: The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord! May your hearts live forever!

Pastor: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

People: For kingship belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

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Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
 Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
 Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty,
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee,
 Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
 Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee.
 Who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
 Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
 Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee,
 Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth, and sky and sea,
 Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty,
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Reading of the Word: *The harvest is plentiful...*

Matthew 9:35-38

And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Father in heaven, we need to be forgiven. You have said "Fear not, for I am with you," yet we are fearful of the rejection from others. You have promised that your Word is powerful to save, yet we doubt its power to change us or anyone else. You have said that "the harvest is plentiful," yet we hesitate to move toward our neighbor or even see the world as you see it. You have modeled compassion toward others and called your people to the same, yet we often fail in our unbelief and cynicism. Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love in Christ. Lord we believe, help our unbelief and forgive us for our sin ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

Assurance of Forgiveness

Isaiah 1:18; 1 Corinthians 6:11

Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. ...But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

God So Loved

Bergthold/Cash

Come all you weary, come all you thirsty, come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water, come and thirst no more

Come all you sinners, come find His mercy, come to the table, He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness, find what you're looking for

*For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will love forever*

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions, come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there with open arms, see His open arms

*For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us, Whoever believes in Him will love forever
The power of hell, forever defeated, now it is well, I'm walking in freedom, For God so loved, God so loved the world*

Praise God, Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, Praise Him for wonders of His love

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions, come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting, God so loved the world.

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.

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Townend

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon the cross, my sin upon His shoulders,
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in any thing, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.

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

Rev. Daniel Cohee

Who Will Go For Us?

Isaiah 6:1-8 (page 571)

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.)

Before the Throne of God Above

Bancroft & Cook

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is "Love," who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav'n He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart. No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end to all my sin.

Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on him and pardon me. To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness,

The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!

One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood;

My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God. With Christ, my Savior and my God.

Benediction²

Matthew 28:18-20

Jesus says, "All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me. Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Song of Faith

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.

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

Daniel Cohee is from Decatur and was baptized and raised as a covenant child here in Decatur Presbyterian Church. After graduating from Covenant College, Daniel has served as a PCA minister and missionary in Romania and China, and Taipei, Taiwan, where he met his wife Yatang. God has blessed Daniel and Yatang with 5 children. Daniel has recently accepted a new call as Pastor of East Ridge Presbyterian Church, Mt. Pleasant, SC.

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 this Tuesday, January 17th and Monday evening, January 23rd. Please read the first two chapters of the study guide for our first meeting. For more information, contact Teresa Quinn at teresaquinn703@gmail.com.

Wednesday Mid-Week Ministry: We have resumed our Wednesday Night Ministries. Join us for a church family meal served from 5:30pm – 6:15pm. Choirs and Youth begin at 6:00pm; NextGen, Open Door Study and Life Groups are 6:30pm – 7:30pm.

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.

Ladies! Mark your calendars for the evening of February 10th and the morning of the 11th! 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!

Foster Parents Needed: With around 6,000 children in foster care, the need is clear. Classes for new foster parents begins February 28 at the Morgan County Department of Human Resources. If this interests you, talk to Deacon Steve Sasser (256.303.6722, steve@sasserlawllc.com) and/or check out the link <https://dhr.alabama.gov/fosteer-care>.

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 or 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 or (256) 280-7912.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

WINTER 2023

9:30 am

1 & 2 Thessalonians: Come join us as we study 1 & 2 Thessalonians, in the classroom across the hall from the church offices. 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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