



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

"Lord Jesus, it's stunning, liberating and timely to know the most repeated command throughout the whole Bible is 'Do not be afraid.' The angels spoke these words to startled shepherds at your birth, and you repeated the command to a devastated Mary on the morning of your resurrection. Now, through the gospel, you speak the same soul-centering life-giving words to our hearts. 'Do not be afraid!' It's not about bucking up, but believing you."—

Scotty Smith

"If the Lord be with us, we have no cause of fear. His eye is upon us, His arm over us,
His ear open to our prayer - His grace sufficient, His promise unchangeable."

John Newton

The Lord's Day — January 22, 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

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.

Welcome and Announcements

Report of the Living Church

Jessica Keith, “Closer Than A Sister” Seminar

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 34:1-5

Pastor: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

People: My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

Pastor: Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!

People: I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

Pastor: Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

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My hope is built on nothing less, Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, His covenant, His blood, Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne.

Reading of the Word: *Be Strong and Courageous*

Joshua 1:5-9

No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Our gracious Father, your Son is Lord over all our circumstances; yet by our thoughts, words, and deeds we have doubted your intentions and questioned your care. Foolishly, we let fear overrule our faith and break our fellowship with you. In so doing, we have hurt others, diminished their lives and damaged ourselves. Father, forgive us our sin for Jesus' sake, and grant that the Spirit to renew us after the image of Jesus Christ ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalms 103:8-12

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

I Am the Lord Your God (Isaiah 43)

Unknown

When you pass through the waters I will be with you, and the waves will not overcome you.
Do not fear. For I have redeemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine.

For I am the Lord Your God, (I am Lord your God)

I am the Lord your God, (I... Am)

I Am the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I am the Lord, (Do not fear.) I am the Lord, (Do not fear.)

I am the Lord, (Do not fear.) I am the Lord. (Do not fear.)

When you pass through the fire you'll not be burned. and the flames will not consume you.
Do not fear. For I have redeemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine.

The Roar

Tomlin

I waited for the Lord, He turned and heard my cry

His mercy opened up my eyes, when I couldn't see and my strength was failing me

*I heard the roar of the Lion of Judah, I heard the voice that calms the raging sea, He came to me, came to me
When I needed the Lord, I heard the roar of the Lion of Judah.*

I waited for the Lord, He appeared in blinding light

He led me through the darkest night, when I couldn't see and my strength was failing me

I lifted my hands, He lifted me out, All praise to the Savior, all worship to God

With all that I am, with all of my heart, All praise to the Savior, all worship to God

You came to me, came to me, when I needed You, Lord

I heard the roar of the Lion of Judah, I heard the roar of the Lion of Judah

Rock of Ages

Toplady

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;

Let the water and the blood, from Thy wounded side which flowed,

Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill Thy law's demands;

Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,

All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;

Naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace;

Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death;

When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

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.)

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon

Pastor Scott Phillips

King of the Storm
John 6:14-21 (page 891)

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.)

This Is My Father's World

Babcock

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass;
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: the battle is not done:
Jesus Who died shall be satisfied, And earth and Heav'n be one.

Benediction²

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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

Women's Bible Study: Make plans to be part of Women's Bible study! Our Bible study on Luke meets each Tuesday, 10 to 11:30, in the church gathering room. Study guides are available for purchase in the book nook for \$8.00. Childcare is provided. 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.

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>. Another opportunity is the Lifeline Foster Care Training. Orientation is January 24 at Summit Crossing Church, with classes beginning February 7. For more information, contact Sarah Golden (205.967.0811) or go to the link - <https://tinyurl.com/3m36twzw>.

Congregational Meeting: The elders have called a congregational meeting for next Sunday, 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. To make sure our food count is correct, please RSVP to the church office.

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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