



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

“But if we love God for something less than Himself, we cherish a desire that can fail us.
We run the risk of hating Him if we do not get what we hope for.”

Thomas Merton

Two things I ask of you; deny them not to me before I die: Remove far from me falsehood and lying;
give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that is needful for me, lest I be full and
deny you and say, “Who is the Lord?” or lest I be poor and steal and profane the name of my God.

Proverbs 30:7-9

The Lord's Day — January 29, 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

Just As I Am (I Come Broken)

Cottrell

Just as I am without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee, O Lamb of God I come, I come.

Just as I am and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot.
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God I come, I come.

I come broken to be mended, I come wounded to be healed.

I come desperate to be rescued, I come empty to be filled.

I come guilty to be pardoned by the blood of Christ the Lamb.

And I'm welcomed with open arms, praise God, just as I am.

Just as I am I would be lost, but mercy and grace my freedom bought.
And now, to glory in Your cross, oh Lamb of God I come, I come.

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Isaiah 55:1-3

Pastor: Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come buy wine and milk without money and without price.

People: Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Pastor: Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

People: Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant..."

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

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Reading of the Word: *A Worthy Pursuit*

1 Timothy 6:3-14

If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions, and constant friction among people who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain. But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Gracious Lord, we confess that we dishonor you in our words, thoughts and deeds. Depending on our own strength, we stumble; pursuing selfish ambition, we reject you and turn our faces from you. We seek the riches of this world to satisfy us. We pray now, Lord, for you to forgive all of our many sins; to cleanse the darkness from our lives; and to turn our faces and our hearts back towards you ...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!

Assurance of Forgiveness

Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

The Lord Is My Salvation

Getty

The grace of God has reached for me, And pulled me from the raging sea
And I am safe on this solid ground, The Lord is my salvation
I will not fear when darkness falls, His strength will help me scale these walls
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun, The Lord is my salvation
*Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love,
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won, The Lord is my salvation*
And when I reach my final day, He will not leave me in the grave
But I will rise, He will call me home, The Lord is my salvation
Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son
Glory be to God the Spirit, The Lord is our salvation

I Need Thee Every Hour

Hawks

I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord, no tender voice like Thine, can peace afford.
I need Thee every hour, stay Thou near by, temptations lose their power, when Thou art nigh.
*I need Thee, O I need Thee, O I need Thee, every hour I need you Lord,
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.*
I need Thee every hour, in joy or pain. Come quickly and abide, or life is vain.
I need Thee every hour, teach me Thy will, and Thy rich promises, in me fulfill

Come As You Are

Crowder

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been. Come, broken hearted, let rescue begin.
Come find your mercy. Oh sinner come kneel; Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal,
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.
There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed: Come sit at the table, come taste the grace.
There's rest for the weary, rest that endures. Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure. (So)
*Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame. All who are broken lift up your face.
Oh wanderer, come home; you're not too far. So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart: Come as you are.*
Bridge (sing after 2nd vs & chorus)
Come as you are. Fall in His arms. Come as you are.
There's joy for the morning. Oh sinner be still. Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal. (So)

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

Give Us This Bread
John 6:26-48 (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.)

Singing to the Lord

Bread of Heaven, Cup of Salvation

Worship Choir

Benediction²

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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

Congregational Meeting: The elders have called a congregational meeting for today, 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, 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.

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>.

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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