



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

Bread of Heaven, feed me now and evermore.

William Williams

And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

Revelation 22:17b

The Lord's Day — February 5, 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

By Faith

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By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight
By faith our fathers roamed the earth with the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand, a place where peace and justice reign
*We will stand as children of the promise, we will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight*
We will stand...
By faith this mountain shall be moved and the power of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon His name
We will stand...

Welcome and Announcements

Report of the Living Church

Grace Nelson, RUF NC State

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 34:8

Pastor: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!

People: Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

Hymn of Praise

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Campbell

At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide flowing from his pierced side;
Praise we him whose love divine gives his sacred blood for wine,
Gives his body for the feast, Christ the Victim, Christ the Priest.
Where the paschal blood is poured, death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal Victim, Paschal Bread;
With sincerity and love eat we manna from above.
Mighty Victim from the sky, pow'rs of hell beneath thee lie;
Death is conquered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:
Hymns of glory and of praise, risen Lord, to thee we raise;
Holy Father, praise to thee, with the Spirit, ever be.

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Reading of the Word: *Bread From Heaven*

Exodus 16:1-12

They set out from Elim, and all the congregation of the people of Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, and the people of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily." So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, "At evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your grumbling against the Lord. For what are we, that you grumble against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the Lord has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the Lord." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, 'Come near before the Lord, for he has heard your grumbling.'" And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. And the Lord said to Moses, "I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Adapted from *The Book of Common Worship (1946)*

Almighty God, who freely pardons all who repent and turn to You, now fulfill in every humble heart the promise of Your redeeming grace. Forgive all our sins and cleanse us from a guilty conscience through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord. ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

Assurance of Forgiveness

1 Corinthians 1:18

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Indescribable

Story

From the highest of heights, to the depths of the sea, Creation's revealing your majesty.

From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring; Every creature unique in the song that it sings; All exclaiming:

Indescribable! Uncontainable! You placed the stars in the sky and you know them by name. You are amazing God!

All powerful, untamable; awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim. You are amazing God!

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go? Or seen Heavenly storehouses laden with snow?

Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light? Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night?

None can fathom:

Incomparable, unchangeable; You know the depths of my heart and you love me the same.

You are amazing God! You are amazing God!

How Great Is Our God

Tomlin/Cash/Reeves

The splendor of the King, Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light, And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, And trembles at His voice
*How great is our God, Sing with me, How great is our God,
And all will see how great, How great is our God*
And age to age He stands, And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End. Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one, Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb. The Lion and the Lamb
Name above all names. Worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing, how great is our God

Ancient Words

DeShazo

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world. They resound with God's own heart,
O let the ancient words impart. Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope.
In this world where'er we roam, Ancient words will guide us home.
Holy words of our faith handed down to this age. Came to us through sacrifice,
O heed the faithful words of Christ.
*Ancient words ever true, changing me and changing you.
We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.*

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Blake Temple

(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.)

Singing to the Lord

The Love of God

Worship Choir

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon

Pastor Nathan White

Words of Life
John 6:48-71 (page 892)

We Respond: with the taking of vows...

Vows for the Offices of Deacon & Elder

PCA Book of Church Order, §24-6

Re-Installation to the Diaconate: Deacon Wade Littrell, Deacon Bill Nelson, and Deacon Kris Olin

Re-Installation to the Session of DPC: Elder George Godwin, Elder Jeff Keith, Elder Brian Rodgers, and Elder Blake Temple

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the *Confession of Faith* and the *Catechisms* of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
4. Do you accept the office of deacon & elder in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?
5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the Church?

Congregational Vow

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive these brothers as deacons & elder, and do you promise to yield them all that honor, encouragement and obedience in the Lord to which their office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles them?

The Prayer of Installation

The Declaration

I now pronounce and declare that ... have been regularly elected, ordained, and installed as deacons or elders (as the case may be) in this church, agreeable to the Word of God, and according to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America; and that as such they are entitled to all encouragement, honor, and obedience in the Lord: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

The Right Hand of Fellowship

A Brief Charge

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.)

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Williams

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.

I am weak, but Thou are mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand.

Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore;

Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing waters flow;

Let the fiery cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.

Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield;

Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;

Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises I will ever give to Thee; Songs of praises I will ever give to Thee.

Benediction²

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Song of Faith

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty

Fitts

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty,

Who was, and is, and is to come.

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty,

Who reigns 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

"*Closer Than A Sister*" Women's Event! Join us this Friday evening, February 10th and this Saturday morning February 11th! We 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 by today to the church office.

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: 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 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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