



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 cross is by nature offensive! And we can only grasp its sweetness if we first grapple with its offense. If someone understands the cross, it is either the greatest thing in their life, or it is repugnant to them. If it is neither of those two things, they haven't understood it.

Tim Keller

It is a poor sermon that gives no offense;
that neither makes the hearer displeased with himself nor with the preacher.

George Whitefield

The Lord's Day — February 19, 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

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We see the wounds from Your hands and pierced side, Extravagant love! Oh how great the price
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The priceless blood of Jesus, this gracious cup, A life spring overflowing, poured out for us
He has conquered every sin, For the ones who trust in Him

*The cup we drink, the bread we eat, Reminds us You are all we need
And makes us long for Your wedding feast, The cup we drink, the bread we eat
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Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 47:1-2, 7-8

Pastor: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

People: For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth!

Pastor: For God is the King of all the earth;

People: Sing praises with a Psalm!

Pastor: God reigns over the nations;

People: God sits on his holy throne.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

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All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all; *(Repeat)*

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all; *(Repeat)*

O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall;
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all; *(Repeat)*

Reading of the Word: *The Spirit Gives Life*

2 Corinthians 2:14-3:6

But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things? For we are not, like so many, peddlers of God's word, but as men of sincerity, as commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ. Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, as some do, letters of recommendation to you, or from you? You yourselves are our letter of recommendation, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all. And you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts. Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

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 promised that your Word is powerful unto salvation, yet we doubt the power of your word to change ourselves or anyone else. You have promised your Spirit to give us life but we turn to our works instead. You have called your people to bear witness to good news of Jesus yet we often fail to believe it ourselves, let alone share it with others. 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

Titus 3:4-7

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Mighty to Save

Fielding/Morgan

Everyone needs compassion, a love that's never failing, let mercy fall on me.

Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior, the Hope of nations.

*Savior, He can move the mountains; my God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save
Forever, Author of salvation, He rose and conquered the grave; Jesus conquered the grave*

So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures; fill my life again

I give my life to follow everything I believe in, now I surrender.

Shine your light and let the whole world see, we're singing for the glory of the risen King. Jesus!

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Great God Who Saves

Story

Oh, the promises of God, the rock on which I stand, the truths to which I cling.

His love that knows no bounds; He showers us with grace, withholding no good thing.

*When I stumble and my faith is small,
I will call Your name, great God who saves.*

*And I would have despaired if I had not believed that You would come to me, great God who saves.
And in my darkest hour, Your mercy and Your power are reaching out to me, great God who saves.*

Oh, the mystery of God, who holds all space and time, yet knows my every need.
The vastness of Your power, the strength You give the weak; I soar on eagle's wings.

And in my pain and in my need, You heard me calling out Your name.
When I was blind and could not see, You stepped in and saved a wretch like me,
And saved a wretch like me. Great God who saves.

Thy Mercy My God

Stoker

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song, The joy of my heart. and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last, Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart, Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground, And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own, And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine, Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

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

My Feet Are On the Rock

Dare 2 Declare

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon

Pastor Scott Phillips

The Aroma of Christ
John 7:40-8:11 (page 893)

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.)

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Benediction²

Revelation 1:5-6

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion 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

Missions Update: Check your mailbox this week for a timely update from the World Missions Committee!

Youth Fundraising: Several of the youth have signed up wanting to do babysitting, yard work, and housework to raise money towards their RYM conference fee. If you are interested in having any of this type of work done for you, by DPC youth, please send a description of the task and the number of students needed to Nathan at nathan@decaturpca.org. The donation amount will be whatever is agreed upon with the student and their parents. Payment should be made to DPC with the students' names in the memo line. Please contact Nathan if you have any questions.

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.

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

George Godwin
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Allen Schmidt
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Chip Walraven

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Service Times

9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Worship

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