



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 Lord's Day — August 20, 2023

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

## Song of Assembly<sup>1</sup>

### Lo, He Comes

Wesley

Every eye shall now behold Him, robed in dreadful majesty.  
Those who set at naught and sold Him, pierced and nailed Him to the tree.  
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.  
*Lo! He comes with clouds descending, once for our salvation slain.  
Thousand, thousand saints attending, swell the triumph of His train.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! God appears on earth to reign.*  
Lo! He comes in glory shining, saints arise and meet your King.  
Glorious captain of salvation, "welcome, welcome" hear them sing.  
Shouts of triumph, Shouts of triumph, make the heav'ns with echoes ring.  
Now redemption long expected, see in solemn pomp appear!  
All his saints by man rejected, now shall meet Him in the air.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the day of God appear.  
Yea amen let all adore Thee, high on thine eternal throne.  
Savior take the power and glory, claim the kingdom for thine own.  
O Come quickly, O come quickly, alleluia, come Lord, come!

## Welcome and Announcements

## Report of the Living Church

Brent Nelson, *Legacy Coalition*

## Responsive Call to Worship

Revelation 5:11-13

Pastor: Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

**People: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"**

Pastor: And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

**People: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"**

## Prayer of Adoration & Praise

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I will glory in my Redeemer, Whose priceless blood has ransomed me,  
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails, And hung Him on that judgment tree.

I will glory in my Redeemer, Who crushed the power of sin and death,  
My only Savior before the holy Judge, The Lamb who is my righteousness, The Lamb who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer, My life He bought, my love He owns,

I have no longings for another, I'm satisfied in Him alone.

I will glory in my Redeemer, His faithfulness my standing place,

Though foes are mighty and rush upon me, My feet are firm, held by His grace, My feet are firm held by His grace.

### Reading of the Word: *The Curse of the Law and the Blessing of Christ*

**Galatians 3:10-14**

For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.” Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.” But the law is not of faith, rather “The one who does them shall live by them.” Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”—so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus, forgive us, for not admitting the depth of our sin and corruption, our pride, our selfishness, our lusts, our vanity, and our continual excusing of our sinful choices. And forgive us, Lord, for not believing in the depth of your love for us; love that sent you to the cross to suffer and die in the place of sinners. Forgive us, Lord, for not resting in the assurance of your forgiveness. Forgive us, Lord, for not trusting in the promises of your eternal Word. O Lord, create in us enduring faith in your salvation ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

### Assurance of Forgiveness

**Colossians 2:13-14**

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

## Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

### Lead Me To The Cross

Fraser

Savior I come quiet my soul, remember redemption's hill,  
Where Your blood was spilled, for my ransom.  
Everything I once held dear, I count it all as loss

*Lead me to the cross, where Your love poured out, bring me to my knees, Lord I lay me down  
Rid me of myself, I belong to You, Oh lead me, lead me to the cross*

You were as I, tempted and tried, human  
The word became flesh, bore my sin and death, now you're risen  
Everything I once held dear, I count it all as loss

### Who is This, So Weak and Helpless

How

Who is this, a Man of Sorrows, walking sadly life's hard way,  
Homeless, weary, sighing, weeping, over sin and Satan's sway?  
'Tis our God, our glorious Savior, who above the starry sky,  
Is for us a place preparing, where no tear can dim the eye.

Who is this? Behold him shedding drops of blood upon the ground.  
Who is this, despised, rejected, mocked, insulted, beaten, bound?  
'Tis our God, who gifts and graces on His church is pouring down;  
Who shall smite in holy vengeance all his foes beneath His throne.

Who is this that hangs there dying while the rude world scoffs and scorns,  
Numbered with the malefactors, torn with nails, and crowned with thorns?  
'Tis our God who lives forever mid the shining ones on high,  
In the glorious golden city, reigning everlastingly.

### In Christ Alone

Townend

In Christ Alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! Who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied,  
For every sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

## **Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition**

**Elder Chip Walraven**

*(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**

**It is Finished**  
**John 19:16-42** (Page 905)

## **We Respond By Receiving a New Member**

### **The Lord Adds to His Church**

*Robert Metcalf*

### **The Membership Vows** (PCA Book of Church Order §57-5)

*Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope except through His sovereign mercy?*

*Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?*

*Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as become followers of Christ?*

*Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your abilities?*

*Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?*

### **Prayer for the New Member**

**Elder Chip Walraven**

## 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.)*

### I Saw the Cross

**Carpenter**

I saw the cross of Jesus, when burdened with my sin; I sought the cross of Jesus, to give me peace within;  
He drew my soul to Him and then He cleansed it in His blood;  
And in the cross of Jesus Christ I found my peace with God.

I love the cross of Jesus, it tells me what I am, A vile and guilty creature, saved only through the Lamb;  
No righteousness nor merit mine, no beauty can I plead;  
Yet in the cross I glory, my title there I read.

I trust the cross of Jesus, in every trying hour, My sure and certain refuge, my never failing tower;  
In every fear and conflict see I more than conqueror am;  
Though living safe, or dying, through Christ, the risen Lamb.

*Safe, Safe am I, in the cross of Jesus! Still resting in a peace that is unshaken  
Then in glory I'll sing His wondrous power, Where sin can never enter in, and death is known no more.  
And in the cross of Jesus Christ I found my peace with God.*

## Benediction<sup>2</sup>

**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

### 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.

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<sup>2</sup> 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

**Important Announcement!** Please stay just for a few minutes after worship TODAY in order to hear an important announcement. *"The harvest is plentiful..."* (Luke 10:2)

**Grandparenting Matters Seminar:** Immediately following Sunday worship today, there will be a catered lunch and seminar for all our grandparents (or soon-to-be). Brent Nelson, Legacy Coalition, will encourage us in carrying out our calling as grandparents. You won't want to miss this! <https://vimeo.com/235364315>

**Reception for Pastor Nathan White:** Come join us immediately following the worship service next Sunday, August 27, as we honor our dear friend and beloved Assistant Pastor, Nathan White. Nathan has been called by Providence Presbytery to serve as the church planting pastor of Good Shepherd Mission Church - Madison.

**Bridal Tea:** Join us for a bridal tea for Bethany Smith (fiancé is Aaron Howard) next Sunday, August 27, 2:00-3:30pm at Temple, Inc. (320 Bank Street). The couple is registered at [www.theknot.com/aaronandbethanyhoward](http://www.theknot.com/aaronandbethanyhoward)

**Wednesday Night Ministries:** Our mid-week ministries will resume September 6th. Come join us! A church family meal is served from 5:30pm – 6:15pm. Choirs and Youth begin at 6:00pm; NextGen, Open Door Study and Life Groups are at 6:30pm – 7:30pm.

**Women's 'Flourish' Kickoff:** The Women's Ministry Team will host a kickoff event on Sunday, September 10, immediately following worship. Melissa McMahan will introduce and explain the relaunch of the 'Flourish' ministry. We will also enjoy lunch, fellowship with sisters in Christ, and discuss other opportunities for the Women's Ministry. Nursery not provided.

**Women's Bible Study:** Tuesday mornings, beginning September 19th... 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the church gathering room. We will be studying Proverbs, guided by A Woman's Wisdom: How the Book of Proverbs Speaks to Everything. Study books are available in the Book Nook for \$10. Childcare is provided! For questions, contact Teresa Quinn (256)565-0897 or Annah Joseph (256)822-8394. Visitors are welcome!

**Midweek College Study:** College-aged young adults are invited to a midweek study every Thursday night at 6:00pm. For the summer, we meet at Bill & Amy Nelson's house (2522 Sherwood Drive SE). For more information, you can email Nathan at [nathan@decaturpca.org](mailto:nathan@decaturpca.org) or call/text him at (256) 280-7912.

**New Mailing Address:** For greater security, please note that the church is using a new P.O. mailing address rather than the box at the street: Decatur Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 5660, Decatur, AL 35601. If your givings come straight from your bank, please let them know of the address change.

# ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

SUMMER 2023

9:30 am

**Judges:** Come join us as we study “Lessons from Judges: Living with the True God”, in the classroom across the hall from the church offices.

**Sedona Class:** “What the PCA Believes”. The class taught by Jeff Keith and Connor Ross, meets in the classroom down the back hallway from the sanctuary, across from the choir room. Walk-ins are welcome!

**Study #158 - Galatians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon:** In the context of study and fellowship, we will discuss and make applications from the stories of the New Testament church - its community, doctrine, and mission - through the Letters of Paul.

## Session

George Godwin  
Jeff Keith  
Mike McMahan  
Brian Rodgers  
Connor Ross

Allen Schmidt  
Greg Smith  
Blake Temple  
Chip Walraven

## Diaconate

John Elder  
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## Service Times

9:30am      Sunday School  
10:45am      Worship

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