



For what we proclaim is not ourselves,
but Jesus Christ as Lord,
with ourselves as your servants
for Jesus' sake.
2 Corinthians 4:5

Further, the resurrection of Christ is a fountain of good for His church and for the whole world.
It is the 'Amen' of the Father upon the 'Finished' of the Son.

Herman Bavinck

He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that in everything, he might be preeminent.

Colossians 1:18

The Lord's Day — August 27, 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

Hallelujah (Scars)

Godwin/Chism

My God you are the great I Am, the lion and sacrificial lamb
Through suffering, your pain runs deep, And to my wounds your wounds alone can speak.

You're not a distant God out there, but one who's close and meets my every care.

Your lonely death upon the tree, bore marks that truly show your love for me.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Your scars will never fade

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My suffering is not the end, in sorrow I am walking yet again

But you're a God who can relate, who loves enough to live my every pain.

Your wounds now healed in victory, and in your time that's where I want to be.

Until that day, I'm safe in you, with faith and power to endure.

Welcome and Announcements

Report of the Living Church

Melissa McMahan, *Women's Flourish Ministry*

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 105:1-3

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call up on his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

People: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

All: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

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Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia! Sing ye heav'ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!
Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia! Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids His rise; Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!
Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died our souls to save; Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!
Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Foll'wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise; Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Reading of the Word: *The Prayer of God's Anointed***Psalm 16:1-11**

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you." As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight. The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips. The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance. I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

Assurance of Forgiveness**1 Corinthians 15:19-21**

If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed

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How can it be, the One who died, has borne our sin through sacrifice
To conquer every sting of death? Sing, sing hallelujah.
For joy awakes as dawning light, when Christ's disciples lift their eyes.
Alive He stands, their Friend and King; Christ, Christ He is risen.

*Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh, sing hallelujah.
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed; Christ is risen, He is risen indeed.*

The power that raised Him from the grave, now works in us to powerfully save.

He frees our hearts to live His grace; go tell of His goodness.

He's alive, He's alive! Heaven's gates are opened wide. He's alive, He's alive! Now in heaven glorified.

God of Wonders

Byrd

Lord of all creation of water, earth and sky;

The heavens are Your tabernacle. Glory to the Lord on high!

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy. The universe declares Your Majesty.

You are holy, holy. Lord of Heaven and earth, Lord of Heaven and earth.

Early in the morning I will celebrate the light,

When I stumble in the darkness, I will call your name by night.

Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and earth. Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and earth.

Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and earth. You are holy, holy.

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy. Precious Lord, reveal Your heart to me.

Father, hold me, hold me. The universe declares Your Majesty. You are holy, holy, holy, holy!

Jesus, Only Jesus

Tomlin

Who has the power to raise the dead, Who can save us from our sin?

He is our hope, our righteousness. Jesus, only Jesus.

Who can make the blind to see, Who holds the keys that set us free?

He paid it all to bring us peace. Jesus, only Jesus.

Holy, King Almighty, Lord. Saints and angels all adore. I join with them and bow before, Jesus, only Jesus.

Who can command the highest praise, Who has the name above all names?

You stand alone, I stand amazed. Jesus, only Jesus.

You will command the highest praise, Yours is the name above all names.

You stand alone, I stand amazed. Jesus, only Jesus. Jesus, only Jesus.

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 Nathan White

He Was Heard

John 20:1-23 (Page 906)

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.)

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Boswell/Papa/Bleecker

Come behold the wondrous mystery, In the dawning of the King;

He the theme of heaven's praises, Robed in frail humanity.

In our longing, in our darkness, Now the Light of Life has come;

Look to Christ, who condescended, Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery, He the perfect Son of Man;

In His living, in His suffering, Never trace nor stain of sin.

See the true and better Adam, Come to save the hell-bound man;

Christ the great and sure fulfillment, Of the law; in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree;

In the stead of ruined sinners, Hangs the Lamb in victory.

See the price of our redemption, See the Father's plan unfold;

Bringing many sons to glory, Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Slain by death the God of life;

But no grave could e'er restrain Him, Praise the Lord; He is alive!

What a foretaste of deliverance, How unwavering our hope;

Christ in power resurrected, As we will be when He comes

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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

Going to TWO WORSHIP SERVICES! *"Inviting everyone to love and follow the Lord Jesus Christ in every aspect of human life"* requires us to make room for our neighbors! Beginning September 17, we will go to two worship services, 8:15 and 10:45am. If you have not already done so, please make sure your family unit is represented in our survey indicating which morning service you would prefer to attend. JUST CLICK THE QR CODE.



Reception for Pastor Nathan White: Come join us immediately following worship today, 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) today, August 27, 2:00-3:30pm at Temple, Inc. (320 Bank Street). The couple is registered at 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 Fall Kickoff Luncheon: All women are invited! The Women's Ministry Team will host a fall kickoff luncheon on Sunday, September 10th, immediately following worship. We will introduce all the women's activities and ministries kicking off this fall, while enjoying good fellowship and good food! Please join us!

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!

Grandparenting Matters! Sunday School: Beginning September 24, we invite all grandparents to join a new Sunday School (running thru Fall semester). We will be studying and discussing from the Scriptures why grandparenting matters and how do we practically love and pass along our faith to our children and grandchildren. For more information, contact pastor Rick, 334.728.1409 or rick@decaturpca.org.

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 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

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9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Worship

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