



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 — September 17, 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>

## I Am the Lord Your God (Isaiah 43)

Unknown

When you pass through the waters I will be with you, and the waves will not overcome you.  
Do not fear. For I have redeemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine.

*For I am the Lord Your God, (I am Lord your God)*

*I am the Lord your God, (I... Am)*

*I Am the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.*

*I am the Lord, (Do not fear.) I am the Lord, (Do not fear.)*

*I am the Lord, (Do not fear.) I am the Lord. (Do not fear.)*

When you pass through the fire you'll not be burned. and the flames will not consume you.  
Do not fear. For I have redeemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine.

## Welcome and Announcements

## Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 94:12-15

Pastor: Blessed is the man whom you discipline, O Lord, and whom you teach out of your law,

**People: To give him rest from his days of trouble, until a pit is dug for the wicked.**

Pastor: For the Lord will not forsake his people; he will not abandon his heritage;

**People: For justice will return to the righteous, and all the upright in heart will follow it.**

## Prayer of Adoration & Praise

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A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;

His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.

The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure; for lo! his doom is sure; One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.

Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; His kingdom is forever.

**Reading of the Word: *The Perfect Law of the Lord***

**Psalm 19:7-14**

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Confession of Sin**

**Almighty God, eternal Father, we acknowledge and confess to you that we were born in unrighteousness. Our life is full of sin and transgression; we have not gladly received your Word nor followed your holy commandments. For your goodness' sake and for your Name's sake, be gracious to us, we pray, and forgive us all our sin, which is very great ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**1 John 1:9**

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

## Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

### Praise God

Ken/Watts/Kauflin

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, In Heaven above and earth below.

Praise God the Father and the Son, Praise God the Spirit, three-in-one.

From all that dwell beneath the skies, Let the Creator's praise arise.

Let our Redeemer's name be sung, Through every land, by every tongue.

Eternal are Your mercies Lord, Eternal truth attends Your Word.

Your praise will sound from shore to shore, Till suns shall rise and set no more.

*In every land, by every tongue, Let our Redeemer's name be sung.*

### I Am Not Alone

When I walk through deep waters, I know that You will be with me

When I'm standing in the fire, I will not be overcome

Through the valley of the shadow, I will not fear

*I am not alone, I am not alone, You will go before me*

*You will never leave me (2x)*

*You amaze me, Redeem me, You call me as Your own*

You're my strength, You're my defender

You're my refuge in the storm, through these trials

You've always been faithful, You bring healing to my soul.

### Fall On Us

Godwin

May the power of your presence overwhelm us, Holy Spirit living breath of God

Give your grace and gifts to all who gather, Help us see... set us free

May the comfort of your mercy bring the peace of God, Speak into our lives the word of Christ

Give us faith and hope for life's long journey, Fill our souls... make us whole

*Fall on us, Holy Spirit, Breathe in our hearts and light your fire*

*Fall on us, Holy Spirit, Move in this place with resurrection power*

*Fall on us, Fall on us, Holy God*

For the proud and for the hopeless, For the strong and for the weak

For the sure and for the doubting, For the one who has no peace

For the healthy and the ailing, For the rich and for the poor

For all who come in victory, For all who just endure

## Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Mike McMahan

*(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

### Why We Do What We Do Matthew 28:16-20 (Page 835)

## 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.)*

### We Rest on Thee

Cherry

"We rest on Thee" - our Shield and our Defender!

We go not forth alone against the foe;

Strong in Thy strength, safe in Thy keeping tender,

"We rest on Thee, and in Thy Name we go."

Strong in Thy strength, safe in Thy keeping tender,

"We rest on Thee, and in Thy Name we go."

"We go" in faith, our own great weakness feeling,

And needing more each day Thy grace to know:

Yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing,

"We rest on Thee, and in Thy Name we go."

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"We rest on Thee, and in Thy Name we go."

**Benediction<sup>2</sup>****2 Corinthians 13:14**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Song of Faith****Christ Our Hope in Life and Death****Getty**

Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command?

And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;

O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess

Christ our hope in life and death.

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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

**Life Groups/Small Groups:** Looking to grow spiritually? 'Discipleship' is a key component of the DPC mission! Please use the "interest card" to indicate your desire to participate in a Life Group or other small group. For more information, contact pastor Rick Stark, [rick@decaturpca.org](mailto:rick@decaturpca.org).

**Wednesday Night Ministries:** Our mid-week ministries have resumed. Come join us every Wednesday! Soli de Gloria Choir begins at 5:00pm. A church family meal is served from 5:30pm – 6:15pm. Kid's Choir and Youth begin at 6:00pm; Adult Choir begins at 6:15. NextGen, Open Door Study and Life Groups are at 6:30pm – 7:30pm.

**Flourish!** Flourish! Today is the last day to submit Flourish interest cards. If you haven't yet signed up for our new women's discipleship ministry, please do so today! Cards are located throughout the church. Questions? Contact Melissa McMahan.

**Women's Bible Study:** Tuesday mornings, beginning this week, 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:** Next Sunday, September 24, we invite all grandparents to join a new Sunday School. 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](mailto:rick@decaturpca.org).

**Midweek College Study:** College-aged young adults are invited to a midweek study every Thursday night at 6:00pm. For more information, contact Tucker at [tucker@decaturpca.org](mailto:tucker@decaturpca.org), or 678-448-6651.

# ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

FALL 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

8:15am      Worship  
9:30am      Sunday School  
10:45am     Worship

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