



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 — October 22, 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>

## God Of This City

## Tomlin

You're the God of this city, You're the King of these people, You're the Lord of this nation, You are!  
You're the Light in this darkness, You're the Hope to the hopeless, You're the Peace to the restless, You are!

*There is no one like our God, There is no one like our God.*

*For greater things have yet to come, And greater things are still to be done in this city.*

*Greater things have yet to come, And greater things are still to be done in this city.*

You're the Lord of creation, the creator of all things. You're the King above all Kings, You are!  
You're the strength in our weakness, You're the love to the broken, You're the joy in the sadness, You are!

*Greater things have yet to come, and greater things are still to be done here. There is no one like You, God.*

## Welcome and Announcements

## Responsive Call to Worship

**Psalm 22: 22-23, 28**

Pastor: I will tell of your name to my brothers.

**People: In the midst of the congregation I will praise you.**

Pastor: You who fear the Lord, praise him!

**People: All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel.**

## Prayer of Adoration & Praise

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Rejoice, ye pure in Heart, Rejoice, give thanks and sing;  
Your festal banner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King.

*Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing!*

Yes, on through life's long path, Still chanting as ye go,  
From youth to age, by night by day, In gladness and in woe.

At last the march shall end, The wearied ones shall rest;  
The pilgrims find their Father's house, Jerusalem the blest.

**Reading of the Word: *Love for Neighbor is Informed by Love for God***

**Leviticus 19:9-18**

When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the Lord your God. You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord. You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning. You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the Lord. You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the Lord. You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Confession of Sin**

**Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone things we ought to have done, and we have done things we ought not to have done. There is no health in us apart from you, Lord. Have mercy upon us, O God, as we confess our faults ...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**1 John 2:1-2**

If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

## Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

### Holy Forever

Tomlin

A thousand generations falling down in worship. To sing the song of ages to the Lamb.  
And all who've gone before us, and all who will believe. Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb.

*Your name is the highest. Your name is the greatest. Your name stands above them all.  
All thrones and dominions. All powers and positions. Your name stands above them all  
And the angels cry, Holy! All creation cries, Holy! You are lifted high, Holy! Holy forever!*

If you've been forgiven, and if you've been redeemed. Sing the song forever to the Lamb.

If you walk in freedom, and if you bear His name. Sing the song forever to the Lamb.

We'll sing the song forever and amen.

*And the angels cry, Holy All creations cries, Holy! You are lifted high, Holy! Holy forever!  
Hear Your people sing, Holy! To the King of kings, Holy! You will always be Holy! Holy forever!*

### Whom Shall I Fear (Angel Armies)

Cash, Cash & Tomlin

You hear me when I call, You are my morning song

Though darkness fills the night, it cannot hide the Light, Whom shall I fear

You crush the enemy underneath my feet

You are my Sword and Shield though troubles linger still, Whom shall I fear

Chorus

*I know who goes before me, I know who stands behind, The God of angel armies is always by my side*

*The one who reigns forever, He is a Friend of mine, The God of angel armies is always by my side*

My strength is in Your Name for You alone can save, You will deliver me, Yours is the victory

Whom shall I fear, Whom shall I fear

The God of angel armies is always by my side!

### I Need Thee Every Hour

Hawks

I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord, no tender voice like Thine, can peace afford.  
I need Thee every hour, stay Thou near by, temptations lose their power, when Thou art nigh.

*I need Thee, O I need Thee, O I need Thee, every hour I need you Lord,  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.*

I need Thee every hour, in joy or pain. Come quickly and abide, or life is vain.

I need Thee every hour, teach me Thy will, and Thy rich promises, in me fulfill

## Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

**Elder Allen Schmidt**

*(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

***Psalm 100 (Enter In)***

**Worship Choir**

## His Tithes & Our Offerings

## Sermon

**Tucker Fleming**

**The Disciples' Love: Others**  
**John 13:31-37 (Page 900)**

## 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.)*

## Take Shelter

**Peterson**

When the nations rage and death is at the door, When the wars are waged as they have been before  
There's a refuge that I run to, a respite from my fear, Nothing in this world can harm me here

When my song of hope is swallowed by the pain, As the weariness of grief floods in again  
Will You find me in the valley? Oh, hear my helpless cry, Hold me as a mother holds her child

*And I'll take shelter, take shelter in the loving arms of God  
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When a greater war had torn apart my soul, And the iron hold of sin would not let go  
All of Heaven stormed the darkness in the power of the cross, I'm freed beneath the banner of His love

When the labors of this fleeting life are done, As the shadows fall, we'll see the lights of home  
And then all our present troubles will be stories of the past, Safe within His gates, we'll find our rest

## **Benediction<sup>2</sup>**

**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**

## **Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)**

**Newton/Tomlin**

My chains are gone, I've been set free.  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me,  
And like a flood His mercy reigns;  
Unending love, amazing grace.

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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

**Welcome to our Visitors!** We are so grateful to God that you've come! If you are willing, please use the QR to give us as much contact information as you are comfortable with. In this way, we reconnect with you and find ways that we may be able to serve you or pray for you.



**Fall Festival:** Join us for the Fall Festival this Wednesday, October 25 at 5:30 p.m.! There will be games, inflatables, bonfire, chili-cookoff, and an open mic night. If you would like to make chili for the cookoff, please contact Vicki Stephenson at [vicki.stephenson@me.com](mailto:vicki.stephenson@me.com). Contact Jessica Keith to sign up for open mic night at [jilkeith78@gmail.com](mailto:jilkeith78@gmail.com). Candy donation bin is located in the children's wing.

**Ironmen Event:** "I'm baaack!," says Arnold. Ironman, a gathering of DPC men and their friends (16 and over), will take place on Friday night, Nov.03, from 6:00pm – 8:00pm at Gil Cook's farm (88 Akins Mountain Rd, Hartselle). Gil's grilling the meat, DPC will provide the drinks, and the men should bring sides and dessert. Guest speaker plus more info coming soon.

**Operation Christmas Child:** Be an International Missionary in Decatur! (1) Visit the OCC table in the Gathering Room. (2) Take home a shoebox (3) Prayerfully shop for items to fill it. (4) Pray for the child who will receive your gift. (5) Return stuffed shoebox(es) by Wednesday, November 15. Our hope is to give out/receive all 95 boxes! Contact Mary Chism for more information, [maebelle12@att.net](mailto:maebelle12@att.net).

**Bridal Tea:** Join us for a bridal tea for Hayley Maroney (fiancee' of Jonah Little) on Sunday, November 19, 2:00-3:30pm at Temple, Inc. (320 Bank Street). The couple is registered at Amazon and Belk.

**ROOTS 2024:** The next edition of ROOTS is on the calendar from 1/19-1/21 at Camp ToKnowHim. Our theme for this year is "My Savior Makes Me Whole," and the cost is \$145. To sign up, scan the QR code outside the Youth Room or email [tucker@decaturpca.org](mailto:tucker@decaturpca.org) for more information!

**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.

# ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

FALL 2023

9:30 am

**“Grandparenting Matters”:** We invite all grandparents to join us. 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, in the classroom across the hall from the church offices.

**Sedona Class: Galatians** The class taught by George Godwin, 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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