



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 — November 5, 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>

## Come Praise and Glorify

Kauflin/Chester

Come praise and glorify our God, The Father of our Lord  
In Christ He has in heav'nly realms, His blessings on us poured  
For pure and blameless in His sight, He destined us to be  
And now we've been adopted through, His Son eternally

Come praise and glorify our God, Who gives His grace in Christ  
In Him our sins are washed away, Redeemed through sacrifice  
In Him God has made known to us, The myst'ry of His will  
That Christ should be the head of all, His purpose to fulfill

*To the praise of Your glory, To the praise of Your mercy and grace,  
To the praise of Your glory, You are the God who saves*

Come praise and glorify our God, For we've believed the Word  
And through our faith we have a seal, The Spirit of the Lord  
The Spirit guarantees our hope, Until redemption's done  
Until we join in endless praise, To God, the Three in One

## Welcome and Announcements

## Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 34:1-3

Pastor: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth!

**People: My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad!**

Pastor: Oh, magnify the Lord with me,

**People: Let us exalt his name together!**

## Prayer of Adoration & Praise

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The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
 She is his new creation by water and the Word;  
 From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
 With his own blood he bought her and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth.  
 Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
 One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
 And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,  
 And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won;  
 O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
 Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

### Reading of the Word: *Life in the Church*

**Colossians 3:12-17**

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### Confession of Sin

**Gracious Father, we confess that we are prone to wander and forget your faithfulness. We have sought after other gods and have placed our hope in things that cannot save us. We have said and done hurtful things to people you created in your image. We have been ungrateful and thankless when we should be humbled by your goodness. Forgive us and restore to us the joy of your salvation ...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!**

### Assurance of Forgiveness

**Romans 4:24-25**

Righteousness will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

**Come People of the Risen King**

**Getty/Townend**

Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring Him praise.  
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.  
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him,  
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

*Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice! One heart, one voice; O, Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night.  
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.  
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease;  
But follow us through all our days, with the certain hope of peace.  
Come, young and old from every land, men and women of the faith.  
Come, those with full or empty hands, find the riches of His grace.  
Over all the world His people sing; Shore to shore we hear them call  
The Truth that cries through every age, "Our God is All in All."

**Jesus, Lover of My Soul**

**Wesley**

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till life's storm is past;  
Safe into the haven guide, receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none, I helpless hang on Thee,  
Leave, oh leave me not alone, still support and comfort me!  
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all help from Thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head in the shadow of Thy wing.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of Thee;  
Spring Thou up within my heart, for all eternity.

## Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right

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Whate'er my God ordains is right, His Holy will abideth  
I will be still whate'er He doth, and follow where He guideth.  
He is my God, though dark my road, He holds me that I shall not fall:  
And so to Him I leave it all. He holds me that I shall not fall.

Whate'er my God ordains is right, He never will deceive me  
He leads me by the proper path, I know He will not leave me.  
I take, content, what He hath sent, His hand can turn my griefs away,  
And patiently I wait His day. His hand can turn my griefs away.

Whate'er my God ordains is right, though now this cup I'm drinking  
May bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it all unshrinking.  
My God is true, each morn anew, sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart,  
And pain and sorrow shall depart. sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart.

Whate'er my God ordains is right, here shall my stand be taken  
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, yet am I not forsaken.  
My Father's care is round me there, He holds me that I shall not fall  
And so to Him I leave it all. He holds me that I shall not fall.  
He is my God, though dark my road, He holds me that I shall not fall:  
And so to Him I leave it all. He holds me that I shall not fall.

## 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

*His Mercy is More*

Soli Deo Gloria

## His Tithes & Our Offerings

## Sermon

Pastor Scott Phillips

**The Disciples' Paths: Fellowship**  
**Acts 2:42-47 (Page 911)**

## 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.)*

### He Knows My Name

Walker

I have a Maker, He formed my heart  
Before even time began my life was in His hands

*He knows my name, He knows my every thought  
He sees each tear that falls and He hears me when I call*

I have a Father, He calls me His own  
He'll never leave me no matter where I go

## Benediction<sup>2</sup>

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

### We Are the Body of Christ

Hampton

One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise You, we are the body of Christ.

One goal, one vision, to see You exalted, we are the body of Christ.

And to this we give our lives, to see You glorified.

One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise You,

We are the body of Christ. We are the body of Christ.

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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.



**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.

**Annual Christmas Cantata & Reception:** Mark your calendars in advance for a spectacular event, O Holy Night, the Long Awaited One, which all choirs have been preparing for us. The event is scheduled for Sunday evening, December 10 from 5:00 - 6:00pm. Immediately following there will be a delicious reception to honor the Cantata and to celebrate the Christmas season.

**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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