



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

Everything that Christ taught, everything that makes the New Testament new... everything that is distinctively Christian... is summed up in the knowledge of the Fatherhood of God.

'Father' is the Christian name for God. Our understanding of Christianity cannot be better than our grasp of adoption.

—J. I. Packer, *Knowing God*

# The Lord's Day — November 12, 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>

## Great God Who Saves

## Story

Oh, the promises of God, the rock on which I stand, the truths to which I cling.  
His love that knows no bounds; He showers us with grace, withholding no good thing.

*When I stumble and my faith is small,  
I will call Your name, great God who saves.*

*And I would have despaired if I had not believed that You would come to me, great God who saves.  
And in my darkest hour, Your mercy and Your power are reaching out to me, great God who saves.*

Oh, the mystery of God, who holds all space and time, yet knows my every need.  
The vastness of Your power, the strength You give the weak; I soar on eagle's wings.

And in my pain and in my need, You heard me calling out Your name.  
When I was blind and could not see, You stepped in and saved a wretch like me,  
And saved a wretch like me. Great God who saves.

## Welcome and Announcements

## Responsive Call to Worship

**Psalm 69:30-34**

Leader: I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving.

**People: This will please the Lord more than an ox or a bull with horns and hoofs.**

Leader: When the humble see it they will be glad; you who seek God, let your hearts revive.

**People: For the Lord hears the needy and does not despise his own people who are prisoners.**

**All: Let heaven and earth praise him, the seas and everything that moves in them.**

## Prayer of Adoration & Praise

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God of our fathers, Whose almighty hand, leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past; in this free land by Thee our lot is cast;  
Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay; Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

Refresh Thy people on their toil-some way, lead us from night to never ending day;  
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.

**Reading of the Word: *Prayer that God Answers*****1 Kings 8:46-51**

“If they sin against you—for there is no one who does not sin—and you are angry with them and give them to an enemy, so that they are carried away captive to the land of the enemy, far off or near, yet if they turn their heart in the land to which they have been carried captive, and repent and plead with you in the land of their captors, saying, ‘We have sinned and have acted perversely and wickedly,’ if they repent with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their enemies, who carried them captive, and pray to you toward their land, which you gave to their fathers, the city that you have chosen, and the house that I have built for your name, then hear in heaven your dwelling place their prayer and their plea, and maintain their cause and forgive your people who have sinned against you, and all their transgressions that they have committed against you, and grant them compassion in the sight of those who carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them (for they are your people, and your heritage, which you brought out of Egypt, from the midst of the iron furnace).

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Confession of Sin**

**Almighty God, you love us, but we do not love you fully. You call, but we do not always listen. We often walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We often condone evil, hatred, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer ...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

### His Mercy Is More

Boswell/Papa

*Praise the Lord, His mercy is more. Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn.*

*Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.*

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?

Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.

Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore. Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?

What Father, so tender is calling us home?

He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor. Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness He lavished on us!

His blood was the payment; His life was the cost.

We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford. Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

### 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 beauty of your glory.. captivate us, Show us ways we fail to walk in love

Touch our troubled spirit with forgiveness, Renew us here... draw us near

*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*

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

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

### We Fall Down

Tomlin

We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus,

The greatness of mercy and love at the feet of Jesus.

And we cry holy, holy, holy

We cry holy, holy, holy

We cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.

## Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Tucker Fleming

...Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*(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

### The Disciples' Paths: Prayer Matthew 6:5-14 (Page 811)

## 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 My Life

Havergal/Tomlin

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise;  
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.  
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee;  
Take my voice and let me sing, always, only for my King.  
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee;  
Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect and use every pow'r as You choose.

*Here am I, all of me. Take my life, it's all for Thee.*

*Take myself and I will be ever, only all for Thee.*

Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne.  
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Your feet its treasure store;  
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

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

**Ephesians 3:20-21**

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, 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:** Your last few days to pack a shoebox are NOW! Please bring all filled & labeled shoeboxes to church no later than this Wednesday evening the 15th, and stack them in the hall across from the OCC table. They will be loaded and taken to the Westmeade drop-off site on Thursday the 16th. We trust you have enjoyed participating in this proven way to spread the Gospel to all the world!

**Bridal Tea:** Join us for a bridal tea for Hayley Maroney (fiancee' of Jonah Little) next 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:** 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

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## Service Times

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

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