

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 26, 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

Mighty to Save

Fielding/Morgan

Everyone needs compassion, a love that's never failing, let mercy fall on me. Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior, the Hope of nations.

Savior, He can move the mountains; my God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save Forever, Author of salvation, He rose and conquered the grave; Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures; fill my life again I give my life to follow everything I believe in, now I surrender.

Shine your light and let the whole world see, we're singing for the glory of the risen King. Jesus! Shine your light and let the whole world see, we're singing for the glory of the risen King.

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 100:1-5

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

People: Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Pastor: Know that the Lord, he is God!

People: It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Pastor: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! All: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

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Hymn of Praise

Now Thank We All Our God

Rinkart

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, Who wondrous things hath done, in Whom His world rejoices; Who from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way, With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; And keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed, And free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, The Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest Heaven. The one eternal God, whom earth and Heav'n adore; For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Reading of the Word: The Path of Wisdom

Proverbs 3:1-8

My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments, for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you. Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man. Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Gracious Father, we confess that we live selfishly, trusting our own understanding rather than acknowledging you. We forget that Your kingdom is at hand. Instead of fleeing from temptation and seeking first your kingdom and its righteousness, we embrace lies and comfort ourselves with folly. Forgive us and heal our hearts this day. Give us a new desire to love what you love, to forgive others, and to praise our Savior ... Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!

Assurance of Forgiveness

Ephesians 1:7-10

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

The Roar Tomlin

I waited for the Lord, He turned and heard my cry
His mercy opened up my eyes, when I couldn't see and my strength was failing me
I heard the roar of the Lion of Judah, I heard the voice that calms the raging sea, He came to me, came to me
When I needed the Lord, I heard the roar of the Lion of Judah.

I waited for the Lord, He appeared in blinding light
He led me through the darkest night, when I couldn't see and my strength was failing me
I lifted my hands, He lifted me out, All praise to the Savior, all worship to God
With all that I am, with all of my heart, All praise to the Savior, all worship to God
You came to me, came to me, when I needed You, Lord
I heard the roar of the Lion of Judah, I heard the roar of the Lion of Judah

The Blessing

Brown/Carnes/Furtick

The Lord bless you, and keep you. Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.

Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.

May His favor be upon you and a thousand generations and your family and your children and their children and their children.

May His presence go before you and behind you and beside you. All around you and within you, He is with you, He is with you.

In the morning, in the evening, in your coming and your going. In your weeping and rejoicing. He is for you, He is for you, He is for you.

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.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Pastor Rick Stark

(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 Mind of Thanksgiving Philippians 4:6-13 (Page 982)

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.)

My Tribute

Crouch

How can I say thanks for the things You have done for me? Things so undeserved, yet You gave to prove Your love for me; The voices of a million angels could not express my gratitude.

All that I am and ever hope to be, I owe it all to Thee.

To God be the glory, to God be the glory, To God be the glory for the things He has done.

With His blood He has saved me, with His power He has raised me;

To God be the glory for the things He has done.

Just let me live my life, let it pleasing, Lord to Thee, And if I gain any praise, let it go to Calvary. Benediction² Philippians 1:6

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

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.

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

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.

J.O.Y.ful Endeavors Luncheon: Joyful Endeavors cordially invites any senior adults to join a like-minded group today, November 26th, after the later worship service for a potluck meal (Thanksgiving leftovers will not be refused!) and fun time of fellowship!

Parents' Night Out: On Thursday, November 30th, DPC Youth will host a Parents' Night Out as an RYM fundraiser! Parents of NextGen students are invited to drop their children off at the church from 6-9 PM so they can do some shopping, running errands, or just going on a date. Suggested donation is \$30.

NextGen Service Night: Wednesday, December 6th. NextGen needs your help gathering baby and toddler gifts for their YoungLives Christmas Basket project. Requested items are: gingerbread houses, mittens/hats/gloves, coloring & activity books, crayons, Santa hats, hot chocolate bar items. Always helpful are baby soaps, Tylenol, diapers, wipes, formula (Enfamil yellow or purple can).

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 10th 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 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.

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 Diaconate

George Godwin	Allen Schmidt	John Elder	Steve Sasser
Jeff Keith	Greg Smith	James Fudge	Andy Thompson
Mike McMahan	Blake Temple	Wade Littrell	Sam Thompson
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Service Times

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

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