



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 — December 3, 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>

## Glory In The Highest

Tomlin

The heav'nly host proclaim Your birth, "Glory to God, and praise be on the earth!"  
Your name is near, Emmanuel, "God with us here, God pleased with us to dwell."

*Glory in the highest, glory in the highest, glory in the highest*

Apart from You there is no God, light of the world, the bright and morning star  
Your name will shine for all to see, You are the one, You are my glory

And no one else could ever compare to You, Lord, All the earth together declares.....

*Glory in the highest, glory in the highest Glory in the highest to You, Lord, to You, Lord*

All the earth will sing Your praise, the moon and stars, the sun and rain

Every nation will proclaim You are God and You will reign

Glory, glory Hallelujah, glory, glory to You, Lord. Glory, glory Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

## Welcome and Announcements

## Report of the Living Church

Skip Thompson, Year-End Giving

## Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 33:20-22

Pastor: Our soul waits for the Lord;

**People: He is our help and our shield!**

Pastor: For our heart is glad in him,

**People: Because we trust in his holy name!**

Pastor: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,

**People: Even as we hope in you.**

## Prayer of Adoration & Praise

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Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her king;  
 Let every heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing,  
 And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns: let men their songs employ;  
 While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, repeat the sounding joy,  
 Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow; nor thorns infest the ground,  
 He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found,  
 Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
 The glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love,  
 And wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love

The Gonzalez Family, (8:15 am)

### **The Reading for the First Sunday of Advent: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

The Wilson Family (10:45 am)

Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### **Confession of Sin**

**Gracious Father, you created us upright, but we have sought our own ways. We are impatient when you teach us to wait on you and to trust you. We are impatient with the needs of others while expecting others to overlook our unrighteousness. Thank you for sending Jesus to be our righteousness and our hope. Help us to trust in him ...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!**

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

**Hebrews 9:27-28**

Just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

## Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

### We Have A Savior

Glover/Morgan

A child has been given, The King of our freedom. Sing for the light has come, This is Christmas.  
Come and adore Him, and bring gifts before Him. Joy to the world, worship the Son, This is Christmas.

*Jesus, Emmanuel here with us, tell all the world, We have a Savior, We have a Savior.  
We are no longer lost, 'cause He has come down for us, We have a Savior, We have a Savior.*

Sing with angels, and lift up your voices, Join in the song of hope, This is Christmas.

His love will reign forever. His love will reign forever. His love will reign forever.

### Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Wesley

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see Thee, Day-spring from on high, appear;  
Come, Thou promised Rod of Jesse, of Thy birth we long to hear.

O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth;  
"Go to Him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness, He whose glories knew no end;  
By His life He brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.

Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;  
This the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king;  
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.

By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

### Emmanuel

McGee

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
His name is called Emmanuel;  
God with us, revealed to us;  
His name is called Emmanuel.

## Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

**Tucker Fleming**

*(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**

### **Behold My Servant Isaiah 42:1-7 (Page 602)**

## 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.)*

### **Precious Promise**

**Chapman**

Oh what a precious promise, Oh what a gift of love;

An angel told a virgin that she's gonna have a son.

And though it's a precious promise, she wonders how can this be;

What will the people say, and what if Joseph can't believe.

And her questions and her fears, are met with an overwhelming joy, that God has chosen her.

Oh what a precious promise; Mary waits as heaven comes to earth.

Oh what a precious promise, Oh what a gift of love;

Joseph makes his choice to do what few men would have done:

To take Mary as his bride, when she's already carrying a child that isn't his own.

Oh what a precious promise; Mary and the child will have a home.

And shepherds stand on a hillside, Their hearts racing with the news the angel told them;

A star's light fills up the dark sky, As a night of precious promise is unfolding.

Oh what a precious promise, Oh what a gift of love;

The waiting now is over and the time has finally come.

For the God who made this world to roll back the curtain And unveil His passion for the heart of man.

Oh what a precious promise, Lying in a manger in Bethlehem.

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

**Isaiah 60:1**

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

## **Song of Faith**

### **Behold Him**

Jesus, Son of God, Messiah  
The Lamb, the roaring Lion  
Oh, be still and behold Him.

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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.



**NextGen Service Night:** This 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 for a spectacular event, *O Holy Night, the Long Awaited One!*, which all choirs have been preparing for us. The event is scheduled for next 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](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

WINTER 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

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## Service Times

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

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