

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 — January 7, 2024

Welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus! Thank you for joining us today and may the Lord richly bless you.

Song of Assembly¹

Cornerstone

Mote, Liljero, Morgan, Myrin

My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus blood and righteousness I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus name

Christ alone, cornerstone, Weak made strong, in the Savior's love Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all

When Darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil

His oath, His covenant, His blood, support me in the whelming flood. When all around my soul gives way. He then is all my hope and stay. He then is all my hope and stay

> When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found. Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless stand before the throne.

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 119:33-35

Pastor: Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes; and I will keep it to the end. People: Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart. All: Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

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Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

Under the shadow of Your throne Your saints have dwelt secure; Sufficient is Your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame, From everlasting You are God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Your sight are like an evening gone; Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Reading of the Word: Peace with God in All Circumstances

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

Confession of Sin

Romans 5:1-5

Adapted from John Chrysostom

O Lord, receive me in repentance; leave me not; save me from temptation; grant me pure thoughts; grant me tears of repentance, remembrance of death, and the sense of peace; grant me mindfulness to confess my sins; grant me humility, charity, and obedience. O Lord, implant in me the root of all blessings: the fear of you in my heart; vouchsafe that I may love you with all my heart and soul, and that I may obey in all things your will; shield me from evil persons and devils and passions and all other lawless matters. O Lord, you know your creation and your will for it; May your will also be fulfilled in me, a sinner, for you are blessed foreverSilent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!

Assurance of Forgiveness

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Romans 5:10-11

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Immortal, Invisible

Immortal, You are not like a man, that You change Your mind or change Your plan. Invisible, our human eyes can't see, the depths of Your majesty.

You're the God of forever and ever amen! The Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End. We sing, "Hallelujah!" We worship in awe, Immortal, invisible God.

Immortal, You are not bound by death. You're the living God, my very breath. Invisible, You are not bound by space, But Your glory is filling this place. Yes, Your glory is filling this place.

> Immortal yet You once died for me, To pay my debt, to set me free. Invisible, You will not always be, 'Cause You're coming to reign as our King, And the saints will fall down at Your feet.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but Thou are mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore; Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing waters flow; Let the fiery cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield; Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, Worship His holy name, sing like never before O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger, Your name is great, and Your heart is kind For all Your goodness I will keep on singing, Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come Still my soul will sing Your praise unending, ten thousand years and then forevermore

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> Worship Your holy name, Lord, I'll worship Your holy name Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name Worship Your holy name, Lord, I'll worship Your holy name

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Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

(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

My God is Yahweh 1 Kings 16:29-17:16 (Page 298)

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.)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Chisholm

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, There is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not, As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided, Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses above, Join with all nature in manifold witness, To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Elder Brian Rodgers

Benediction²

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Song of Faith

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

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Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command? And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

> O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal; O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.

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. 5

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.



Thank You! Once again you (DPC family) have blessed us beyond measure with your generous Christmas gifts! It is a joy to serve our Lord and Savior here among you! You love us and care for us so lavishly and we are so thankful for each and every one of you! It is our prayer that together as the DPC Family we may be faithful to the Lord's calling! Thank you for loving us! Scott, Rick, Stu, Tucker, and Tonya.

Women's Bible Study: Beginning again on January 16... every Tuesday morning,10:00-11:30 a.m. in the church gathering room. We are studying Luke Part 3, by Hope Blanton and Christine Gordon, a study of Luke 17-24. Study books are available in the Book Nook for \$10. Childcare is provided! For questions, contact Teresa Quinn (256)565-0897. Visitors are welcome!

Relationships ReFormed: Vicki Stephenson will be the keynote speaker for a community women's event sponsored by Habitat For Humanity, January 20, 2024, 9:00am – 12:00pm, at 1st Bible. This exciting event is titled: Relationships ReFormed – Trusting God's process in the pursuit of authentic love. Skip and Margie Thompson will also be sharing their own personal journey. Purchase your tickets at http://tinyurl.com/yhe3papr.

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!

Congregational Meeting: The elders have called a congregational meeting on January 28, for the sole purpose of electing men to the office of Ruling Elder and Deacon (BCO 24.1). All communing members in good standing (BCO 24.3) are encouraged to participate in the meeting and vote. The meeting will accommodate members who attend either worship service; stay tuned for more details. The recommended slate of candidates coming from the Session is as follows: Ruling Elder: Mike McMahan, Connor Ross, Allen Schmidt, Jay Suggs, Andy Thompson; Deacons: Sam Thompson, David Whitcomb.

DPC Short-Term Mission Trip: Mark your calendars! Our 2024 mission in the Dominican Republic will be June 4-11!!

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: 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

WINTER 2023

9:30 am

Romans: Come join us as we study Romans in the classroom across the hall from the church offices. Please join us in this study.

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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