



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 21, 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

By Faith

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By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death and rise triumphant from the grave

*We will stand as children of the promise, we will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight*

By faith the church was called to go in the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news in every corner of the earth

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-3

Pastor: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Pastor: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

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Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above.
His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n.

Reading of the Word: *Honoring Christ as Holy*

1 Peter 3:13-17

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Our God, we confess that we are often hardened and blind to our unrighteousness. Although You have treated us with gentleness and righteousness, we turn around and treat others with harshness and injustice through our words and actions. We are very quick to find fault with others, and slow to see it in ourselves. In this way we have despised your mercy. O Lord, forgive our sin ...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!

Assurance of Forgiveness

1 Peter 3:18

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Lead On, O King Eternal

Shurtleff

Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come; Henceforth in fields of conquest, thy tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation, thy grace has made us strong; And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease, And holiness shall whisper, the sweet amen of peace.

For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums;

With deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

So lead on, O King, Lead on, O King, Lead on, O King, Lead on.

Lead on, O King eternal, we follow, not with fears, For gladness breaks like morning where'er thy face appears.
Thy cross is lifted o'er us, we journey in its light; The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

Behold Him

Baloche

He who was before there was light, walked across the pages of time,

He who made every living thing, behold Him.

He who heard humanity's cry, left His throne to wake as a child,

He became like the least of us, behold Him.

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

He who dined with sinners and saints, healed the blind, the lost and the lame,

even now He is in our midst, behold Him.

He who chose a criminal's end, paid with blood to settle our debt,

buried death as He rose to life, behold Him.

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

Jesus, Alpha and Omega, Our God, the Risen Savior, oh, be still and behold Him.

Holy, holy, holy Is the Lord God Almighty; Worthy, worthy, worthy to receive all praise.

Lead Me To The Cross

Fraser

Savior I come quiet my soul, remember redemption's hill,

Where Your blood was spilled, for my ransom.

Everything I once held dear, I count it all as loss

Lead me to the cross, where Your love poured out, bring me to my knees, Lord I lay me down

Rid me of myself, I belong to You, Oh lead me, lead me to the cross

You were as I, tempted and tried, human

The word became flesh, bore my sin and death, now you're risen

Everything I once held dear, I count it all as loss

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Brian Rodgers

(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

Faith in the Face of Hostility

1 Kings 18:1-21 (Page 299)

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.)

Surrender

Cottrell

No more running, no more hiding. No pretending I'm OK.
No more struggling, no more fighting. Come and have Your way.

*I surrender, I bow down.
I surrender, here and now.
I am captured, Yours forever.
I surrender, I bow down.*

You pursue me, You have found me. I fall helpless at Your feet.
Your possession, I am conquered. Love has set me free.

I come and worship, come and worship
Worship Christ, the risen king.

Benediction²

1 Peter 5:10-11

And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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.

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.



Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study: Beginning again this Tuesday January 23... 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!

Monday Night Women's Bible Study: Our Monday night Women's Bible study begins January 29 from 6:15pm-7:45pm at the home of Amy Nelson, 2522 Sherwood Drive SE. 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. For questions, contact Teresa Quinn (256)565-0897. Visitors are welcome!

IronMan Night: All the men in the church (16 and over) and their friends will gather again for Ironman Night, Friday night, January 26, from 6:00pm – 8:00pm at Gil Cook's farm (88 Akins Mountain Rd, Hartselle). Gil & the gang will be grilling the meat, DPC will provide the drinks, and the men should bring sides and dessert. Jason Ellerbee, pastor of Christ Covenant PCA, Cullman, will lead us in a discussion on an issue relevant to men.

Congregational Meeting: The elders have called a congregational meeting next Sunday, 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 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. The meeting will accommodate members who attend either worship service in the following way:

8:15am service - after communion, open the meeting for those in attendance to vote.

9:30am - recess the meeting for Sunday School

10:45am service - after communion, resume the meeting for those in attendance to vote.

DPC Short-Term Mission Trip: Mark your calendars! Our 2024 mission in the Dominican Republic will be June 4-11!! There will be an interest meeting on Sunday, February 11 at 12:15pm in the church parlor.

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

Diaconate

John Elder
James Fudge
Wade Littrell
Bill Nelson
Scott Missildine
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Service Times

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

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