



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 28, 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

Everlasting God

Brown/Riley

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord
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We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord
Our God You reign forever, our hope our strong Deliv'rer
You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God
You do not faint, You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak, You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Jeremiah 10:6-7

Leader: There is none like you, O Lord; you are great, and your name is great in might.

Congregation: Who would not fear you, O King of the nations? For this is your due;

Leader: for among all the wise ones of the nations and in all their kingdoms there is none like you.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

Hymn of Praise

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Luther

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal.
That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; His kingdom is forever.

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Reading of the Word: *Responding to the True God*

Acts 17:22-31

So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, for “‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, “‘For we are indeed his offspring.’ Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, to know You is the fulfillment of our deepest longings and the satisfaction of our most ardent desires. Yet foolishly we have sought our pleasures elsewhere. We have put the seeking of idols, which are bound to leave us feeling empty, above seeking You. We have failed to love you with our whole heart, soul, and mind. We have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us for our sins for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. And grant that from now on, we might serve you in the newness of life ...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!

Assurance of Forgiveness

Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

God of Wonders

Byrd

Lord of all creation of water, earth and sky;

The heavens are Your tabernacle. Glory to the Lord on high!

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy. The universe declares Your Majesty.

You are holy, holy. Lord of Heaven and earth, Lord of Heaven and earth.

Early in the morning I will celebrate the light,

When I stumble in the darkness, I will call your name by night.

Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and earth. Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and earth.

Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and earth. You are holy, holy.

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy. Precious Lord, reveal Your heart to me.

Father, hold me, hold me. The universe declares Your Majesty. You are holy, holy, holy, holy!

Come Praise and Glorify

Kauflin/Chester

Come praise and glorify our God, The Father of our Lord

In Christ He has in heav'nly realms, His blessings on us poured

For pure and blameless in His sight, He destined us to be

And now we've been adopted through, His Son eternally

Come praise and glorify our God, For we've believed the Word

And through our faith we have a seal, The Spirit of the Lord

The Spirit guarantees our hope, Until redemption's done

Until we join in endless praise, To God, the Three in One

To the praise of Your glory, To the praise of Your mercy and grace,

To the praise of Your glory, You are the God who saves

Holy Forever

Tomlin

A thousand generations falling down in worship. To sing the song of ages to the Lamb.

And all who've gone before us, and all who will believe. Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb.

Your name is the highest. Your name is the greatest. Your name stands above them all.

All thrones and dominions. All powers and positions. Your name stands above them all

And the angels cry, Holy! All creation cries, Holy! You are lifted high, Holy! Holy forever!

If you've been forgiven, and if you've been redeemed. Sing the song forever to the Lamb.

If you walk in freedom, and if you bear His name. Sing the song forever to the Lamb.

We'll sing the song forever and amen.

And the angels cry, Holy All creations cries, Holy! You are lifted high, Holy! Holy forever!

Hear Your people sing, Holy! To the King of kings, Holy! You will always be Holy! Holy forever!

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.)

Singing to the Lord

Gratitude

Worship Choir

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon

Pastor Scott Phillips

The God Who Is There!
1 Kings 18:21-46 (Page 300)

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.)

Be Still My Soul

Sibelius

Be still my soul: the Lord is on your side; Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to your God to order and provide; In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly Friend, Thro' thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake, To guide the future as He has the past.
Your hope, your confidence, let nothing shake; All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know, His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart, And all is darkened in the vale of tears,
Then shall you better know his love, his heart, Who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.
Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay. From his own fullness all he takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastn'ing on, When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief and fear are gone, Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past, All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Benediction²

Romans 8:11

The Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you; he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Song of Faith

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

Getty

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: 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 this Monday, 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!

Congregational Meeting: The elders have called a congregational meeting today 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.

J.O.Y.ful Luncheon: Join the J.O.Y. Group Sunday, February 4th after the 10:45 am worship service for a potluck lunch and fellowship time. Make new friends with other "empty nesters" who, like you, no longer must rush home to feed hungry families. Following the meal, we will tease our brains with a fun game or two. For more information, contact Mary Chism, 336.675.5900 or maeabelle12@att.net.

Super Bowling Weekend: On February 10th, River City Lanes will be hosting the first annual Decatur Presbyterian Church Super Bowl Weekend Bowling Tournament. Join us as the adults square off against DPC Students for pin dominance and bragging rights. Email tucker@decaturpca.org to sign up before February 7!

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.

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
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Sam Thompson
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Service Times

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

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