



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 — February 4, 2024

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>

## Confidence

Ezra

Jesus great high priest at the right hand of the Father  
Interceding, praying now for us, Jesus great high priest  
Your full sacrifice is finished, Once for all our precious Lamb of God

*We have confidence to enter in the holy place  
We have confidence to enter by the new and living way  
We have confidence to enter in the holy place  
By the new and living way*

Jesus great high priest in the presence of your people  
Leading us in love to heaven's throne Jesus, great high priest  
Now the veil that was between us by your body torn forever on the cross

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Worthy, worthy, worthy  
Glory, glory, glory, To our great high priest*

## Welcome and Announcements

## Report of the Living Church

Kent Quinn, World Missions

## Responsive Call to Worship

Psalms 130:5-6

Pastor: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope.

People: My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

## Prayer of Adoration & Praise

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My hope is built on nothing less, Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil.

**Reading of the Word: *The "Yes" of God's Promises***

**2 Corinthians 1:18–22**

As surely as God is faithful, our word to you has not been Yes and No. For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you, Silvanus and Timothy and I, was not Yes and No, but in him it is always Yes. For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory. And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Confession of Sin**

**Father, when our Lord Jesus rose from the grave, You declared for all to see that You had shattered the power of sin and death. We ask that You would forgive the sin, doubt, and fear that prevent us from boldly serving You. Help us to trust Your power to change our lives, that we may enjoy the reality of Christ's resurrection in our daily living, and know the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. This we ask in the name of Your Son, our Savior Jesus ...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**Hebrews 10:21-23**

Since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

## Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

### Build My Life

Barrett

Worthy of every song we could ever sing, Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring  
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe, We live for You, oh, we live for You

Jesus, the name above every other name, Jesus, the only One who could ever save  
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe, We live for You, we live for You

*Holy, there is no one like You, there is none beside You, Open up my eyes in wonder  
And show me who You are and fill me with Your heart, And lead me in Your love to those around me*

And I will build my life upon Your love, it is a firm foundation  
And I will put my trust in You alone and I will not be shaken

### Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

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What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.

What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.

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.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.

Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"

And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and death will be destroyed,

And we will feast in endless joy, When Christ is ours forevermore.

## Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Blake Temple

*(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.)*

(10:45 service only)

**Singing to the Lord**

*Jesus Strong and Kind*

**DPC Kids Choir**

**His Tithes & Our Offerings**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Scott Phillips**

**Living In God's Promises**  
**1 Kings 18:41-46 (Page 301)**

## **We Respond: with the taking of vows...**

### **Vows for the Offices of Deacon & Elder**

**PCA Book of Church Order, §24-6**

Re-Installation to the Diaconate: Deacon Sam Thompson, and Deacon David Whitcomb

Installation to the Office of Elder: Andy Thompson

Re-Installation to the Session of DPC: Elder Mike McMahan, Elder Connor Ross, Elder Allen Schmidt, and Elder Jay Suggs

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the *Confession of Faith* and the *Catechisms* of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
4. Do you accept the office of deacon & elder in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?
5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the Church?

### **Congregational Vow**

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive these brothers as deacons & elder, and do you promise to yield them all that honor, encouragement and obedience in the Lord to which their office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles them?

### **Prayer of Installation**

### **The Declaration**

I now pronounce and declare that ... have been regularly elected and installed as deacons or elders (as the case may be) in this church, agreeable to the Word of God, and according to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America; and that as such they are entitled to all encouragement, honor, and obedience in the Lord: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

### **The Right Hand of Fellowship**

### **A Brief Charge**

## 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.)*

### Speak, O Lord

Getty, Townend

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.  
Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility;  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail let their truth prevail over unbelief.  
Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.

## Benediction<sup>2</sup>

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

## Song of Faith

### Behold Our God

Baird/Altrogge

Behold our God, seated on His throne. Come, let us adore Him.  
Behold our King, nothing can compare, come, let us adore 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.



**J.O.Y.ful Luncheon:** Join the J.O.Y. Group today, 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 maeblle12@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.

**Bridal Shower!** Join us for a bridal shower for Caroline Stark (fiancé is John Haadsma) Sunday, March 17, 2:00-3:30pm at Temple, Inc. (320 Bank Street). You can go to the website <https://theknot.com/johncaroline2024> to see the couple's registries.

**Save the Date! Women's Retreat:** April 19-20, 2024 at The Vision in Huntsville. The topic this year is *"Abide in the True Vine"* (from John 15). Deadline for registration is April 1st. More information coming soon!

**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  
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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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