



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 18, 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

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Lyte

Jesus I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow Thee;
Naked, poor, despised, forsaken, Thou from hence my all shalt be.
Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known;
Yet how rich is my condition, God and heaven are still my own.
Go then earthly fame and treasure, come disaster, scorn and pain
In Thy service pain is pleasure, with Thy favor loss is gain
I have called Thee Abba Father, I have stayed my heart on Thee
Storms may howl and clouds may gather, all must work for good to me.
Haste thee on from grace to glory, armed by faith and winged by prayer;
Heaven's eternal day's before thee, God's own hand shall guide thee there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, swift shall pass thy pilgrim days;
Hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

Welcome and Announcements

Report of the Living Church

Connor Ross, World Missions - Faith Promise

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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Facing a task unfinished, That drives us to our knees
A need that, undiminished, Rebukes our slothful ease
We, who rejoice to know Thee, Renew before Thy throne
The solemn pledge we owe Thee, To go and make Thee known
Where other lords beside Thee, Hold their unhindered sway
Where forces that defied Thee, Defy Thee still today
With none to heed their crying, For life, and love, and light
Unnumbered souls are dying, And pass into the night
*We go to all the world, With kingdom hope unfurled
No other name has power to save, But Jesus Christ The Lord*
We bear the torch that flaming, Fell from the hands of those
Who gave their lives proclaiming, That Jesus died and rose
Ours is the same commission, The same glad message ours
Fired by the same ambition, To Thee we yield our powers

Reading of the Word: *The Exceeding Joy of God's Kingdom***Matthew 13:44-46**

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, we confess that our successes has been our comfort, rather than your Son's cross; that we have craved the fellowship of those already like us, rather than the fellowship of Christ's sufferings; that we have worked to save our own lives, rather than lose our lives for the sake of the good news. Have mercy on us, Father, and grant us the repentance we need. Cleanse us by the finished work of our Lord Jesus Christ, and restore the joy that only you can give ...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!

Assurance of Forgiveness**Colossians 3:1-4**

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Before the Throne of God Above

Bancroft & Cook

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is "Love," who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav'n He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart.
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on him and pardon me.
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God.
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

Praise God

Ken/Watts/Kauflin

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, In Heaven above and earth below.
Praise God the Father and the Son, Praise God the Spirit, three-in-one.

From all that dwell beneath the skies, Let the Creator's praise arise.
Let our Redeemer's name be sung, Through every land, by every tongue.

Eternal are Your mercies Lord, Eternal truth attends Your Word.
Your praise will sound from shore to shore, Till suns shall rise and set no more.

In every land, by every tongue, Let our Redeemer's name be sung.

He Knows My Name

Walker

I have a Maker, He formed my heart
Before even time began my life was in His hands

*He knows my name, He knows my every thought
He sees each tear that falls and He hears me when I call*

I have a Father, He calls me His own
He'll never leave me no matter where I go

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.)

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon

Pastor Scott Phillips

Joy in Mission

1 Kings 19:19-21 (Page 301)

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.)

We Hunger and Thirst

Exalted Son of glory humbly came down, Wounded for the broken, bore the sinner's crown

Through the willing death You died, You became our bread of life

Jesus, we hunger and thirst for You, Lord, As we remember Your sacrifice

We see the wounds from Your hands and pierced side, Extravagant love! Oh how great the price

Now our lives are Yours

The priceless blood of Jesus, this gracious cup, A life spring overflowing, poured out for us

He has conquered every sin, For the ones who trust in Him

The cup we drink, the bread we eat, Reminds us You are all we need

And makes us long for Your wedding feast, The cup we drink, the bread we eat

Reminds us You are all we need, And makes us long for Your wedding feast

Benediction²

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

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!

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.



Women's Fellowship! Ladies, you are invited to join us for REPLENISH, a women's fellowship, at the home of Betsy Stark (3773 S. Woodtrail Rd SW) this Thursday, February 22 at 6pm. Vicki Stephenson will share about replenishing our spirit to better reflect Christ to our neighbors, followed by a time of fellowship together. Food and drink will be provided.

What Is A Presbyterian? "*Presbyterian*." That's hard enough for most to even spell... so what is it? Is it contagious? (ha, ha!) No. It's the name of the "denomination" which DPC affiliates with - churches voluntarily organized and banded together by holding a shared theology and mission. So what does it mean or look like? How does any of this help the believer or the community find a relationship with Jesus, worship Him, and make a difference in our world? Come and see! Pastor Scott Phillips will begin a new Sunday school series beginning March 03 in room #158, 9:30 - 10:30am.

Bridal Tea! Join us for a bridal tea for Katie Oakley (fiancee' of Luke Olson) Sunday, March 3, immediately after the 10:45 worship service @ DPC. The couple is registered at The Knot <https://www.theknot.com/us/katie-oakley-and-luke-olson-apr-2024>.

Bridal Tea! Join us for a bridal tea 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
Jay Suggs
Blake Temple
Andy Thompson
Chip Walraven

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John Elder
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Service Times

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

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