



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 25, 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

Hallelujah (Scars)

Godwin/Chism

My God you are the great I Am, the lion and sacrificial lamb
Through suffering, your pain runs deep, And to my wounds your wounds alone can speak.

You're not a distant God out there, but one who's close and meets my every care.

Your lonely death upon the tree, bore marks that truly show your love for me.

*Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Your scars will never fade
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My suffering is not the end, in sorrow I am walking yet again
But you're a God who can relate, who loves enough to live my every pain.
Your wounds now healed in victory, and in your time that's where I want to be.
Until that day, I'm safe in you, with faith and power to endure.

Welcome and Announcements

Report of the Living Church

Connor Ross, World Missions - Faith Promise

Responsive Call to Worship

Isaiah 35:3-6

Pastor: Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who have an anxious heart,

People: "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you."

Pastor: Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

People: then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

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O for a thousand tongues to sing, my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.
Jesus! The Name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
He breaks the power of reigning sin, he sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.
My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread thro' all the earth abroad, the honors of Thy name.

Reading of the Word: *Returning the the Lord*

Joel 2:11-13

The Lord utters his voice before his army, for his camp is exceedingly great; he who executes his word is powerful. For the day of the Lord is great and very awesome; who can endure it? "Yet even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

from the *Common Book of Worship*

Almighty God, who does freely pardon all who repent and turn to him, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace; forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience; through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord ...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

Your Great Name We Praise

Smith

Immortal, invisible God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes.
Most holy, most glorious the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious Your great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light, Not wanting or wasting You rule us in might.
Your justice like mountains high soaring above, Your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Most Holy, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, Your great name we praise.

All life comes from You Lord to both great and small, In all life You live Lord, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish, but quickly grow frail, We wither and perish, but You never fail.

Come Ye Sinners

Ortega

Come ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready, stands to save you full, of pity, love and pow'r.

*I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in his arms;
In the arms of my dear savior, O, there are ten thousand charms.*

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance, Every grace that brings you nigh.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, Lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry 'til you're better, you will never come at all.

Lo! the incarnate God ascended Pleads the merit of his blood.
Venture on him, venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.

*I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in his arms;
In the arms of my dear savior, O, there are ten thousand charms.
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Lord Have Mercy

Merkel

Jesus I've forgotten the words that You have spoken
Promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim.
With a doubting heart I follow the paths of earthly wisdom
Forgive me for my unbelief; renew the fire again.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on me.

I have built an altar where I worship things of man.
I have taken journeys that have drawn me far from You.
Now I am returning to Your mercies ever flowing
Pardon my transgressions; help me love You again.

I have longed to know You... and Your tender mercies
Like a river of forgiveness ever flowing without end.
I bow my heart before You in the goodness of Your presence,
Your grace forever shining like a beacon in the night.

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.)

Singing to the Lord

Hallelujah, What a Savior

Worship Choir

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon

Pastor Scott Phillips

A Tale of Two Kings
1 Kings 21:1-29 (Page 303)

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.)

Thy Mercy My God

Stoker

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song, The joy of my heart, and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last, Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart, Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground, And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own, And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine, Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

Benediction²

Numbers 6:24-26

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

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.



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) next 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!

Youth Fundraising: Many of our youth are available to help with various household tasks to raise money towards their RYM conference fee. If you are interested in hiring any youth students, please send a description of the task, the number of students needed, and an estimate of duration to Tucker at tucker@decaturpca.org. The donation amount will be whatever is agreed upon with the student and their parents.

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
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Connor Ross

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

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