



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 — March 3, 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

God Of This City

Tomlin

You're the God of this city, You're the King of these people, You're the Lord of this nation, You are!
You're the Light in this darkness, You're the Hope to the hopeless, You're the Peace to the restless, You are!

There is no one like our God, There is no one like our God.

For greater things have yet to come, And greater things are still to be done in this city.

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You're the Lord of creation, the creator of all things. You're the King above all Kings, You are!
You're the strength in our weakness, You're the love to the broken, You're the joy in the sadness, You are!

Greater things have yet to come, and greater things are still to be done here. There is no one like You, God.

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

From Psalm 103

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

Congregation: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Leader: As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust. But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness.

Congregation: The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all. Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word! Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will!

All: Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near, Join me in glad adoration.
Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been, granted in what He ordaineth?
Praise to the Lord Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, If with His love He befriend thee.

Reading of the Word: *The Proud and the Humble***James 4:1-10**

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Oh Lord, we are weak and frail, yet we think highly of ourselves. We do not fear you as we ought, but we ignore you, the ruler of our lives. We have not humbled ourselves before you, but have disobeyed your commands and thought little of it. Forgive us in the name of Jesus, and make us joyfully humble before you, our generous King
...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... **Amen!**

Assurance of Forgiveness**1 Peter 5:6-7**

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Whom Shall I Fear (Angel Armies)

Cash, Cash & Tomlin

You hear me when I call, You are my morning song
Though darkness fills the night, it cannot hide the Light, Whom shall I fear
You crush the enemy underneath my feet
You are my Sword and Shield though troubles linger still, Whom shall I fear

Chorus

*I know who goes before me, I know who stands behind, The God of angel armies is always by my side
The one who reigns forever, He is a Friend of mine, The God of angel armies is always by my side*
My strength is in Your Name for You alone can save, You will deliver me, Yours is the victory
Whom shall I fear, Whom shall I fear
The God of angel armies is always by my side!

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

Jesus, Only Jesus

Tomlin

Who has the power to raise the dead, Who can save us from our sin?
He is our hope, our righteousness. Jesus, only Jesus.
Who can make the blind to see, Who holds the keys that set us free?
He paid it all to bring us peace. Jesus, only Jesus.
Holy, King Almighty, Lord. Saints and angels all adore. I join with them and bow before, Jesus, only Jesus.
Who can command the highest praise, Who has the name above all names?
You stand alone, I stand amazed. Jesus, only Jesus.
*You will command the highest praise, Yours is the name above all names.
You stand alone, I stand amazed. Jesus, only Jesus. Jesus, only Jesus.*

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Andy Thompson

(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)

Singing to the Lord

Create in Me

DPC Kids Choir

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon

Pastor Scott Phillips

Furious Fire and Amazing Grace
2 Kings 1:1-18 (Page 307)

We Respond By Receiving New Members

The Lord Adds to His Church

(8:15 service)

Ben & Sally Neill, (Brantley, Elizabeth & Lucy)

(10:45 service)

Jesse & Anna Pawley, (Erika, Hall, Simeon, & Rose)

The Membership Vows (PCA Book of Church Order §57-5)

Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope except through His sovereign mercy?

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as become followers of Christ?

Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your abilities?

Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

Prayer for the New Members

Elder Connor Ross

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.)

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Featherstone

My Jesus I love Thee, I know Thou art mine; For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.

My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou; If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee, because Thou hast first loved me, And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.

I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow; If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death, And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;

And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow, If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;

I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow, If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

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

I Will Glory In My Redeemer

Cook

I will glory in my Redeemer
Who crushed the power of sin and death,
My only Savior before the holy Judge,
The Lamb who is my righteousness,
The Lamb who is my righteousness.
I will glory in my Redeemer!

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 today March 03 in room #158, 9:30 - 10:30am.

Bridal Tea! Join us for a bridal tea for Katie Oakley (fiancee' of Luke Olson) today, 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 (fianceé 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.

Youth Fundraising: Our youth are available to help with household tasks to raise funds for their RYM conference fee. To hire them, email task details, number of students needed, and duration estimate to Tucker at tucker@decaturpca.org. Donation amounts are agreed upon with students and 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

SPRING 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 - What Is a Presbyterian?: 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? Join us!

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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James Fudge
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Service Times

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

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