



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 10, 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

King's Cross

Ezra Worship Initiative

King of the ages, all you've created, Jesus, Ruler of the universe as man
Laid down your glory, entered my story, Jesus, gave your life a ransom as the Lamb.
Your sacrifice has set me free.

*On the King's cross, on the King's cross, scarlet hands and crown of thorns
God himself who saved His own, I'm forgiven on the King's cross*

Now you are risen, and it is finished, Jesus, God as human reigning on your throne
I am your treasure, purchased forever, Jesus, with your life and death marked as my own

Amazing love, how can it be, that you my God, would die for me

Report of the Living Church

Tucker Fleming, Caring for Christ's Little Ones

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 9:9-11

Pastor: Praise the Lord, all nations!

People: Extol him, all peoples!

Pastor: For great is his steadfast love toward us,

People: And the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

All: Praise the Lord!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

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Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.
 Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!
 Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
 And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love! Behold His hands and side;
 Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;
 All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me:
 Thy praise and glory shall not fail, throughout eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life! Who triumphed o'er the grave;
 Who rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
 His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
 Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Reading of the Word: *Enduring Guide to a Faithful Life*

Hebrews 13:7-16

Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Father in heaven, we have been prone to independence and self-reliance. We find ourselves living for prestige and honor among men. We try to build monuments of our own accomplishments. We pray that you would forgive us and turn us to Jesus who cleanses us by his blood. Free us to share our resources with others as we long for the lasting city not built by human hands ...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!

Assurance of Forgiveness

Romans 8:31-34

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

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All Creatures of Our God and King

Sovereign Grace

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him! Allelujah! Thou, burning sun with golden beam.
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam. O praise Him! O praise Him! Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelu-jah!
Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him! Allelujah! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son.
And praise the Spirit, Three-in-one. O praise Him! O praise Him! Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelu-jah!
All the redeemed washed by His blood, Come and rejoice in His great love.
O praise Him! Allelujah! Christ has defeated every sin. Cast all your burdens now on Him.
O praise Him! O praise Him! Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelu-jah!
He shall return in power to reign. Heaven and earth will join to say:
O praise Him! Allelujah! Then who shall fall on bended Knee? All creatures of our God and King.
O praise Him! O praise Him! Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelu-jah!

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!*

*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 Andy Thompson

...Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

(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

The More Things Change...

2 Kings 2:1-18 (Page 307)

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 Thou My Vision

Hull

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Benediction²

2 Thessalonians 3:3,5

The Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

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.



Bridal Tea! Join us for a bridal tea for Caroline Stark (fiancé is John Haadsma) next 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.

World Missions Faith Promise: Members have received a letter and pledge card in the mail. Through Faith Promise, we commit to prayerfully pledging a specific amount to World Missions, trusting the Lord to provide beyond our regular tithing. You can also make your pledge online at decatupca.org. Please submit your pledges by March 17th.

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@decatupca.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@decatupca.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
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Connor Ross

Allen Schmidt
Jay Suggs
Blake Temple
Andy Thompson
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8:15am Worship
9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Worship

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