



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 17, 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

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Peace/Matheson

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee;

I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thine ocean depths its flow, May richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;

My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day, May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee;

I climb the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain, That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from Thee;

I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red, Life that shall endless be.

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 132:7; Hebrews 10:22

Pastor: Let us go to his dwelling place; let us worship at his footstool!

People: 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.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

Hymn of Praise

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Newton/Twit

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;

He whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for His own abode

On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?

With salvation's walls surrounded, Thou mayst smile at all thy foes.

See the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love

Well supply Thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove

Who can faint while such a river, ever flows their thirst t'assuage?

Grace which like the Lord the giver, never fails from age to age.

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Reading of the Word: *take heed lest he fall*

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

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

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and to save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored truth. Have mercy on us, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior ...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!

Assurance of Forgiveness

Romans 3:22, 24

For all who believe... are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Always

Tomlin

I believe You gave sight to the blind, I believe that the dead came to life

I believe there were wonders and signs, And You're still the same

I believe every word that You said, I believe there are scars in Your hands

That Your goodness is good without end, And You'll never change

I will tell of Your wonders, sing of Your grace, The God of creation he knows me by name

The Lord is faithful, yesterday, now, and always. Always.

Your mercy is mighty, age after age, And all generations will bow down and praise

The Lord is faithful, yesterday, now, and always. Always.

I believe You will come in the clouds, I believe You are here even now

In Your presence, I know there is power, Power to save, oh

[Bridge]

You were, You are, You always will be God, You were (You were). You are (You are)

You always will be God. Yes, You always will be God

Through the Precious Blood

Altrogge

You have ordained every breath we take, in pleasure or pain, there is no mistake
Gladness and grief, both are in Your hands, and sufferings brief carry out Your plan
And our fleeting sorrows, will yield an endless prize, When some bright tomorrow, we'll see You with our eyes, and
*Grace upon grace flows down, flows down, And Grace upon grace flows down, flows down,
Through the precious blood of Christ*

All good gifts, every good thing, comes to us freely, so freely,
All good gifts, every good thing, comes to us freely, so freely,
Through the precious blood, Through the precious blood.

Rock of Ages

Toplady

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, from Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death;
When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

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.)

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon

Pastor Rick Stark

The Word that Saves and Breaks
2 Kings 2:19-25 (Page 308)

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

*Elizabeth Gray Ladner
Covenant Child of Braden & Kristin Ladner
Jett Robert Larson
Covenant Child of Jake & Mackenzie Larson*

Solemn Vows - Parents

Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God's covenant promises on thier behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?

Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with them and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy faith, and that you will strive, by all means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Solemn Vows - Congregation

Do you, members of this congregation and also members of the Body of Christ outside of this local church, undertake this responsibility - assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of these children?

Solemn Words to the Child

Little child, Jesus Christ has come, he has fought, he has suffered. He has entered into the shadows of Gethsemane and the terrors of Calvary; he has uttered the cry "It is finished!" He has risen from the dead and ascended into heaven, and there he intercedes for his church. Today we have pledged to teach you all of these things, and our prayer for you is that you will always mature and grow in the grace and in the knowledge of our great Lord and Savior - Jesus Christ.

Prayer for Liza & Jett

Elder Jeff Keith

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.)

Above All

LeBlanc

Above all powers, above all kings, Above all nature and all created things;
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man, You were here before the world began.
Above all kingdoms, above all thrones, Above all wonders the world has ever known;
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth, There's no way to measure what You're worth.

*Crucified, laid behind the stone; You lived to die, rejected and alone;
Like a rose trampled on the ground, You took the fall, were glorified above all*

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.



Bridal Tea! Join us for a bridal tea for Caroline Stark (fiancée is John Haadsma) today, 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 decaturpca.org. Please submit your pledges by today 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@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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