



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 31, 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

Come People of the Risen King

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Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring Him praise.
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice! One heart, one voice; O, Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease;
But follow us through all our days, with the certain hope of peace.
Come, young and old from every land, men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands, find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world His people sing; Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age, "Our God is All in All."

Welcome and Announcements

Report of the Living Church

Jack Lyons, Japan Summer Mission

Easter Fanfare

Resurrection Song

Worship Choir

Responsive Call to Worship

from Psalm 118

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Congregation: His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: Open to us the gates of righteousness,

Congregation: that we may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

Pastor: This is the gate of the Lord;

Congregation: the righteous shall enter through it.

Pastor: I thank you that you have answered us and have become our salvation.

Congregation: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Pastor: This is the day that the Lord has made;

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

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Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia! Sing ye heav'ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!
Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia! Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids His rise; Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!
Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died our souls to save; Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Reading of the Word: *The Riches of God's Grace***Ephesians 1:3-13**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin**from the Book of Common 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**Ephesians 2:4-7**

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Hallelujah, He's Alive!

Man of sorrows what a name for the Son of God, who came
ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Guilty, vile and helpless we; spotless Lamb of God was he,
Full atonement, can it be? Hallelujah, what a Savior!

*Hallelujah, Christ has won! Now the grave is overcome!
Let the empty tomb testify! Hallelujah, He's alive!*

Lifted up was He to die; "It is finished" was his cry;
now in heaven exalted high: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Oh the joy of Sunday's dawn! Now the curse of sin is gone!
So we sing redemption's song: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Let the empty tomb testify! Hallelujah, He's alive!

Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed

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How can it be, the One who died, has borne our sin through sacrifice
To conquer every sting of death? Sing, sing hallelujah.

For joy awakes as dawning light, when Christ's disciples lift their eyes.
Alive He stands, their Friend and King; Christ, Christ He is risen.

*Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh, sing hallelujah.
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed; Christ is risen, He is risen indeed.*

The power that raised Him from the grave, now works in us to powerfully save.
He frees our hearts to live His grace; go tell of His goodness.

He's alive, He's alive! Heaven's gates are opened wide. He's alive, He's alive! Now in heaven glorified.

Worthy Is the Lamb/Crown Him With Many Crowns

Zschech/Bridges

*In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever;
'til my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.*

Thank you for the cross, Lord. Thank you for the price you paid.
Bearing all my sin and shame, in love you came and gave Amazing Grace.

Thank you for this love, Lord. Thank you for the nail-pierced hands.
Wash me in Your cleansing flow, now all I know...Your forgiveness and embrace.

*Worthy is the Lamb seated on the throne. Crown You now with many crowns You reign victorious!
High and lifted up Jesus, Son of God. Sent from Heaven, crucified...worthy is the Lamb. Worthy is the Lamb.*

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon the 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.

Singing to the Lord

Empty Grave

Worship Choir

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon

Pastor Scott Phillips

The Way of God
2 Kings 4:1-7 (Page 309)

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.)

In Christ Alone

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In Christ Alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

(10:45 service only) In Christ alone! Who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!

This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.

Till on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied,

For every sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain:

Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!

And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,

For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;

From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.

No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;

Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Benediction²

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Song of Faith

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Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
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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 Spring Retreat: April 19-20, 2024 at The Vision in Huntsville. The topic is *"Abide in the True Vine"* (from John 15). The speakers for the retreat video sessions are Melissa Kruger, Courtney Doctor, and Elizabeth Woodson. Cost is \$75 for lodging and 3 meals. Deadline for registration is TOMORROW, April 1st.

Officer Nominations: We will be accepting elder & deacon nominations the entire month of April. Officer qualification study guides, reflection papers, and nomination forms are available in the foyer, along with the box in which to place your nomination. Please pray over any nomination you'd like to make and read the nomination form carefully.

J.O.Y.ful Endeavors Luncheon: Joyful Endeavors cordially invites empty-nesters and other like-minded senior adults to come enjoy a potluck meal, fun, and fellowship on April 14th, immediately after the 10:45 worship service! Please contact Mary Chism with any questions, 336.675.5900, maeabelle12@att.net.

Summer Missions: Please be praying for Jack Lyons as he makes plans to return to Japan with Mission to the World, sharing the gospel through Community Arts Tokyo and working with college students. For more information, go to jacktojapan.com.

VBS: Save the Date. June 24-27, 9:00am-12:00pm.

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
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Connor Ross

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Jay Suggs
Blake Temple
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Service Times

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

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