



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 — April 7, 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

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 104:31-34

Leader: May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works,

People: who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke!

Leader: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

People: May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

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O worship the King all glorious above,
 O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love;
 Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
 Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
 Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
 His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
 And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
 In You do we trust, nor find You to fail;
 Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
 Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

Reading of the Word: *God Has Visited His People*

Luke 7:11-16

Soon afterward he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Father, in view of the resurrection of Jesus from the grave, we humbly ask that You would forgive the sin that so often entangles us, all the ways we doubt and deny Your victory, which offends You and prevents us from serving You. Help us to trust Your power to change our lives, that we might live out the reality of Christ's resurrection. This we ask in the name of Your Risen Son, our Savior ...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!

Assurance of Forgiveness

Titus 3:4-7

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

The Sands of Time Are Sinking

Rutherford

The sands of time are sinking, The dawn of heaven breaks;
The summer morn I've sighed for, The fair, sweet morn awakes:
Dark, dark had been the midnight, But dayspring is at hand, And glory, glory dwelleth, In Emmanuel's land.

O Christ, He is the fountain, The deep, sweet well of love!
The streams on earth I've tasted, More deep I'll drink above:
There to an ocean fullness, His mercy doth expand, And glory, glory dwelleth, In Emmanuel's land.

The bride eyes not her garment, But her dear Bridegroom's face;
I will not gaze at glory, But on my King of grace.
Not at the crown He giveth, But on His pierced hand; The Lamb is all the glory, Of Emmanuel's land.

O I am my Beloved's, And my Beloved is mine!
He brings a poor vile sinner, Into His house of wine
I stand upon His merit, I know no other stand, Not e'en where glory dwelleth, In Emmanuel's land

Praise the Lord (Psalm 150)

Boswell/Papa

You made the starry hosts, You traced the mountain peaks You paint the evening sky with wonders
The earth, it is Your throne, from desert to the sea, all nature testifies Your splendor

*Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Sing His greatness All creation, Praise the Lord, Raise your voice,
You heights and all you depths, From furthest east to west, Let everything that has breath, Praise the Lord*

You reached into the dust, In love, Your Spirit breathed, You formed us in Your very likeness
To know Your wondrous works, To tell Your mighty deeds, To join the everlasting chorus

Let symphonies resound, Let drums and choirs ring out, All heaven hear the sound of worship
Let every nation bring, Its honors to the King, A roar of harmonies eternal

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Sing His greatness, All creation, Praise the Lord, Raise your voice

You heights and all you depths, From furthest east to west, You distant burning stars,

All creatures near and far, From sky to sea to shore, Sing out forevermore,

Let everything that has breath, Praise the Lord

Jesus Messiah

Tomlin

He became sin who knew no sin that we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross, love so amazing love so amazing

*Jesus Messiah Name above all names, Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven, Jesus Messiah Lord of all*

His body the bread His blood the wine, broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn, love so amazing love so amazing
All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You, All the glory to You God, the Light of the world

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Connor Ross

(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

A Blessing, a Curse, and a Promise

2 Kings 4:8-37 (Page 309)

(10:45 service)

We Respond By Receiving a New Member

The Lord Adds to His Church

Shelley Jeanninne Smith

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 a become follower of Christ?

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

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

Prayer for Sissy

Elder Allen Schmidt

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.)

By His Wounds

Powell

He was pierced for our transgressions,
He was crushed for our sins
The punishment that brought us peace was upon Him
And by His wounds, by His wounds we are healed

We are healed by Your sacrifice
In the life that You gave
We are healed for You paid the price
By Your grace we are saved
We are saved

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Benediction²

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Song of Faith

Worthy Is the Lamb

Zschech

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.

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: Registration has been extended until tomorrow, April 8th! 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.

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, (Just Older Youth), to come enjoy a potluck meal, fun, and fellowship next Sunday, April 14th, immediately after the 10:45 worship service! Please contact Mary Chism with any questions, 336.675.5900, maebelle12@att.net.

Youth Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser: In lieu of Sunday School on 4/21, the youth will be having a pancake breakfast to raise funds for their summer conferences. Breakfast will be served 9:30-10:30 in the Gathering room. Suggested donation of \$5. Contact Tucker Fleming @678-448-6651 with any questions.

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
Jeff Keith
Mike McMahan
Brian Rodgers
Connor Ross

Allen Schmidt
Jay Suggs
Blake Temple
Andy Thompson
Chip Walraven

Diaconate

John Elder
James Fudge
Wade Littrell
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Service Times

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

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