

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 28, 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

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

Robinson/Thompson

Mine are days that God has numbered, I was made to walk with Him Yet I look for worldly treasure, And forsake the King of kings But mine is hope in my Redeemer, Though I fall, his love is sure For Christ has paid for every failing, I am His forevermore

Mine are days here as a stranger, Pilgrim on a narrow way One with Christ I will encounter, Harm and hatred for his name But mine is armour for this battle, Strong enough to last the war And he has said he will deliver, Safely to the golden shore

And mine are keys to Zion city, Where beside the King I walk For there my heart has found its treasure, Christ is mine forevermore

Come rejoice now, O my soul, For his love is my reward Fear is gone and hope is sure, Christ is mine forevermore!

Welcome and Announcements

Report of the Living Church

Joey Carter, Campus Outreach

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 68:32-35

Pastor: O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the Lord,

Congregation: to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

Pastor: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies.

Congregation: Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

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Hymn of Praise

Come, Thou Almighty King

Anonymous

Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy Name to sing, Help us to praise. Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come Thou Incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword, Our prayer attend. Come, and Thy people bless, And give Thy Word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear, In this glad hour. Thou Who almighty art, Now rule in every heart, And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

Reading of the Word: Fearless Faith

Luke 12:4-7

I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do. But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him! Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

To you, O Lord, we know how our sins keep us from the joy of your presence and the light of your face. You know how often we have offended you, forgetting your fatherly care so that we live in our fears. Forgive us, O Lord, for every fearful thought, every untrue word, every wrong act. Forgive us for our ingratitude, our neglect, and our carelessness. O God, have mercy upon us, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord ...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!

Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 103:8-12

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. 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.

Just As I Am (I Come Broken)

Cottrell

Just as I am without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me, And that Thou bidst me come to Thee, O Lamb of God I come, I come.

Just as I am and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot. To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God I come, I come.

I come broken to be mended, I come wounded to be healed.
I come desperate to be rescued, I come empty to be filled.
I come guilty to be pardoned by the blood of Christ the Lamb.
And I'm welcomed with open arms, praise God, just as I am.

Just as I am I would be lost, but mercy and grace my freedom bought. And now, to glory in Your cross, oh Lamb of God I come, I come.

I Am Not Alone

When I walk through deep waters, I know that You will be with me When I'm standing in the fire, I will not be overcome Through the valley of the shadow, I will not fear

> I am not alone, I am not alone, You will go before me You will never leave me (2x)

> You amaze me, Redeem me, You call me as Your own

You're my strength, You're my defender You're my refuge in the storm, through these trials You've always been faithful, You bring healing to my soul.

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

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How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure, That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure. How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away, As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon the cross, my sin upon His shoulders, Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished; His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in any thing, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom; But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection. Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer, But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.

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

God Never Gets Bored 2 Kings 6:1-7 (Page 312)

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.)

Only A Holy God

Robinson/Thompson

Who else commands all the hosts of Heaven? Who else could make every king bow down? Who else could whisper and darkness trembles? Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises? What other splendour outshines the Sun? What other majesty rules with justice? Only a Holy God

Come and behold Him, the One and the Only Cry out, sing holy, forever a Holy God Come and worship the Holy God

What other glory consumes like fire? What other power can raise the dead? What other name remains undefeated? Only a Holy God

Who else could rescue me from my failing? Who else would offer His only Son? Who else invites me to call Him Father? Only a Holy God, Only my Holy God

Benediction² 2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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.

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.

Senior Recognition Sunday: There will be short receptions honoring our 2024 high school graduates immediately following both the 8:15 worship service and Sunday school next Sunday, May 5th. There will be gift tables for each graduate located in the Café area. Our seniors this year are: Meagan Green: Criminology, University undecided; Grant Keith: USAF/National Guard for Cybersecurity; Nicole Montgomery: Exercise Science pre-PT, The University of Mississippi (Ole Miss); Noah Phillips: Psychology, Mississippi State; Izzy Kate Priest: Biomedical Engineering or Science, Pre-Pharmacy Track, Auburn; Conner Seale: Mechanical Engineering, Auburn

Baby Shower! Join us for a baby shower for Jessie (Schieler) Kappers, next Sunday, May 5 at 2 pm at Temple, Inc. (320 Bank Street). Jessie is expecting a girl, and is registered at https://www.babylist.com/list/jessie-kappers

NextGen End of the Year Party: Come celebrate the end of the semester with DPC's NextGen children's ministry. Pizza for dinner at 5:30 PM followed by a night of outdoor fun. Girls wear a swimsuit under your shorts and boys wear swim trunks. Bring a towel and a friend! We will have cake to eat and fun stations for hula hoop, chalk, and bubbles when it's not your turn on the waterslide!

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! 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 6:30pm – 7:30pm.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

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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: Shepherding A Child's Heart 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 Diaconate

George Godwin	Allen Schmidt	John Elder	Steve Sasser
Jeff Keith	Jay Suggs	James Fudge	Sam Thompson
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Service Times

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

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