



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 — May 19, 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

You Speak

Ezra

In the midst of raging waters, when the storm is all around,
You are there to calm the chaos with love that knows no bounds
When my soul is lost and troubled with fear and deep distress
You are near to bring deliverance to bring me peace and rest
*You speak and the waves obey. You speak, and darkness turns to day
You speak, and then we know; God, you are always in control.
(You're always, You're always, God you are always in control.)*
When the burdens feel too heavy, And it's hard to find my way,
You are there to guide me gently, lead me to a brighter day, yeah!
*The world is crashin' in, but Father I am listening
God, Your voice is louder, Your words hold all the power*

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 33:1, 4-5

Leader: Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

People: For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness!

Leader: He loves righteousness and justice;

All: The earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

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All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing, alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise Him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice, Ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, Three in One,
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Reading of the Word: *Examples for Us***1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

God of mercy, we confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your 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**1 Timothy 1:15-16**

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

All My Boast Is In Jesus

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What wonder of wonders, what love is this That Christ would die for me?

His goodness, His merit, His righteousness This sinner's only plea

O foolish pride, be crucified The work is finished

All my boast is in Jesus All my hope is His love, And I will glory forever In what the cross has done

Now fully forgiven, my life is filled With graces undeserved

For mercy that flowed down that sacred hill Let praises now return

Rise up my soul, and bless the Lord Who else is worthy?

O praise the One forever blessed Him alone my heart adores

And I will boast in nothing less Than the love of Christ my Lord

I boast not in riches, in strength or might But in the grace of God

I glory in weakness, to live is Christ In plenty or in want

That I may know, that all may see His pow'r within me

All my boast is in Jesus All my hope is His love, And I will glory forever In what the cross has done

Now I stand in this freedom Ransomed, clean in His sight, And I cannot be ashamed for My boast is Jesus Christ

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

Thy Mercy My God

Stoker

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song, The joy of my heart. and the boast of my tongue;

Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last, Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart, Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;

Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground, And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own, And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine, Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder George Godwin

(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

Tears of Love Spurned 2 Kings 8:1-15 (Page 314)

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.)

Take My Life

Havergal/Tomlin

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise;
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee;
Take my voice and let me sing, always, only for my King.
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee;
Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use every pow'r as You choose.

Here am I, all of me. Take my life, it's all for Thee.

Take myself and I will be ever, only all for Thee.

Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Your feet its treasure store;
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

Benediction²**Numbers 6:24-26**

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Song of Faith**Doxology****Old 100th**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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.



Ezra Intern Welcome Baskets: As we gear up for an incredible summer at DPC, we're excited to welcome SEVEN!!! Ezra Interns who will be joining us soon! Let's show them some love by contributing to the Ezra welcome baskets located in the coffee bar. Whether it's snacks, gift cards, drinks, or any other treats you think they might enjoy, every little bit helps make their summer unforgettable! Please bring your contributions by May 20th to ensure the baskets are ready for their arrival. Have questions or want to learn more? Reach out to Carol Godwin. Let's come together as a church family to extend a warm welcome to our Ezra Interns and make them feel right at home here at DPC and in Decatur!

Iron Man Night: All the men in the church (16 and over) and their friends will gather again for Ironman Night, Friday night, May 31, from 6:00pm – 8:30pm at Gil Cook's farm (88 Akins Mountain Rd, Hartselle). Gil & the gang will be smoking the meat, DPC will provide the drinks, and the men should bring sides and dessert. Scott Phillips will lead us in a discussion on *"Two Important Virtues You Want"*.

VBS: Embark on The Great Jungle Journey at VBS! Join us June 24-27, from 9:00am-12:00pm, for an unforgettable safari adventure! At "The Great Jungle Journey," kids will explore the wonders of God's creation while navigating through the 7 C's of History: Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross, and Consummation. Don't miss out on the fun! Register now and prepare for a wild ride filled with laughter, learning, and lifelong memories.

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.

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: 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!

College Sunday School: Calling all college students back in town for the summer!! Join us for a journey through Genesis 1-11! Meet us in the Parlor for a dynamic and engaging exploration of the Bible. From deep discussions to meaningful connections, this class is designed just for you!

Session

George Godwin
Jeff Keith
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Connor Ross

Allen Schmidt
Jay Suggs
Blake Temple
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Service Times

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

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