

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 — June 2, 2024

Welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus! Thank you for joining us today and may the Lord richly bless you.

#### Song of Assembly<sup>1</sup>

#### Fall On Us

Godwin

May the power of your presence overwhelm us, Holy Spirit living breath of God Give your grace and gifts to all who gather, Help us see... set us free

May the beauty of your glory.. captivate us, Show us ways we fail to walk in love Touch our troubled spirit with forgiveness, Renew us here... draw us near

Fall on us, Holy Spirit, Breathe in our hearts and light your fire
Fall on us, Holy Spirit, Move in this place with resurrection power, Fall on us, Fall on us, Holy God
May the comfort of your mercy bring the peace of God, Speak into our lives the word of Christ

Give us faith and hope for life's long journey, Fill our souls....make us whole

For the proud and for the hopeless, For the strong and for the weak
For the sure and for the doubting, For the one who has no peace
For the healthy and the ailing, For the rich and for the poor
For all who come in victory, For all who just endure

#### Welcome and Announcements

(10:45 service)

Report of the Living Church

Commissioning of the DR Mission Trip

# Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 20:6-7

Leader: Now I know that the Lord saves his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven with the saving might of his right hand.

Congregation: Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.

# Prayer of Adoration & Praise

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#### Hymn of Praise

## Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Robinson

Come, Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; Praise His name, I'm fixed upon it, name of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come. And I hope by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee: Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love, Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above.

# Reading of the Word: The Enduring Love of Christ

Romans 8:32-39

He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

#### **Confession of Sin**

Gracious Father, we confess that we are prone to wander and forget your faithfulness. We have placed our hope in things that cannot save us. We have been ungrateful and thankless when we should be humbled by your goodness. Forgive us and restore to us the joy of your salvation ... Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!

# Assurance of Forgiveness

Micah 7:18

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love.

#### 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

### 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 Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Your scars will never ever fade

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.

# **Build My Life**

Barrett

Worthy of every song we could ever sing, Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe, We live for You, oh, we live for You

Jesus, the name above every other name, Jesus, the only One who could ever save Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe, We live for You, we live for You

Holy, there is no one like You, there is none beside You, Open up my eyes in wonder And show me who You are and fill me with Your heart, And lead me in Your love to those around me

> And I will build my life upon Your love, it is a firm foundation And I will put my trust in You alone and I will not be shaken

## Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Jeff Keith

(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

The Lord, the Keeper Psalm 121:1-8 (Page 516)

We Respond By Receiving New Members

(8:15 service)

Jeff & Robyn Simmons

The Lord Adds to His Church

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 become followers of Christ?

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

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

Prayer for the New Members

**Elder Blake Temple** 

#### 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.)

### Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Savior say, "Thine strength indeed is small, Child of weakness, watch and pray, Find in me thine all in all."

Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe; Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find, Thy power, and Thine alone, Can change the leper's spots, And melt the heart of stone.

And when, before the throne, I stand in him complete, "Jesus died my soul to save," My lips shall still repeat.

Oh praise the one who paid my debt, and raised this life up from the dead.

Oh praise Him, O Praise Him, O praise Him, O praise...

Benediction<sup>2</sup> Jude 1:24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Song of Faith

## Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Chisholm

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided, Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 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.

**NextGen Summer Fun Days:** Kick off your summer with a relaxed and fun-filled morning on June 6th from 10:00-Noon. Our NextGen Summer Fun Days are all about creating great opportunities for our kids to hang out with their friends from church and play board games, while moms have the perfect opportunity to visit and catch up. And what's a summer gathering without a sweet treat? We'll have delicious ice cream sundaes for everyone to enjoy! It's a great way to start the summer, so come join the fun and fellowship. We can't wait to see you there!

**VBS Craft Night:** Mark your calendars for an evening of creativity and camaraderie on June 13th from 6:30 PM-8:30 PM. We'll be crafting jungle foliage for VBS, making paper flowers, hanging vines, and more. Enjoy light snacks while spending quality time with the wonderful ladies of our church. It's the perfect chance to bond, laugh, and get crafty together. Please note, childcare will not be available. Let's make something beautiful for our upcoming VBS!

**VBS Work Week:** During the week of June 17th from 9:00 - 12:00 PM, we will be building and painting and decorating all the things to turn DPC into a Jungle for VBS! Any and all help will be appreciated. For more info, contact Jessica Keith at jlkeith78@gmail.com.

**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 Diaconate

George Godwin	Allen Schmidt	John Elder	Steve Sasser
Jeff Keith	Jay Suggs	James Fudge	Sam Thompson
Mike McMahan	Blake Temple	Wade Littrell	David Whitcomb
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# **Service Times**

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

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