



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 30, 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>

## Cornerstone

## Mote, Liljero, Morgan, Myrin

My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus blood and righteousness

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus name

*Christ alone, cornerstone, Weak made strong, in the Savior's love*

*Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all*

When Darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace

In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil

His oath, His covenant, His blood, support me in the whelming flood.

When all around my soul gives way. He then is all my hope and stay. He then is all my hope and stay

When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found.

Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless stand before the throne.

## Welcome and Announcements

## Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 20:7; 28:7

Pastor: Some trust in chariots and some in horses,

**People: But we trust in the name of the Lord our God.**

Pastor: The Lord is my strength and my shield, in him my heart trusts,

**People: And I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.**

## Prayer of Adoration & Praise

## Hymn of Praise

## A Mighty Fortress is Our God

## Luther

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;

Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;

His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing.

Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.

Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,

Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same, And He must win the battle.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;

The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.

Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;

The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; His kingdom is forever.

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**Reading of the Word: *Confidence over fear*****Hebrews 12:1-6, 12-15, 18-24**

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled;... For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Confession of Sin**

**O God our Father, forgive us for thinking less of you than we ought; for we think your truth too high, your will too hard, and your power too remote; but they are not! We humbly ask that you resolve our confused minds with your word, redirect our divided wills with your law, restore our troubled consciences with your forgiveness, and revive our anxious hearts with your presence, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who loved us and gave himself for us ...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!**

**Assurance of Forgiveness****1 Peter 2:6; 3:18**

It stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." .... Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God.

## **Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs**

### **Whom Shall I Fear (Angel Armies)**

**Cash, Cash & Tomlin**

You hear me when I call, You are my morning song  
Though darkness fills the night, it cannot hide the Light, Whom shall I fear  
You crush the enemy underneath my feet  
You are my Sword and Shield though troubles linger still, Whom shall I fear  
*I know who goes before me, I know who stands behind, The God of angel armies is always by my side  
The one who reigns forever, He is a Friend of mine, The God of angel armies is always by my side*  
My strength is in Your Name for You alone can save, You will deliver me, Yours is the victory  
Whom shall I fear, Whom shall I fear  
The God of angel armies is always by my side!

### **In Christ Alone**

**Townend**

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.

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!

*I find my strength, I find my hope, I find my help in Christ alone.  
When fear assails, when darkness falls, I find my peace in Christ alone.*

*I give my life, I give my all, I sign my song to Christ alone.*

*The King of Kings, the Lord of All, all heaven sings to Christ alone. Christ alone. In Christ alone.  
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand! Here in the power of Christ we stand.*

### **The Blessing**

**Brown/Carnes/Furtick**

The Lord bless you, and keep you. Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.

*Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.*

May His favor be upon you and a thousand generations and your family  
and your children and their children and their children.

May His presence go before you and behind you and beside you.  
All around you and within you, He is with you, He is with you.

In the morning, in the evening, in your coming and your going.  
In your weeping and rejoicing. He is for you, He is for you, He is for you, He is for you.

## 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 Rick Stark

### The Assurance of a Disciple Psalm 125:1-5 (Page 517)

## 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.)*

### 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)*

In the midst of deep sorrow, I see Your light is breaking through

The dark of night will not overtake me, I am pressing into You

Lord, You fight my every battle, and I will not fear

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

**Benediction<sup>2</sup>****Colossians 3:15**

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body, and be thankful.

**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!

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<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.



**Ezra Worship Lab:** The Ezra Worship Labs have begun, where each Ezra intern will prepare and lead their own short musical worship service. The services will happen from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM on June 27th, July 11th, and July 18th. These “Mock” worship services are intended to show the interns the logistics of a worship service and prepare them to plan more in the future. Each will be modeled after the elements prior to the sermon in DPC services. Please join us to worship alongside the interns. We hope these small worship services will be a boost to you in the midweek.

**Ezra Song Night:** Join our Ezra interns on their final Sunday, July 28th at 6:00 PM at Decatur Presbyterian Church, for a night of music and food as they showcase their finished work from the summer. They will play some of the old Ezra favorites alongside some new songs written this summer

**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](mailto:rick@decaturpca.org).

# ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

SUMMER 2024

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  
Mike McMahan  
Brian Rodgers  
Connor Ross

Allen Schmidt  
Jay Suggs  
Blake Temple  
Andy Thompson  
Chip Walraven

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## Service Times

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

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