



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 — July 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

Holy Forever

Tomlin

A thousand generations falling down in worship. To sing the song of ages to the Lamb.
And all who've gone before us, and all who will believe. Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb.

*Your name is the highest. Your name is the greatest. Your name stands above them all.
All thrones and dominions. All powers and positions. Your name stands above them all
And the angels cry, Holy! All creation cries, Holy! You are lifted high, Holy! Holy forever!*

If you've been forgiven, and if you've been redeemed. Sing the song forever to the Lamb.
If you walk in freedom, and if you bear His name. Sing the song forever to the Lamb.
We'll sing the song forever and amen.

*And the angels cry, Holy All creations cries, Holy! You are lifted high, Holy! Holy forever!
Hear Your people sing, Holy! To the King of kings, Holy! You will always be Holy! Holy forever!*

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-5

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits,

Pastor: who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

People: who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

All: who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
 O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
 All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near, Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
 Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
 Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been, granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
 Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
 Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!
 All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
 Let the amen sound from His people again; Gladly fore'er we adore Him.

Reading of the Word: *Suffering in Hope***Romans 5:1-5**

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of SinAdapted from *The Valley of Vision*

You are good beyond all thought, even in our suffering; but we are miserable and blind to its mystery. Unmask to us sin's deformity that we may hate it and flee from it. For all our sins, we cry for pardon. Work in us a more profound and abiding repentance. Give to us the fullness of a godly grief. Grant that through repentance we may see more clearly the glories of the saving cross ...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!

Assurance of Forgiveness**Romans 5:6-8**

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

King of Kings

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In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light
'Til from Heaven You came running, there was mercy in Your eyes.

To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory, to a cradle in the dirt.

*Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, three in one
God of Glory, majesty, praise forever to the King of Kings.*

To reveal the kingdom coming, and to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross.

For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake You died.

And the morning that You rose, All of heaven held its breath
'Til that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death.

And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come, to the Father are restored.

And the Church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old, shall not kneel, shall not faint.

By His blood and in His name, in His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ, who has resurrected me.

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.*

Help and Deliverer

Daniels

As I wander through the wilderness, there is only one who gives me rest
You shield me from the sun, even when I run

You will hold me fast and never fail, in my greatest weakness you prevail
Your grace that I abuse, won't let my foot be moved

*Jesus, our help and deliverer, Jesus, gracious redeemer
Who keeps us when we wander from you
Jesus our gentle shepherd now lead us, where death cannot threaten
To steal us from your love, our help and deliverer*

You are faithful in my unbelief, though I am weak your love for me is deep,
I know your love is sure, it helps me to endure

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Jay Suggs

(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

Endurance

Psalm 129:1-8 (Page 518)

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.)

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.

Benediction²

1 Peter 5:10-11

And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Song of Faith

To the Only God

Tomlin

To the only God, who is able to keep us,
Able to keep us from falling.

To the only God, be all glory and honor,
Majesty and power, for all ages now and forevermore.

Forevermore, be all glory and honor,
Majesty and power, for all ages now and forevermore.

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 Song Night: Join our Ezra interns on their final Sunday, TONIGHT, 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

Summer Olympics Splash Bash: Join us for a fun night of Olympic-themed water games to wrap up the summer! NextGen kids and their families are invited this Wednesday, July 31st from 5:30-7:30 PM for an evening of splashing fun and friendly competition. We'll enjoy hot dogs, chips, and watermelon before diving into a variety of water games. Don't forget to bring a dry change of clothes and a towel!

NextGen Promotion Sunday: Next Sunday, August 4th, children and youth who are moving to new Sunday School classes will be promoted. Parents will receive an email beforehand with details about which class their child should attend. We look forward to celebrating this milestone with our young ones as they continue their journey of faith and learning. Don't miss this special day!

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

SUMMER 2024

9:30 am

Romans: Come join us as we study Romans in the classroom across the hall from the church offices.

Sedona Class: "Parenting: 14 Gospel Principles" The class taught by George Godwin, meets in the classroom down the back hallway from the sanctuary, across from the choir room. Gain practical wisdom and gospel-centered guidance to navigate the joys and challenges of parenting. Walk-ins are welcome!

Study #158 - Mark: Dive into the life & teachings of Jesus as we explore the Gospel of Mark. This class walks you through the rich narratives and powerful messages of Mark's account, offering fresh insights and inspiring reflections. 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
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8:15am Worship
9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Worship

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