



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 — August 18, 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>**

**We Will Feast In The House Of Zion**

**McCracken/Moore**

*We will feast in the house of Zion, we will sing with our hearts restored  
He has done great things, we will say together, we will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire, He is the Lord, our God  
We are not consumed by the flood, upheld, protected, gathered up

*We will feast in the house of Zion, we will sing with our hearts restored  
He has done great things, we will say together, we will feast and weep no more*

In the dark of night, before the dawn, my soul, be not afraid  
For the promised morning, oh, how long? Oh, God of Jacob, be my strength

*We will feast in the house of Zion, we will sing with our hearts restored  
He has done great things, we will say together. we will feast and weep no more*

Every vow we've broken and betrayed, You are the Faithful one  
And from the garden to the grave, bind us together, bring shalom

*We will feast in the house of Zion, we will sing with our hearts restored  
He has done great things, we will say together, we will feast and weep no more*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Responsive Call to Worship

**from Psalm 84**

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord;

**People: My heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

Leader: Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!

**All: O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!**

## Prayer of Adoration & Praise

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## Hymn of Praise

## For All the Saints

## How

For all the saints, who from their labors rest, Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might; Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day; The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of Glory passes on His way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

## Reading of the Word: *The City of God*

Hebrews 11:8-16

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## Confession of Sin

**Almighty God, to know You is the fulfillment of our deepest longings and the satisfaction of our most ardent desires. Yet foolishly we have sought our pleasures elsewhere, forgetting your glory in order to seek our own. We have set our minds on things below rather than things above. Forgive us for our sins for the sake of Jesus our Savior. And grant that from now on, we might serve you in the newness of life ...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

## Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

### Jesus Messiah

Tomlin

He became sin who knew no sin that we might become His righteousness  
He humbled Himself and carried the cross, love so amazing love so amazing

*Jesus Messiah Name above all names, Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel  
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven, Jesus Messiah Lord of all*

His body the bread His blood the wine, broken and poured out all for love  
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn, love so amazing love so amazing  
All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You, All the glory to You God, the Light of the world

### Arise, My Soul, Arise

Wesley

Arise, my soul arise, shake off your guilty fears, The bleeding sacrifice in my behalf appears.  
Before the throne, my Surety stands, Before the throne, my Surety stands,  
My name is written on His hands.

*Arise, arise, arise, arise my soul, arise!  
Arise, arise, arise, arise my soul, arise,  
Shake off your guilty fear and rise!*

He ever lives above, for me to intercede, His all redeeming love, His precious blood to plead,  
His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race, And sprinkles now the throne of grace.  
Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary, They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me,  
"Forgive him, o forgive," they cry, "Forgive him, o forgive," they cry, "Don't let that ransomed sinner die."  
My God is reconciled, His pardoning voice I hear, He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear,  
With confidence I now draw nigh, With confidence I now draw nigh, And "Father, Abba, Father" cry.

### Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Williams

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but Thou are mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore;  
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing waters flow;  
Let the fiery cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield;  
Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises I will ever give to Thee;  
Songs of praises I will ever give to Thee.

## **Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition**

**Elder Chip Walraven**

*(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**

### **Godly Desire**

**Psalm 132:1-18** (Page 519)

## **We Respond By Receiving New Members**

(10:45 service)

### **The Lord Adds to His Church**

*Don & Fran McNeill*

### **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.)*

**I Will Wait for You**

*I wait, my soul waits for the Lord. My hope is in His word.  
More than the watchmen wait for light, my soul waits for the Lord.*

Out of the depths I cry to You, in darkest places I will call.  
Incline Your ear to me anew, and hear my cry for mercy, Lord.

Were You to count my sinful ways, how could I come before Your throne?  
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze, I stand redeemed by grace alone.

*I will wait for You, I will wait for You, on Your word I will rely.  
I will wait for You, surely wait for You, till my soul is satisfied.*

Now He has come to make a way, and God Himself has paid the price,  
That all who trust in Him today, find healing in His sacrifice.

*I will wait for You, I will wait for You, through the storm and through the night.  
I will wait for You, surely wait for You, for Your love is my delight.*

**Benediction<sup>2</sup>**

**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.

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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.



**State of the Church:** Mark your calendars for next Sunday, August 25th at 6:00 PM for our annual State of the Church meeting. Hear about the exciting things happening at DPC, discover what's coming up, and learn about our focus for the next year. Don't miss this important gathering as we come together to celebrate and plan for the future!

**Wednesday Nights Return:** Our Wednesday night activities are starting back on September 4th! Join us this semester for community and fellowship with something for everyone.

**Women's Kickoff Luncheon:** All women are invited to our Women's Ministry Fall Kickoff Luncheon on Sunday, September 8th, immediately following the second service. Join us for a time of good fellowship and good food as we introduce all the exciting women's activities and ministries starting this fall. We'll be sharing details about our new year of Flourish ministries and upcoming Bible study opportunities. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to connect and grow together!

**Women's Fall Bible Studies:** Join us this fall for our Women's Bible Studies! We have two options to fit your schedule:

–Tuesday Morning Study: Begins September 10th, from 10:00 to 11:30 AM, in the Sedona classroom at the church.

–Monday Night Study: Begins September 16th, at 6:15 PM. The meeting location is to be determined.

We will be diving into *"The God Who Hears (How the Story of the Bible Shapes Our Prayers)"* by Sarah Ivill. The books are available in the Book Nook for \$10. All women are welcome!

**Life Groups:** Looking to connect relationally and spur one another on spiritually? Life Groups are becoming, by design, the relational heartbeat of the church, and we want to help everyone interested to find just the right group! The groups consist of 12 or so adults and meet together weekly (or monthly) here at the church on Wednesday nights or another night of the week in someone's home. Use the contact card this morning or contact Rick Stark (256.351.6010, rick@decaturpca.org) to indicate your desire to participate in a Life Group this fall.

### Welcome New Members!

Don and Fran McNeill have been married for 48 years, have four children and ten grandchildren. Don has taught in Christian schools, pastored two churches, and has far more experience than he ever wanted in house renovations. Fran has been a stay-at-home mom, home-schooling all four children, and has 10 years' experience as a Medical Technologist. Together they served 11 years with Mission to the World in Uganda (Don, theological education; Fran, school librarian and 'unofficial' school pharmacist). Returning stateside in Dec. 2014, Fran resumed her career as a Medical Technologist while Don continued with MTW as an itinerant theological educator three months a year in Uganda, Kenya, Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, and a South Sudanese refugee camp. He recently retired and will continue teaching online, writing, and staying in contact with African pastors, encouraging them to impart a reformed Christian Worldview by word and deed to their congregations and other leaders.

# 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: Philippians** 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 - 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!

## 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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