



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 25, 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>

### Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Lyte

Jesus I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow Thee;  
Naked, poor, despised, forsaken, Thou from hence my all shalt be.  
Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known;  
Yet how rich is my condition, God and heaven are still my own.  
Go then earthly fame and treasure, come disaster, scorn and pain  
In Thy service pain is pleasure, with Thy favor loss is gain  
I have called Thee Abba Father, I have stayed my heart on Thee  
Storms may howl and clouds may gather, all must work for good to me.  
Soul, then know thy full salvation, rise o'er sin and fear and care;  
Joy to find in ev'ry station something still to do or bear;  
Think what Spirit dwells within thee, think what Father's smiles are thine,  
Think that Jesus died to win thee; child of heav'n, canst thou repine?  
Haste thee on from grace to glory, armed by faith and winged by prayer;  
Heaven's eternal day's before thee, God's own hand shall guide thee there.  
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, swift shall pass thy pilgrim days;  
Hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

## Welcome and Announcements

### Responsive Call to Worship

from Psalm 66

**Pastor: Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man!**

People: Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name!

**All: Give to him glorious praise!**

## Prayer of Adoration & Praise

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All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing

O praise Him! Allelujah! Thou, burning sun with golden beam.

Thou, silver moon with softer gleam. O praise Him! O praise Him! Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelu-jah!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness

O praise Him! Allelujah! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son.

And praise the Spirit, Three-in-one. O praise Him! O praise Him! Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelu-jah!

All the redeemed washed by His blood, Come and rejoice in His great love.

O praise Him! Allelujah! Christ has defeated every sin. Cast all your burdens now on Him.

O praise Him! O praise Him! Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelu-jah!

**Reading of the Word: *The Source of Unity***

**Ephesians 2:13-22**

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Confession of Sin**

**O Father, your reconciling grace and power are poured out upon us; yet we confess living in spiritual poverty: fear, anxiety, even withdrawing and withholding from You and from one another. We are often given over to our sins rather than to Your all-sufficient providence. Have mercy on us again. By Word and Spirit, cleanse, forgive, fill and free us to believe and to do all Your holy will ...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**2 Corinthians 5:17-19**

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

## Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

### O Church, Arise

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O Church, arise, and put your armor on; hear the call of Christ our Captain.  
For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given.

With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies;  
An army bold, whose battle cry is love, reaching out to those in darkness.

*Arise, shine for your light has come. Arise, shine for the Risen Son  
Lift your eyes, we are His radiant bride. Arise, o church arise!*

Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken;  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet, for the Conqueror has risen!

And as the stone is rolled away and Christ emerges from the grave,  
This victory march continues till the day every eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit come, put strength in every stride, give grace for every hurdle,  
That we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful.

As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of His grace,  
We hear their calls and hunger for the day when with Christ we stand in glory.

### Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Boswell/Papa/Bleecker

Come behold the wondrous mystery, In the dawning of the King;  
He the theme of heaven's praises, Robed in frail humanity.

In our longing, in our darkness, Now the Light of Life has come;  
Look to Christ, who condescended, Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery, He the perfect Son of Man;  
In His living, in His suffering, Never trace nor stain of sin.

See the true and better Adam, Come to save the hell-bound man;  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment, Of the law; in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree;  
In the stead of ruined sinners, Hangs the Lamb in victory.

See the price of our redemption, See the Father's plan unfold;  
Bringing many sons to glory, Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Slain by death the God of life;  
But no grave could e'er restrain Him, Praise the Lord; He is alive!

What a foretaste of deliverance, How unwavering our hope;  
Christ in power resurrected, As we will be when He comes

## Only A Holy God

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Who else commands all the hosts of Heaven? Who else could make every king bow down?

Who else could whisper and darkness trembles? Only a Holy God

What other glory consumes like fire? What other power can raise the dead?

What other name remains undefeated? Only a Holy God

*Come and behold Him, the One and the Only*

*Cry out, sing holy, forever a Holy God*

*Come and worship the Holy God*

Who else could rescue me from my failing? Who else would offer His only Son?

Who else invites me to call Him Father? Only a Holy God, Only my Holy God

## 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

### Communion

Psalm 133:1-3 (Page 519)

## We Respond By Receiving New Members

(8:15 service)

### The Lord Adds to His Church

*Alison Mullins*

### 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 Member

Elder Andy Thompson

## 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.)*

### We Hunger and Thirst

Exalted Son of glory humbly came down, Wounded for the broken, bore the sinner's crown  
Through the willing death You died, You became our bread of life

*Jesus, we hunger and thirst for You, Lord, As we remember Your sacrifice*

*We see the wounds from Your hands and pierced side, Extravagant love! Oh how great the price  
Now our lives are Yours*

The priceless blood of Jesus, this gracious cup, A life spring overflowing, poured out for us  
He has conquered every sin, For the ones who trust in Him

*The cup we drink, the bread we eat, Reminds us You are all we need*

*And makes us long for Your wedding feast, The cup we drink, the bread we eat*

*Reminds us You are all we need, And makes us long for Your wedding feast*

## Benediction<sup>2</sup>

**Romans 15:5-6**

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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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:** Join us TONIGHT 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 Member!

Alison Puckett Mullins grew up in Danville, Alabama, but she lived in several other states and countries over half of her life. She's back on the family farm with her son and near her brothers' families, having been widowed about 3 years ago. She's worked in the computer industry, at private and public schools, and now does part-time legislative advocacy work for an informed-consent non-profit organization.

# 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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