



For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but
Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your
servants for Jesus' sake.

2 Corinthians 4:5

September 1, 2024

SERVICE TIMES

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

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Room 158: Mark
Room 167: Romans
Room 168: "Parenting: 14 Gospel
Principles"
Parlor: College Sunday School –
Genesis 1-11

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

5:30pm Meal
6:00pm NextGen & Youth
6:15pm Adult Choir
6:30pm Adult Groups

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Worship is the heart and soul of the church; we are made for exalting Christ. We are intentional to invite everyone each Lord's day to encounter the living Christ in a joyful, reverent, and accessible way, receiving all the blessings of his Gospel to the praise and glory of God.

OUR IDENTITY

Vision: A community of transforming grace

Mission: Inviting everyone to love and follow Jesus

CORE VALUES

Worship: Reverent and Relevant
Community: Close-knit and Outward-facing
Discipleship: Robust and Transformational
Service: Compassionate and Bold

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

LITURGY NOTES

Do you have questions about how we worship? This column throughout the worship guide answers the "what" and "why" of the elements of our liturgy.

During responsive readings, the part of the Leader will be in plain text, and **the part of the People will be in bold.**

This song allows us to get situated in the room and prepare our hearts for worship.

Song of Assembly:

Blessed Be Your Name¹

Blessed Be Your Name in the land that is plentiful;
Where Your streams of abundance flow,
blessed be Your name.

Blessed Be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.

*Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise;
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name;
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
blessed be Your glorious name.*

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me;
When the world's 'all as it should be', blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering;
Though there's pain in the offering; blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name;
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
blessed be Your glorious name
You give and take away, You give and take away;
My heart will choose to say,
"Lord, blessed be Your name."

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Welcome & Announcements

Tucker Fleming, Youth Director

Call to Worship

LEADER: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

PEOPLE: let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

LEADER: for he is our god,

PEOPLE: and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

PSALM 95:6-7

At God's command and invitation, we enter his presence and respond with worship.

Worship involves the whole person: body, soul, intellect, emotions. Singing hymns and songs grounded in biblical truth engages all our faculties in worship together.

Hymn of Praise:

Come Thou Almighty King

Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy Name to sing,
Help us to praise.

Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come Thou Incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend.
Come, and Thy people bless, And give Thy Word success;
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear,
In this glad hour.
Thou Who almighty art, Now rule in every heart, And ne'er
from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

To the great One in Three, eternal praises be,
Hence ever more.
His sovereign majesty, May we in glory see,
and to eternity, love and adore.

JOHN 4:20-24

The Lord Seeks

Reading of the Word

Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

O Lord, we want more than anything to enter into your presence and worship you face to face, awed by your majesty, greatness, and glory, encouraged by your love, mercy, and goodness. Yet we know that there is coldness in our hearts and reluctance to admit our sins. Forgive us, Father. Come near to us and strengthen us until Christ shall reign supreme within us, in every thought, word, and deed, through a faith that purifies the heart, overcomes the world, and clings to the cross

...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... **Amen!**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

When we confess our sins, we agree with Scripture's claim that all have sinned and fall short of God's glory. We confess general sins together, followed by a silent moment for personal confession.

ISAIAH 55:6-7

All who confess their sins and trust in God's mercy through Jesus Christ believe their sins are pardoned. We remember this truth with a weekly Scripture assuring us of God's willing forgiveness.

Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name,
sing like never before O my soul,
I'll worship Your holy name*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
Worship His holy name,
sing like never before O my soul,
I'll worship Your holy name*

*Worship Your holy name, Lord,
I'll worship Your holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul,
I'll worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name, Lord,
I'll worship Your holy name*

Help and Deliverer

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.

The Blessing

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.

Elders, responsible before God to care for and lead the church, serve by giving thanks for our blessings and praying for our needs.

All we have belongs to God. One act of worship is to acknowledge his generosity through cheerful and sacrificial giving.

God promises to communicate with us through the preaching of his Word. Our trust is not in the preacher's ability, but in the Holy Spirit using the scriptures to engage our minds and hearts.

Jesus gave the Church this symbolic meal to communicate his presence and fellowship with believers. It is the family meal of Christians.

To those not taking the Supper

We're glad you're here and welcome you back any time. Take this moment to reflect on the claims made in this service and consider praying to ask God if he will persuade you of how you can know him.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Praise

Elder Mike McMahan

(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 & Offerings

Sermon

The Lord's Blessing
Psalm 134:1-3 (Page 519)
Pastor Scott Phillips

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

(Elders will bring the bread and cup in trays to each row. Gluten free communion bread is available upon request; simply pass the regular bread to the next person and raise your hand to signal the pastor. He will bring you the gluten free bread. 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.)

Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
And all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine.

Benediction

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.

NUMBERS 6:24-26

Just as God welcomed us into his presence at the beginning, now he blesses his children as we depart. We receive this blessing in faith as we trust God to do all he says he will do.

SERMON NOTES

SESSION

George Godwin	Allen Schmidt
Jeff Keith	Jay Suggs
Mike McMahan	Blake Temple
Brian Rodgers	Andy Thompson
Connor Ross	Chip Walraven

DIACONATE

John Elder	Steve Sasser
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CHURCH STAFF

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If this is your first time joining us, we would love to get to know you better. Please use the QR code to give us as much contact information as you are comfortable sharing. In this way, we reconnect with you and find ways that we may be able to serve you or pray for you.



Church Family Reminders

Wednesday Nights Return

Join us for fellowship and fun as Wednesday night activities resume on September 4th! Dinner starts at 5:30 PM.

Women's Kickoff Luncheon

All women are invited to the Fall Kickoff Luncheon next Sunday, September 8th, after the second service.

Women's Fall Bible Studies

Tuesday Morning Study starts September 10th at 10:00 AM in the Sedona classroom. Monday Night Study begins September 16th at 6:15 PM (location TBD). Books available for \$10.

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.

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