



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

October 6, 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: Philippians

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:

Goodness of God¹

I love You, Lord, Oh, Your mercy never fails me
All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up, Until I lay my head
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

*And all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God*

I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire
And in darkest night You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father, I've known You as a Friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God, yeah

'Cause Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
'Cause Your goodness is running after,
it keeps running after me

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Rick Stark, Associate Pastor

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PSALM 24:7-10

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.

Call to Worship

PASTOR: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of Glory may come in.

PEOPLE: **Who is this King of Glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!**

PASTOR: Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of Glory may come in.

ALL: **Who is this King of Glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of Glory!**

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

Hymn of Praise:

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not,
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

*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!*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Reading of the Word

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. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the Lord, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

Confession of Sin

Almighty and merciful Father, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We know and feel deeply that each and every part of our being is tainted by sin. We do those things which we don't want to do, and don't do those things which we want to do. Apart from you, O Lord, there is no health in us. We humbly repent before you today, confessing our sins and trusting in your faithfulness and justice to forgive them through Christ and by the Spirit

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

ISAIAH 55:6-13

God Will Refresh His People

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.

1 TIMOTHY 1:15

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

Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation, I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness, Your loving kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The King of Kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope

*Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus, Yours is the victory, woah-oh-oh

His Mercy Is More

*Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn.
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.*

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore.
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness He lavished on us!
His blood was the payment; His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

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

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Allen Schmidt

(Immediately following this prayer, during the 10:45 service only, 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.)

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

His Tithes & Offerings

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.

Sermon

The Gospel: A Refreshing Announcement

Acts 3:1-26 (Page 911)

Tucker Fleming

(10:45 service)

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Mary Katherine Neill

Covenant Child of Ben & Sally Neill

Ruling Elder Prayer, Connor Ross

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.)

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.

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!

It soothes his sorrow, heals his wounds,
and drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary rest.

Dear Name! the Rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding place,
My never-failing treas'ry filled
with boundless stores of grace.

Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
my Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
accept the praise I bring.

ROMANS 8:38-39

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.

Benediction

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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
James Fudge	Sam Thompson
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CHURCH STAFF

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Elena Suggs	Kitchen Coordinator

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

No Wednesday Night Activities October 9

There will be no activities on October 9 due to Fall Break. Enjoy the break, and we'll resume the following week!

WIC Fall Fellowship

Join us for a casual evening of fellowship at the Cress home (152 Ashwood Drive, Decatur) on Thursday, October 10, at 6:30 PM! Bring your favorite appetizer and come connect with other women in the church. It's a wonderful opportunity to relax, enjoy good food, and build community together. We'd love for you to invite a friend!

Wedding Table Shower for Pierce & Carli Thompson

Sunday, October 13. A table will be set up in the Gathering Room for those who would like to leave a gift for the couple as we celebrate their wedding!

Wednesday Night Meals

Enjoy dinner with us! \$5/person or \$20/family. You can now scan a QR code to pay online. Leftovers will be boxed and set out at the coffee bar—grab them for FREE while they last!

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