



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

November 17, 2024

SERVICE TIMES

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

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Room 158: Ecclesiastes

Room 167: Romans

Room 168: Philippians

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

5:00pm	Soli Deo Gloria
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:

Living Hope¹

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

*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

Welcome & Announcements

Tucker Fleming, Youth Director

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PSALM 89:14-19

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

Call to Worship

LEADER: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

PEOPLE: **Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who exult in your name all the day and in your righteousness are exalted.**

LEADER: For you are the glory of their strength; by your favor our horn is exalted.

PEOPLE: **For our shield belongs to the LORD, our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

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

The Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the Word;
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth.
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Reading of the Word

Now therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you have spoken to your servant David. “But will God indeed dwell with man on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, how much less this house that I have built! Yet have regard to the prayer of your servant and to his plea, O Lord my God, listening to the cry and to the prayer that your servant prays before you, that your eyes may be open day and night toward this house, the place where you have promised to set your name, that you may listen to the prayer that your servant offers toward this place. And listen to the pleas of your servant and of your people Israel, when they pray toward this place. And listen from heaven your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive.”

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

Confession of Sin

Our Father, forgive our sins. Forgive our many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when we have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times we have been proud of our own achievements and those when we have failed to boast in your works. Forgive our attempts to redeem ourselves and our unwillingness to trust you. We come now to you with empty hands and contrite hearts to receive the mercy you give so freely
...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... **Amen!**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

2 CHRONICLES

6:17-21

God Hears Our Prayers

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 PETER 1:18-21

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

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

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.

Man may trouble and distress me,
Twill but drive me to Thy breast;
Life with trials hard may press me,
heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh 'tis not in grief to harm me
while Thy love is left to me;
Oh 'twere not in joy to charm me,
were that joy unmixed with Thee.

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?

O Church Arise

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.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul,
but to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole,
we will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on every side,
we know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died,
an inheritance of nations.

*Arise, shine for your light has com,
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 Conquerer 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.

Through The Precious Blood

You have ordained every breath we take
In pleasure or pain, there is no mistake
Gladness and grief, both are in Your hands
And sufferings brief carry out Your plan
And our fleeting sorrows
Will yield an endless prize
When some bright tomorrow
We'll see You with our eyes, and

*Grace upon grace flows down, flows down
And Grace upon grace flows down, flows down
Through the precious blood of Christ*

All good gifts, every good thing, Comes to us freely, so freely
All good gifts, every good thing, Comes to us freely, so freely
Through the precious blood, Through the precious blood

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

Tucker Fleming

(Immediately following this prayer, during the 10:45 service only, 4-6 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.)

Singing to the Lord

God Who Reigns On High
Worship Choir

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

Witness Of The Martyr
Acts 6:8-8:1 (Page 914)
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.)

He Knows My Name

I have a Maker
He formed my heart
Before even time began
My life was in His hands

*He knows my name
He knows my every thought
He sees each tear that falls
And hears me when I call*

I have a Father
He calls me His own
He'll never leave me
No matter where I go

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.

1 PETER 5:10-11

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

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.

SERMON NOTES

SESSION

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

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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 them 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

NextGen Missions Cookies

Enjoy cookies for 50 cents each on Mission Night, Wednesday, Nov. 20! All proceeds support our mission partners. Grab a treat and help us make a difference!

Operation Christmas Child

DPC is participating in Operation Christmas Child! Pick up a shoebox from the Gathering Room, fill it with quality items, and return it by November 20th. For questions, contact Mary Chism (maebelle12@att.net). Let's spread the love of Christ this Christmas!

NextGen Caroling

NextGen families, mark your calendars for December 1st! We will have pizza at church, then carol and serve cookies at Presbyterian Towers at 1:00 PM. A joyful way for children to serve and bless others!

Christmas Cantata

Join us December 8 at 5 p.m. as the DPC Choir presents a Christmas Cantata, leading us through the story of Christ's birth. Reception with hors d'oeuvres to follow. Bring friends for a joyful evening of worship and celebration!

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