



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

*2 Corinthians 4:5*

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November 24, 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: Philipians

## ***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:

### All I Have Is Christ<sup>1</sup>

I once was lost in darkest night, Yet thought I knew the way  
The sin that promised joy and life, Had led me to the grave  
I had no hope that You would own, A rebel to Your will  
And if You had not loved me first, I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race, Indifferent to the cost  
You looked upon my helpless state, And led me to the cross  
And I beheld God's love displayed, You suffered in my place  
You bore the wrath reserved for me, Now all I know is grace

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone, And live so all might see  
The strength to follow Your commands,  
Could never come from me  
O Father, use my ransomed life, In any way You choose  
And let my song forever be, My only boast is You

*Hallelujah! All I have is Christ, Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!*

## Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Rick Stark, Associate Pastor

## Stories of Grace

James Fudge

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## ***PSALM 147:1-5***

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

## **Call to Worship**

**PASTOR:** Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

**PEOPLE:** **The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.**

**PASTOR:** He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

**PEOPLE:** **He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.**

**ALL:** **Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.**

## **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**

### **Come, Ye Thankful People, Come**

Come, ye thankful people, come,  
raise the song of harvest home;  
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.  
God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied;  
Come to God's own temple, come,  
raise the song of harvest home.

For the Lord our God shall come,  
and shall take His harvest home;  
From His field shall in that day all offenses purge away,  
Give His angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;  
But the fruitful ears to store in His garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come, to Thy final harvest home;  
Gather Thou Thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,  
There, forever purified, in Thy presence to abide;  
Come, with all Thine angels come,  
raise the glorious harvest home.

## Reading of the Word

The Lord said to Gideon, “The people with you are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hand, lest Israel boast over me, saying, ‘My own hand has saved me.’ Now therefore proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, ‘Whoever is fearful and trembling, let him return home and hurry away from Mount Gilead.’” Then 22,000 of the people returned, and 10,000 remained. And the Lord said to Gideon, “The people are still too many. Take them down to the water, and I will test them for you there, and anyone of whom I say to you, ‘This one shall go with you,’ shall go with you, and anyone of whom I say to you, ‘This one shall not go with you,’ shall not go.” So he brought the people down to the water. And the Lord said to Gideon, “Every one who laps the water with his tongue, as a dog laps, you shall set by himself. Likewise, every one who kneels down to drink.” And the number of those who lapped, putting their hands to their mouths, was 300 men, but all the rest of the people knelt down to drink water. And the Lord said to Gideon, “With the 300 men who lapped I will save you and give the Midianites into your hand, and let all the others go every man to his home.”

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

## Confession of Sin

**Gracious Father, your word says that you oppose the proud but give grace to the humble. Forgive us for seeking to trust our own strength. Teach us to desire your power instead of our achievements. Let us learn to boast in weakness that your glory and salvation may become the sources of our joy. Even now, fill us with your Spirit and clothe us in Christ to the praise of your glorious grace**

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

## Assurance of Forgiveness

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

## *JUDGES 7:2-7*

The Lord Saves through Weakness

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.

## *2 PETER 1:3-4*

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**

## **Behold Him**

He who was before there was light,  
walked across the pages of time,  
He who made every living thing, behold Him.

He who heard humanity's cry,  
left His throne to wake as a child,  
He became like the least of us, behold Him.

*Jesus, Son of God, Messiah, The Lamb,  
the roaring Lion, oh, be still and behold Him.*

He who dined with sinners and saints,  
healed the blind, the lost and the lame,  
even now He is in our midst, behold Him.

He who chose a criminal's end,  
paid with blood to settle our debt,  
buried death as He rose to life, behold Him.

*Jesus, Son of God, Messiah, The Lamb,  
the roaring Lion, oh, be still and behold Him.  
Jesus, Alpha and Omega, Our God,  
the Risen Savior, oh, be still and behold Him.*

Holy, holy, holy Is the Lord God Almighty;  
Worthy, worthy, worthy to receive all praise.

# From Depths of Woe I Raise To Thee

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee  
the voice of lamentation;  
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me  
and hear my supplication;  
If Thou iniquities dost mark,  
our secret sins and misdeeds dark:  
O who shall stand before Thee?  
O who shall stand before Thee?

To wash away the crimson stain,  
grace, grace alone availeth;  
Our works alas! are all in vain;  
in much the best life faileth:  
No man can glory in Thy sight,  
all must alike confess Thy might,  
And live alone by mercy. And live alone by mercy.

Therefore my trust is in the Lord,  
and not in mine own merit;  
On Him my soul shall rest,  
His Word upholds my fainting spirit:  
His promised mercy is my fort,  
my comfort, and my sweet support:  
I wait for it with patience. I wait for it with patience.

# My Heart Is Filled With Thankfulness

My heart is filled with thankfulness  
to Him who bore my pain;  
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace  
and gave me life again.  
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness  
and clothes me in His light  
And wrote His law of righteousness  
with pow'r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness  
to Him who reigns above;  
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace,  
whose every thought is love.  
For every day I have on earth is given by the King.  
So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow Him.  
To love and follow Him.

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**

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*(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**

Living Waters

Soli Deo Gloria

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 Is the Power of God

Acts 8:1-25 (Page 916)

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.)*

## My Tribute

How can I say thanks for the things You have done for me?  
Things so undeserved, yet You gave to prove Your love for me;  
The voices of a million angels could not express my gratitude.  
All that I am and ever hope to be, I owe it all to Thee.

To God be the glory, to God be the glory,  
To God be the glory for the things He has done.

*With His blood He has saved me,  
with His power He has raised me;  
To God be the glory for the things He has done.*

Just let me live my life, let it pleasing, Lord to Thee,  
And if I gain any praise, let it go to Calvary.

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.

## ***ROMANS 15:13***

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**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

# ***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***

Scott Phillips	Senior Pastor
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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***

### **Thanksgiving Schedule**

There will be no Wednesday Night Activities on November 27, and the church offices will be closed on Thursday, November 28, and Friday, November 29, for the Thanksgiving holiday. Regular office hours will resume on Monday, December 2. Happy Thanksgiving!

### **Operation Christmas Child**

Thank you to all those who helped spread the love of Christ this Christmas by filling shoeboxes that have now begun their journey to children around the world.

### **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 8th at 5 p.m. as the DPC Worship Choirs present *Joy to the World*, 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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