



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

December 1, 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:

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You¹

Joyful, joyful, we adore You,
God of glory, Lord of light;
Angels lifting praise before You,
Sing thro'out this holy night.
In a manger lies a Baby,
Child of Mary, Son of God.
Voices joined in joyful chorus,
Praise You for Your gift of love.

All Your works declare Your glory;
All creation joins to sing.
Praise resounds as earth rejoices,
In the birth of Christ, the King.
Shepherds kneel before the Infant.
Trumpets sound and anthems raise.
As with joy our hearts are lifted,
Joined in wonder, love, and praise.

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Scott Phillips, Senior Pastor

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PSALM 99:1-3

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

Call to Worship

PEOPLE: The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

PASTOR: The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

ALL: Let us praise his great and awesome name! Holy is he!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

Hymn of Praise

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
until the son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come Thou Rod of Jesse, free,
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save,
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Dayspring from on high,
and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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

Reading of the Word

Now Joshua was standing before the angel, clothed with filthy garments. And the angel said to those who were standing before him, "Remove the filthy garments from him." And to him he said, "Behold, I have taken your iniquity away from you, and I will clothe you with pure vestments." And I said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the Lord was standing by. And the angel of the Lord solemnly assured Joshua, "Thus says the Lord of hosts: If you will walk in my ways and keep my charge, then you shall rule my house and have charge of my courts, and I will give you the right of access among those who are standing here. Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, you and your friends who sit before you, for they are men who are a sign: behold, I will bring my servant the Branch. For behold, on the stone that I have set before Joshua, on a single stone with seven eyes, I will engrave its inscription, declares the Lord of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of this land in a single day.

READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

Confession of Sin

Our God and Father, we come to you today with broken and contrite hearts. We have done things we shouldn't have, and failed to do things we should have. We've broken your laws at many turns. Lord, we've also failed to trust in your work and forgiveness for us. Often, we don't fully believe that you've fully conquered and paid for our sin. Would you forgive us today for all of these things, and press your Gospel into our hearts

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

ZECHARIAH 3:3-9

The Reading for the 1st Sunday of Advent
Jonathan & Megan Davis (8:15 am)
Don & Fran McNeill (10:45 am)

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 JOHN 1:9

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

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come,
offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
ris'n with healing on His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
born to give them second birth,
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."

Angels From The Realms Of Glory

Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth.
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds in the fields abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing,
yonder shines the infant Light:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Saints before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
in His temple shall appear:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son;
Ever more your voices raising
to the eternal Three in One.
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Immanuel

A sign shall be given, a virgin will conceive,
A human baby bearing undiminished Deity.
The glory of the nations, a light for all to see;
And hope for all who will embrace His warm reality.

*Immanuel, Our God is with us.
And if God is with us, who could stand against us?
Our God is with us, Immanuel.*

You shall be my people, I will be your God,
Said He who did not spare His Son, but gave Him for us all.
On earth there is no power, there is no depth or height,
Could ever separate us from the love of God in Christ.

For all those who live in the shadow of death,
A glorious light has dawned.
For all those who stumble in the darkness,
Behold, your light has come.

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

Pastor Rick Stark

(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.)

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

Jesus Came To Conquer Sin

1 John 3:4-10 (Page 1022)

Tucker Fleming

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.)

Because Of Your Tender Mercy

Because of Your tender mercy,
The morning light from heaven is about to shine,
Is about to shine.
Because of Your tender mercy,
Though we have walked in darkness, You will end our night,
You will end our night.

*Let the heavens rejoice, let the angels sing,
Let earth receive the King of kings.
So holy, so worthy, You come to us.*

Because of Your tender mercy
To ev'ry generation You have shown Your love,
You have shown Your love.
Because of Your tender mercy,
You are forever faithful, reaching down to us,
Reaching down to us.

Because of Your tender mercy.
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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.

PSALM 121:7-8

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

The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

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
Wade Littrell	David Whitcomb
Bill Nelson	David Zajic
Kris Olin	

CHURCH STAFF

Scott Phillips	Senior Pastor
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Tonya Roth	Office Administrator
Jessica Keith	NextGen Coordinator
Allison Seale	Nursery Coordinator
Elena Suggs	Kitchen Coordinator

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 Caroling

NextGen families, today, December 1st! We will have pizza at the 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 next Sunday, 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!

Christmas Eve Service

Our Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols service will be Tuesday, December 24th, at 4:30 PM. Please join us as we celebrate the birth of Christ!

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