



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

January 12, 2025

SERVICE TIMES

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

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Room 158: Ecclesiastes

Room 167: Romans

Room 168: Judges

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:

God So Loved¹

Come all you weary, come all you thirsty,
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water, come and thirst no more

Come all you sinners, come find His mercy,
Come to the table, He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness, find what you're looking for

*For God so loved the world
That He gave us His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will love forever*

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions,
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there with open arms, see His open arms

*For God so loved the world
That He gave us His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will love forever
The power of hell, forever defeated,
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved, God so loved the world*

Praise God, Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, Praise Him for wonders of His love

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions,
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting, God so loved the world.

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Rick Stark, Associate Pastor

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PSALM 116:1-2, 5-7, 9

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

Call to Worship

PASTOR: I love the Lord, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

PEOPLE: **Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.**

PASTOR: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

PEOPLE: **Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.**

ALL: **I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.**

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

Hymn of Praise

Jesus! What A Friend For Sinners!

Jesus! What a friend for sinners!

Jesus! Lover of my soul!

Friends may fail me, foes assail me;

He, my Savior, makes me whole.

*Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving. He is with me to the end.*

Jesus! What a strength in weakness!

Let me hide myself in Him;

Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,

He, my strength, my vict'ry wins.

Jesus! What a guide and keeper!

While the tempest still is high,

Storms about me, night o'ertakes me,

He, my pilot, hears my cry.

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

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. "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.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

Confession of Sin

Gracious Lord, we confess we dishonor you in our words, thoughts, and deeds. We have hungered after that which does not satisfy and turned our faces from you. Please forgive our many sins; have mercy on our weaknesses. Enable us to turn from our wicked ways and to abandon our unrighteous thoughts. Let us know your full compassion and your abundant pardon through the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

...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.

ISAIAH 55:1-7

The Appeal of God

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

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

Come Ye Sinners

Come ye sinners, poor and wretched,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore.
Jesus, ready, stands to save you,
Full of pity joined with power.
He is able, He is able; He is willing; doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come and welcome;
God's free bounty glorify:
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money,
Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come ye weary, heavy laden,
Bruised and broken by the fall.
If you tarry till you're better,
You will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous;
Sinners Jesus came to call.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended;
Pleads the merit of His blood.
Venture on Him; venture wholly,
Let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus
Can do helpless sinners good.

Just As I Am (I Am Broken)

Just as I am without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God I come, I come.

Just as I am and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot.
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God I come, I come.

*I come broken to be mended, I come wounded to be healed.
I come desperate to be rescued, I come empty to be filled.
I come guilty to be pardoned by the blood of Christ the Lamb.
And I'm welcomed with open arms, praise God, just as I am.*

Just as I am I would be lost,
But mercy and grace my freedom bought.
And now, to glory in Your cross,
Oh Lamb of God I come, I come.

All I Have Is Christ

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!

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.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Brian Rodgers

(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.)

His Tithes & Offerings

Sermon

The Day Everything Changed

Acts 9:1-19 (Page 917)

Pastor Scott Phillips

The Lord Adds to His Church

Jack & Kendal Moores (8:15 service)

Derek & Tina Morris, (10:45 service)

Ruling Elder Prayer, Mike McMahan

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.)

Fall On Us

May the power of your presence overwhelm us,
Holy Spirit living breath of God
Give your grace and gifts to all who gather,
Help us see... set us free

May the beauty of your glory.. captivate us,
Show us ways we fail to walk in love
Touch our troubled spirit with forgiveness,
Renew us here... draw us near

*Fall on us, Holy Spirit,
Breathe in our hearts and light your fire
Fall on us, Holy Spirit,
Move in this place with resurrection power
Fall on us, Fall on us, Holy God*

May the comfort of your mercy bring the peace of God,
Speak into our lives the word of Christ
Give us faith and hope for life's long journey,
Fill our souls....make us whole

For the the proud and for the hopeless,
For the strong and for the weak
For the sure and for the doubting,
For the one who has no peace
For the healthy and the ailing,
For the rich and for the poor
For all who come in victory,
For all who just endure

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.

2 THESSALONIANS

2:16-17

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

Benediction

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

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	

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU!

Thank you so much, dear congregation, for the loving and lavish Christmas gifts to the Staff! The Lord has been so gracious to call us to serve such a warm and generous church family. We have cherished all your prayers and encouragement during this Advent season. May God be pleased as we continue to grow in Him together in 2025!

Sincerely, Scott, Rick, Stu, Tonya, Tucker, and Jesse.

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

J.O.Y Lunch

All Senior Adults are invited to join the J.O.Y. Group for a Potluck Luncheon in the Café following the later worship service next Sunday, January 19. Please bring a dish to share! For more information, contact Mary Chism at maebelle12@att.net.

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study begins this Tuesday, January 14th, from 10:00–11:30 am in room 168. We'll use Sarah Ivill's resource on 1 Peter, 2 Peter, and Jude to guide our time. Books are \$10 in the Book Nook. Childcare is provided.

WIC Retreat

Save the date! February 28–March 1, 2025, at Decatur Presbyterian Church. Plan to join us for "A Light So Lovely: Relationships that Reflect Christ," a weekend of fellowship and encouragement. More details coming soon!

Officer Elections/One Service on 1/26

On Sunday, January 26, we will gather for one worship service at 10:45am, followed by a congregational meeting for Officer Elections. Sunday School will still meet as usual, but there will be no 8:15am service that day. The recommended slate of candidates coming from the Session is as follows:

Ruling Elder: Jason Seale
Deacons: David Zajic, James Fudge, John Elder, Scott Missildine, William Sasser, and Braden Ladner

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