



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 19, 2025

SERVICE TIMES

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| 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

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| 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:

How Great Is Our God¹

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice

How great is our God, sing with me

How great is our God, and all will see how great

How great is our God

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one, Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb

Name above all names

Worthy of all praise

My heart will sing

How great is our God

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Rick Stark, Associate Pastor

Story of Grace

Kris Olin

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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

PASTOR: The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!

PEOPLE: **He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!**

PASTOR: The Lord is great in Zion;

PEOPLE: **He is exalted over all the peoples.**

ALL: **Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is He!**

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

Hymn of Praise

To God Be The Glory

To God be the glory, great things He has done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the lifegate that we may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!*

*O Come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He has done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives

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

"On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have set watchmen; all the day and all the night they shall never be silent. You who put the Lord in remembrance, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it a praise in the earth. The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: 'I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink your wine for which you have labored; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather it shall drink it in the courts of my sanctuary.' Go through, go through the gates; prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway; clear it of stones; lift up a signal over the peoples. Behold, the Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your salvation comes; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.' And they shall be called The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord; and you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

Confession of Sin

Lord, we confess that we have trusted in ourselves more than we have trusted in you. We have sought righteousness at our own hands rather than in the scarred hands of Jesus. We have sinned, and we have sought to cover those sins ourselves. We come to you this morning to confess that we have fallen short of your laws continuously and that when he have, we have tried to atone for our own sins. We confess that we've made light of your holiness, Lord, and apart from you, there is no health in us.

...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 62:6-12

The Lord Keeps His Promises

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

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

*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

Goodness Of God

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

Christ Our Hope In Love And Death

What is our hope in life and death?

Christ alone, Christ alone.

What is our only confidence?

That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand?

What comes, apart from His command?

And what will keep us to the end?

The love of Christ, in which we stand.

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;

O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess

Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul?

God is good, God is good.

Where is His grace and goodness known?

In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise?

Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh

Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

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

Witnesses To God's Faithfulness

Acts 9:19-43 (Page 917)

Tucker Fleming

The Lord Adds to His Church

Chris & Holly Mote (8:15 service)

Ruling Elder Prayer, Andy Thompson

Jessi Miller (10:45 service)

Ruling Elder Prayer, Jeff Keith

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.)

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!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness,
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

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!

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 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

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

DIACONATE

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| John Elder | Steve Sasser |
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| Wade Littrell | David Whitcomb |
| Bill Nelson | David Zajic |
| Kris Olin | |

CHURCH STAFF

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| Scott Phillips | Senior Pastor |
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| Tucker Fleming | Youth Director |
| Stu Schieler | Worship Director |
| Jesse Pawley | Administrative Director |
| 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

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 today, January 19. Please bring a dish to share! For more information, contact Mary Chism at maebelle12@att.net.

Lyons Shower

You're invited to a wedding shower honoring Emily Grace Lyons and Maddux Terry on Sunday, January 26th, from 1:00–3:00 pm. The shower will be held at 3709 Woodtrail Rd. SW. We hope you can join us in celebrating the happy couple!

WIC Conference

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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