



*Decatur Presbyterian Church*

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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January 26, 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.

## PSALM 67:1-5

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

## Song of Assembly:

### You Are Worthy Of My Praise<sup>1</sup>

I will worship (repeat), with all of my heart (repeat);  
I will praise you (repeat), with all of my strength. (repeat)  
I will seek you (repeat), all of my days; (repeat)  
And I will follow (repeat), follow all of Your ways (repeat).

*I will give You all my worship, I will give You all my praise.  
You alone I long to worship,  
You alone are worthy of my praise.*

I will bow down (repeat), and hail You as King (repeat);  
I will serve you (repeat), give You everything (repeat).  
I will lift up (repeat), my eyes to Your throne (repeat);  
And I will trust You (repeat), I will trust You alone (repeat).

## Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Rick Stark, Associate Pastor

## Report of the Living Church

Jordan Littrell  
WIC Conference

## Call to Worship

**PASTOR:** May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us.

**PEOPLE:** That your way may be known on earth,  
your saving power among all nations.

**PASTOR:** Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

**PEOPLE:** Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

**ALL:** Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

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# 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

### All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall; Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem,

And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,

And crown Him Lord of all!

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,

On this terrestrial ball, On this terrestrial ball,

To Him all majesty ascribe,

And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,

And crown Him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng,

We at his feet may fall, We at his feet may fall!

We'll join the everlasting song,

And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,

And crown Him Lord of all!

## Reading of the Word

There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name. I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever. For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

## Confession of Sin

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways and in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to dishonor you. Forgive our sins and receive our wholehearted thanks, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior**  
...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... **Amen!**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

## *PSALM 86:8-13*

Reasons to Come before the Lord

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.

## *JOHN 3:16-17*

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**

## **Only A Holy God**

Who else commands all the hosts of Heaven?  
Who else could make every king bow down?  
Who else could whisper and darkness trembles?  
Only a Holy God

What other glory consumes like fire?  
What other power can raise the dead?  
What other name remains undefeated? Only a Holy God

*Come and behold Him, the One and the Only  
Cry out, sing holy, forever a Holy God  
Come and worship the Holy God*

Who else could rescue me from my failing?  
Who else would offer His only Son?  
Who else invites me to call Him Father?  
Only a Holy God, Only my Holy God

## **Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but Thou are mighty;  
hold me with Thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore;  
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing waters flow;  
Let the fiery cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield;  
Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises I will ever give to Thee;  
Songs of praises I will ever give to Thee.

# Be Thou My Vision (Lord, You Are)

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

*Lord, You are more precious than silver,  
Lord, You are more costly than gold.  
Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds,  
And nothing I desire compares with you.*

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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 Allen Schmidt

*(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**

Abandoned To The Cross  
Worship Choir

## **His Tithes & Offerings**

## **Sermon**

The Spirit Persuades A Hard Heart  
Acts 10:1-48 (Page 918)  
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.)*

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.

## Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear,  
The hour I first believed!

*My chains are gone, I've been set free.  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me,  
And like a flood His mercy reigns;  
Unending love, amazing grace.*

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be,  
As long as life endures.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,  
The sun forbear to shine;  
But God, who called me here below,  
Will be forever mine;  
Will be forever mine.  
You are forever mine.

**2 CORINTHIANS 4:6**

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 God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

# ***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           |
| Rick Stark     | Associate Pastor        |
| 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***

### **Lyons Shower**

You're invited to a wedding shower honoring Emily Grace Lyons and Maddux Terry today, 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!

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