



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

February 2, 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:

Come People Of The Risen King¹

Come, people of the risen King,
Who delight to bring Him praise.
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

*Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O, Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, young and old from every land,
Men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands,
Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world His people sing;
Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age,
“Our God is All in All.”

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Scott Phillips, Senior Pastor

Report of the Living Church

Wayne Newsome

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from
REVELATION 15:3-4

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

Call to Worship

PASTOR: Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty!

PEOPLE: Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!

PASTOR: Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name?
For you alone are holy.

PEOPLE: All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

Hymn of Praise

We Are God's People

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of His Spirit, established by His Word;
Our cornerstone is Christ alone, And strong in Him we stand:
O let us live transparently
And walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,
For we have known it, the love of God outpoured;
Now let us learn how to return, The gift of love once given:
O let us share each joy and care,
And live with a zeal that pleases Heaven.

We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
Called to obey Him, now risen from the dead;
He wills us be a family, Diverse yet truly one:
O let us give our gifts to God,
And so shall his work on earth be done.

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

Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God." And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him—for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and to save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy on us, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

ISAIAH 49:1-6

The Missional Servant

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

COLOSSIANS 1:13-14

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

Whom Shall I Fear (Angel Armies)

You hear me when I call,
You are my morning song
Though darkness fills the night,
it cannot hide the Light, Whom shall I fear

My strength is in Your Name for You alone can save,
You will deliver me, Yours is the victory
Whom shall I fear, Whom shall I fear

*I know who goes before me,
I know who stands behind,
The God of angel armies is always by my side
The one who reigns forever,
He is a Friend of mine,
The God of angel armies is always by my side*

*And nothing formed against me shall stand
You hold the whole world in Your hands
I'm holding on to Your promises
You are faithful, You are Faithful (2x)
You are Faithful*

The God of angel armies is always by my side!

By Faith

By faith we see the hand of God
in the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove
His faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
with the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand,
a place where peace and justice reign

*We will stand as children of the promise,
we will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
we'll walk by faith and not by sight*

By faith the prophets saw a day
when the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death
and rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go
in the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
in every corner of the earth

We will stand...

By faith this mountain shall be moved
and the power of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
for all who call upon His name

We will stand...

Jesus, Only Jesus

Who has the power to raise the dead,
Who can save us from our sin?
He is our hope, our righteousness.
Jesus, only Jesus.

Who can make the blind to see,
Who holds the keys that set us free?
He paid it all to bring us peace.
Jesus, only Jesus.

*Holy, King Almighty, Lord.
Saints and angels all adore.
I join with them and bow before
Jesus, only Jesus.*

Who can command the highest praise,
Who has the name above all names?
You stand alone, I stand amazed.
Jesus, only Jesus.

*You will command the highest praise,
Yours is the name above all names.
You stand alone, I stand amazed.
Jesus, only Jesus. Jesus, only Jesus.*

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 Blake Temple

(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

Missional Church: But Are We Hiding From The Harvest?

Romans 15:14-21 (Page 949)

Dr. Herb Ward

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.)

Psalm 84

O Lord of hosts, how lovely is your dwelling place!
I cry aloud, I long for your abode;
The joys of earth have left my soul unsatisfied:
My heart and flesh desire the living God.
Within your walls the sparrow finds a nesting place,
That near your altars she may have her young:
How happy those who dwell within your house, O Lord,
By whom your holy praises are forever sung!

How happy those who have in you the strength they need,
And in whose heart are Zion's pathways found!
The desert sands they make a place of water-springs,
Till autumn rains refresh the barren ground.
From strength to strength they journey on their pilgrimage,
Until in God's own presence they appear:
O Lord of hosts, do good to your anointed one;
Receive my earnest prayer: O God of Jacob, hear!

How better, far, a single day within your courts,
Than thousands spent in any other way;
I'd rather wait upon the steps beside your door,
Than pitch my tent where wickedness holds sway.
For like a shield the Lord defends and covers us;
He gives us grace and crowns with glory too,
And nothing good withholds from those that walk aright:
O Lord of hosts, how happy all who trust in you!

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.

MATTHEW 28:19-20

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

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

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

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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

For the Nations: Global Missions Celebration

Join us on February 26 for a special evening celebrating God's work around the world. Enjoy a delicious meal, hear inspiring stories of our mission partners, and discover ways to engage in world missions. Meal begins at 5:30pm. Regular children's programming starts at 6:00pm.

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!

Life Groups

Doing life together in a small group context of fellowship, prayer, Bible study, and mission. Hardly a better way to grow spiritually and a warm "front door" into the church to invite our friends and neighbors! Currently there are 7 groups meeting either on Wednesday or Sunday nights... and there's room to expand. If this interests you, please contact Pastor Rick Stark for more information (rick@decaturpca.org).

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