



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

March 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:

Living Waters (As The Deer)¹

Are you thirsty, are you empty
Come and drink these living waters
Tired and broken peace unspoken
Rest beside these living waters

*There's a river that flows with mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God
There our hope is secure, do not fear anymore
Praise to the Lord of living waters*

Christ is calling, find refreshing
At the cross of living waters
Lay your life down, all the old gone
Rise up in these living waters

As the deer panteth for the water,
So my soul longeth after Thee;
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship Thee.
You alone are my strength, my shield,
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship Thee.

Spirit moving, mercy washing
Healing in these living waters
Lead your children to the shoreline
Life is in these living waters

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Rick Stark, Associate Pastor

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Psalm 33:1-4

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

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

Call to Worship

PASTOR: Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise
befits the upright.

PEOPLE: Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre; make
melody to him with the harp of ten strings!

PASTOR: Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the
strings, with loud shouts.

PEOPLE: For the word of the Lord is upright, and all
his work is done in faithfulness.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

Hymn of Praise

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee.
Who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth, and sky and sea,
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Reading of the Word

A voice cries: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.” A voice says, “Cry!” And I said, “What shall I cry?” All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, eternal Father, we acknowledge and confess that we were born in unrighteousness. Our lives are full of sin; we have not gladly received your Word nor followed your holy commandments. For your Name's sake, be merciful to us, and forgive us all our sin, that we might live to the praise of Your glory
...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... **Amen!**

Assurance of Forgiveness

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.

ISAIAH 40:3-8

Enduring Word 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 TIMOTHY 1:15-16

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

Build My Life

Worthy of every song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, oh, we live for You

Jesus, the name above every other name
Jesus, the only One who could ever save
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, we live for You

*Holy, there is no one like You, there is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder
And show me who You are and fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me*

And I will build my life upon Your love, it is a firm foundation
And I will put my trust in You alone and I will not be shaken

Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous mystery,
In the dawning of the King;
He the theme of heaven's praises,
Robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness,
Now the Light of Life has come;
Look to Christ, who condescended,
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery,
Christ the Lord upon the tree;
In the stead of ruined sinners,
Hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption,
See the Father's plan unfold;
Bringing many sons to glory,
Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery,
Slain by death the God of life;
But no grave could e'er restrain Him,
Praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance,
How unwavering our hope;
Christ in power resurrected,
As we will be when He comes

Rock Of Ages

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfil Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow?
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death;
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

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

Elder Andy Thompson

(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

Praise To The Lord The Almighty
Worship Choir

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

The Only Rule For Faith And Life
Acts 13:1-12 (Page 921)
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.)

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God:
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down:
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

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.

ACTS 20:32

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

And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

SERMON NOTES

SESSION

George Godwin	Allen Schmidt
Jeff Keith	Jason Seale
Mike McMahan	Jay Suggs
Brian Rodgers	Blake Temple
Connor Ross	Andy Thompson

DIACONATE

John Elder	Kris Olin
James Fudge	William Sasser
Braden Ladner	Sam Thompson
Wade Littrell	David Whitcomb
Scott Missildine	David Zajic
Bill Nelson	

CHURCH STAFF

Scott Phillips	Senior Pastor
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Stu Schieler	Worship Director
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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

Soup for Souls

The NCC's 2025 Soup for Souls is March 6, 2025 (5:30-7:30pm) at 400 Grant Street SE, Decatur. Tickets are \$30.00 and can be purchased at the door or at decaturncc.org. See our Thursday Email for more information.

Daylight Saving Time

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour this Saturday night, March 8. We would hate to miss you on Sunday because of the time change!

Dominican Republic Trip

Be part of what God is doing in the DR! Serve alongside our team June 3-10, 2025, as we share the love of Christ and build meaningful connections. Registration closes March 31. Register online.

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