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

SUNDAY TIMES

7:45am 8:15am Prayer Worship

9:30am

Sunday School

10:45am Worship

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Room 158: Ecclesiastes Room 167: Romans Room 168: Judges

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Meal

5:00pm

Soli Deo Gloria

5:30pm 6:00pm

NextGen & Youth

6:15pm 6:30pm

Adult Choir 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 of Wonders 1

Lord of all creation of water, earth and sky; The heavens are Your tabernacle. Glory to the Lord on high!

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy. The universe declares Your Majesty. You are holy, holy. Lord of Heaven and earth, Lord of Heaven and earth.

Early in the morning I will celebrate the light, When I stumble in the darkness, I will call your name by night.

Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and earth. Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and earth. Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and earth. You are holy, holy.

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy. Precious Lord, reveal Your heart to me. Father, hold me, hold me. The universe declares Your Majesty. You are holy, holy, holy, holy!

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Rick Stark, Associate Pastor

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Psalm 47:1-2, 7-8

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

Call to Worship

PASTOR: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

PEOPLE: For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth!

PASTOR: For God is the King of all the earth; Sing praises

with a Psalm!

PEOPLE: God reigns over the nations;

PASTOR: God sits on his holy throne.

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

O Worship The King

O worship the King all glorious above, O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love; Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace, Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space. His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail. In You do we trust, nor find You to fail; Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end, Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

Reading of the Word

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you." And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

PASTOR: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Our Father in heaven, we are humbled now for our faintheartedness, especially in the light of your providence. We are quick to doubt you when you lead us through hardships and slow to gratitude when you give us comforts. For these reasons, we repent. Have mercy upon us, for Christ's sake. Forgive us, and turn us now to a greater love, perseverance, and holiness. ...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!

Assurance of Forgiveness

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

GENESIS 50:15-21

Comfort from God's Providence

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.

ROMANS 8:1-4

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

King Of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light 'Till from Heaven You came running, there was mercy in Your eyes.

To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word From a throne of endless glory, to a cradle in the dirt.

To reveal the kingdom coming, and to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation,
You did not despise the cross.
For even in Your suffering,
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation,
Jesus for our sake You died.

Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, three in one God of Glory, majesty, praise forever to the King of Kings.

And the morning that You rose, All of heaven held its breath 'Till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death. And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe For the souls of all who'd come, to the Father are restored.

And the Church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old, shall not kneel, shall not faint.
By His blood and in His name, in His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ, who has resurrected me.

Immortal, Invisible

Immortal, You are not like a man That You change Your mind or change Your plan. Invisible, our human eyes can't see The depths of Your majesty.

You're the God of forever and ever amen! The Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End. We sing, "Hallelujah!" We worship in awe, Immortal, invisible God.

Immortal, You are not bound by death. You're the living God, my very breath. Invisible, You are not bound by space, But Your glory is filling this place. Yes, Your glory is filling this place.

Immortal yet You once died for me, To pay my debt, to set me free. Invisible, You will not always be, 'Cause You're coming to reign as our King, And the saints will fall down at Your feet.

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast. When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast. I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path. For my love is often cold, He must hold me fast.

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast. For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast. Justice has been satisfied, He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last. 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 (This is the 5^{th} Sunday, there is no Teach Me To Worship today.)

Singing to the Lord

Daily Diving Deeper Dare To Declare

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 Argument That Strengthened The Church Acts 15:36–16:5 (Page 924) 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.)

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.

FROM PSALM 20:1, 5

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

May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you! May we shout for joy over our salvation, and in the name of our God set up our banners! May the Lord fulfill all your petitions!

SERMON NOTES

SESSION

George Godwin Jeff Keith Mike McMahan Brian Rodgers Connor Ross

Allen Schmidt Jason Seale Jay Suggs Blake Temple Andy Thompson If this is your first time joining us, we would love to get to know you better. Please use then 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.



DIACONATE

John Elder James Fudge Braden Ladner Wade Littrell Scott Missildine

Bill Nelson

Kris Olin William Sasser Sam Thompson David Whitcomb David Zaiic

CHURCH STAFF

Scott Phillips Rick Stark Stu Schieler Jesse Pawlev Tonya Roth Jessica Keith Allison Seale Elena Suggs

Senior Pastor Associate Pastor Tucker Fleming Youth Director Worship Director Administrative Director Office Administrator NextGen Coordinator Nursery Coordinator Kitchen Coordinator

CHURCH FAMILY REMINDERS

No Teach Me to Worship Today

This Sunday is a 5th Sunday, which means our Teach Me to Worship kids (ages 4-6) will stay in the service with their families. There will be no Teach Me to Worship class, but coloring sheets will be available in the back to help keep little hands engaged.

Officer Nominations

We are accepting nominations for Elders and Deacons throughout April. Nomination cards are available in the fover and should be turned into the church office. Please secure the nominee's approval before submitting. Thank you for prayerfully considering those called to serve!

Bridal Table Shower

Sunday, April 13 for Mallory Schmidt & Philip Traylor. There will be a table in the gathering room for you to leave your gifts as they prepare for marriage. They are registered at https://www.myregistry.com

Good Friday, April 18

Join us for a reflective service as we remember Christ's sacrifice and prepare our hearts for the Resurrection.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 19 | 10 AM - Noon. Bring a basket and a flashlight and join us for a fun morning at DPC! Parents are welcome to watch as kids hunt for eggs. Rain or shine-we'll see you there!

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