



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

April 6, 2025

SUNDAY TIMES

7:45am	Prayer
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:

No King But Christ¹

No King but Christ under heaven above
Loves with such free and boundless love
There is no other king I know
Who saves the ones who cursed his throne
No king but Christ would be willing to give
His own perfect life that we may live
Emptying our accounts of sin
And adding righteousness to them

*No there is no King but Christ the Lord,
Who paid what we could not afford
There's no power on earth above his word
No there is no King but Christ the Lord*

No King but Christ ever died for our sake
Then rose up with power o're the grave
And someday soon will come again
To take his children back with him

There's no power on earth above his word,
No there is no King but Christ the Lord

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Scott Phillips, Senior Pastor

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Psalm 33:20-22

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

Call to Worship

PASTOR: Our soul waits for the Lord;

PEOPLE: **He is our help and our shield!**

PASTOR: For our heart is glad in him,

PEOPLE: **Because we trust in his holy name!**

PEOPLE: **Even as we hope in you.**

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

Hymn of Praise

Our God, Our Help In Ages Past

Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

Under the shadow of Your throne
Your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
From everlasting You are God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Your sight
are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

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

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden our face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Be not so terribly angry, O Lord, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people. Your holy cities have become a wilderness; Zion has become a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation. Our holy and beautiful house, where our fathers praised you, has been burned by fire, and all our pleasant places have become ruins. Will you restrain yourself at these things, O Lord? Will you keep silent, and afflict us so terribly?

PASTOR: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

Confession of Sin

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior.

ISAIAH 64:1-12

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.

TITUS 3:4-6

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

The Roar

I waited for the Lord
He turned and heard my cry
His mercy opened up my eyes
When I couldn't see and my strength was failing me

*I heard the roar of the Lion of Judah
I heard the voice that calms the raging sea
He came to me, came to me
When I needed the Lord
I heard the roar of the Lion of Judah.*

I waited for the Lord
He appeared in blinding light
He led me through the darkest night
When I couldn't see and my strength was failing me

I lifted my hands
He lifted me out
All praise to the Savior, all worship to God
With all that I am
With all of my heart
All praise to the Savior, all worship to God

You came to me, came to me
When I needed You, Lord
I heard the roar of the Lion of Judah
I heard the roar of the Lion of Judah

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.

Take My Life

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise;
Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee;

Take my voice and let me sing, always, only for my King.
Take my lips and let them be filled
with messages from Thee;
Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use every pow'r as You choose.

*Here am I, all of me. Take my life, it's all for Thee.
Take myself and I will be ever, only all for Thee.*

Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord

I pour at Your feet its treasure store;
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for 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 Connor Ross

(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

Thy Word

Soli Deo Gloria

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

Kingdom Prayer

Matthew 6:5-10 (Page 811)

Dr. Lloyd Kim

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.)

Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

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.

HEBREWS 13:20-21

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

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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
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

Officer Nominations

We are accepting nominations for Elders and Deacons throughout April. Nomination cards are available in the foyer and should be turned into the church office. Thank you for prayerfully considering those called to serve!

Bridal Table Shower

Next 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 at 6:00pm 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 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!

1ST QUARTER 2025

YTD Giving	195,983.71
YTD Spending	287,552.33
YTD Budget	281,786.77

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