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:

The Wonderful Cross¹

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.

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?

O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live. O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross, All who gather here by grace Draw near and bless Your name.

Welcome & Announcements

Jesse Pawley, Administrative Director

Children's Palm Sunday Processional

Hosanna

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You, we turn to You Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You, we long for You 'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day In Your Presence all our fears are washed away, washed away

Hosanna, hosanna, You are the God Who saves us, Worthy of all our praises, Hosanna, hosanna Come have Your way among us, We welcome You here, Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You, we turn to You In Your Kingdom broken lives are made new, You make us new

'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day In Your Presence all our fears are washed away, washed away

Report of the Living Church

Jessica Keith, VBS

Micah 7:18-19

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

Call to Worship

LEADER: Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance?

PEOPLE: He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love.

LEADER: He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot.

PEOPLE: You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

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 Glory, Laud, And Honor

All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King, To Whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring! Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son, Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One!

The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went; Our praise and prayer and anthems before Thee we present: To Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise; To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Reading of the Word

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, you have shown that your salvation comes through faith alone. Yet we are absorbed with ourselves and our accomplishments more than your free grace. We compare ourselves to our neighbors, sometimes leading us to pride or at other times to despair. We need you to clothe us in Christ's righteousness. Have mercy on us and grant us new repentance to receive the grace that cannot be earned but only received as a gift through faith

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

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, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

GENESIS 15:1-6

Counted as Righteous

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 3:4-7

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

Behold Him

He who was before there was light, Walked across the pages of time, He who made every living thing, behold Him.

He who heard humanity's cry, Left His throne to wake as a child, He became like the least of us, behold Him.

Jesus, Son of God, Messiah, The Lamb, The roaring Lion, oh, be still and behold Him.

He who dined with sinners and saints, Healed the blind, the lost and the lame, Even now He is in our midst, behold Him.

He who chose a criminal's end, Paid with blood to settle our debt, Buried death as He rose to life, behold Him.

Jesus, Son of God, Messiah, The Lamb, The roaring Lion, oh, be still and behold Him. Jesus, Alpha and Omega, Our God, The Risen Savior, oh, be still and behold Him.

Holy, holy, holy Is the Lord God Almighty; Worthy, worthy, worthy to receive all praise.

The Lord Is My Salvation

The grace of God has reached for me, And pulled me from the raging sea And I am safe on this solid ground, The Lord is my salvation

I will not fear when darkness falls, His strength will help me scale these walls I'll see the dawn of the rising sun, The Lord is my salvation

Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, Faithful in love My debt is paid and the vict'ry won, The Lord is my salvation

And when I reach my final day, He will not leave me in the grave But I will rise, He will call me home, The Lord is my salvation

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son Glory be to God the Spirit, The Lord is our salvation

Through The Door

Through the door, through the cross,
Through the Lamb slain for us, we come.
Through the One crucified,
Through the Way, the Truth, the Life, we come.
And the lost say "I am found", the blind say "I can see."
The weak say "I am strong," the bound say "I am free."

And we sing "Hallelujah, this is glory, Hallelujah, this is grace, Hallelujah, this is mercy flowing down" And we dance in the light of Your love, And we dance in the light of Your love and this is glory!

Through the door You became, You have called and by faith we come. Through the door, in the name, Of the One mighty to save, Lord, we come. Death, where is your sting? The grave has lost the fight. Sin, where are your chains? The door is open wide.

Your love is deeper; Your mercy's wider; Your grace is greater than our sin. (Repeat) 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

...Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

(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

Hosanna! Worship Choir

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.

His Tithes & Offerings

Sermon

Three Unlikely Converts Acts 16:6-40 (Page 925) 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.

I Saw The Cross of Jesus

I saw the cross of Jesus, when burdened with my sin; I sought the cross of Jesus, to give me peace within; He drew my soul to Him and then He cleansed it in His blood; And in the cross of Jesus Christ I found my peace with God.

I love the cross of Jesus, it tells me what I am A vile and guilty creature, saved only through the Lamb; No righteousness nor merit mine, no beauty can I plead; Yet in the cross I glory, my title there I read.

I trust the cross of Jesus, in every trying hour, My sure and certain refuge, my never failing tower; In every fear and conflict see I more than conqueror am; Though living safe, or dying, through Christ, the risen Lamb.

Safe, Safe am I, in the cross of Jesus! Still resting in a peace that is unshaken Then in glory I'll sing His wondrous power, Where sin can never enter in, and death is known no more. And in the cross of Jesus Christ I found my peace with God.

GALATIANS 1:3-5

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

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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.



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Nursery Coordinator
Kitchen Coordinator







VBS Volunteer Registration

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!

Good Friday, April 18

Join us for a reflective service at 6:00pm this Friday as we remember Christ's sacrifice and prepare our hearts for the Resurrection.

Easter Egg Hunt

This 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!

Iron Man Night

Men 16+, join us at Gil Cook's farm (88 Akins Mountain Rd, Hartselle) on Friday, April 25, from 6:00–8:00 PM for food, fellowship, and encouragement with former Auburn football player Anthony Brown. Enjoy smoked meats (drinks provided, BYOB) and bring a side or dessert to share. Come early to shoot and hang out!

Bridal Table Shower

Sunday, April 27 for Karli Stewart & Jacob Phillips. There is a table in the gathering room for you to leave your gifts as they prepare for marriage. They are registered at https://www.theknot.com/us/karli-stewart-and-jacob-phillips-may-2025/registry

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