



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

*2 Corinthians 4:5*

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May 18, 2025

# SUNDAY TIMES

7:45am	Prayer
8:15am	Worship
9:30am	Sunday School
10:45am	Worship

# ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

- Room 158: The Minor Prophets
- Room 167: Romans
- Room 168: Judges

# WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

*(resumes in September)*

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:

### You Speak<sup>1</sup>

In the midst of raging waters,  
when the storm is all around,  
You are there to calm the chaos  
with love that knows no bounds

When my soul is lost and troubled  
with fear and deep distress  
You are near to bring deliverance  
to bring me peace and rest

*You speak and the waves obey.  
You speak, and darkness turns to day  
You speak, and then we know;  
God, you are always in control.*

When the burdens feel too heavy,  
And it's hard to find my way,  
You are there to guide me gently,  
lead me to a brighter day, yeah!

The world is crashin' in,  
but Father I am listening  
God, Your voice is louder,  
Your words hold all the power

## Welcome & Announcements

Tucker Fleming, Youth Director

## Report of the Living Church

Tucker Fleming, Senior Charge

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## ***Psalm 96:1-6***

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

## **Call to Worship**

**LEADER:** Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

**PEOPLE:** Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day!

**LEADER:** Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

**PEOPLE:** For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods!

**ALL:** For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary!

## **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 Creatures Of Our God And King**

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
O praise Him! Allelujah! Thou,  
Burning sun with golden beam.  
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam.  
O praise Him! O praise Him! Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelu-jah!

Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship Him in humbleness  
O praise Him! Allelujah!  
Praise, Praise the Father, praise the Son.  
And praise the Spirit, Three-in-one.  
O praise Him! O praise Him! Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelu-jah!

All the redeemed washed by His blood,  
Come and rejoice in His great love.  
O praise Him! Allelujah!  
Christ has defeated every sin.  
Cast all your burdens now on Him.  
O praise Him! O praise Him! Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelu-jah!

# Reading of the Word

The ironsmith takes a cutting tool and works it over the coals. He fashions it with hammers and works it with his strong arm. He becomes hungry, and his strength fails; he drinks no water and is faint. The carpenter stretches a line; he marks it out with a pencil. He shapes it with planes and marks it with a compass. He shapes it into the figure of a man, with the beauty of a man, to dwell in a house. He cuts down cedars, or he chooses a cypress tree or an oak and lets it grow strong among the trees of the forest. He plants a cedar and the rain nourishes it. Then it becomes fuel for a man. He takes a part of it and warms himself; he kindles a fire and bakes bread. Also he makes a god and worships it; he makes it an idol and falls down before it. Half of it he burns in the fire. Over the half he eats meat; he roasts it and is satisfied. Also he warms himself and says, “Aha, I am warm, I have seen the fire!” And the rest of it he makes into a god, his idol, and falls down to it and worships it. He prays to it and says, “Deliver me, for you are my god!” They know not, nor do they discern, for he has shut their eyes, so that they cannot see, and their hearts, so that they cannot understand. No one considers, nor is there knowledge or discernment to say, “Half of it I burned in the fire; I also baked bread on its coals; I roasted meat and have eaten. And shall I make the rest of it an abomination? Shall I fall down before a block of wood?” He feeds on ashes; a deluded heart has led him astray, and he cannot deliver himself or say, “Is there not a lie in my right hand?”

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

## Confession of Sin

**Almighty God, to know You is the fulfillment of our deepest longings and the satisfaction of our most ardent desires. Yet foolishly we have sought our pleasures elsewhere. We have put the seeking of idols, though they leave us feeling empty, above seeking You. We have failed to walk humbly with you, and like sheep, we have gone astray. Forgive our sins for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ. And grant that from now on, we might enjoy you in newness of life...**Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... **Amen!**

## *Isaiah 44:12-20*

The Foolishness of Idols

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.

# **1 THESSALONIANS**

## **1:9-10**

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.

## **Assurance of Forgiveness**

You turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,  
and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the  
dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

## **Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs**

### **From Depths of Woe I Raise To Thee**

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee  
the voice of lamentation;  
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me  
and hear my supplication;  
If Thou iniquities dost mark,  
our secret sins and misdeeds dark:  
O who shall stand before Thee?  
O who shall stand before Thee?

To wash away the crimson stain,  
grace, grace alone availeth;  
Our works alas! are all in vain;  
in much the best life faileth:  
No man can glory in Thy sight,  
all must alike confess Thy might,  
And live alone by mercy. And live alone by mercy.

Therefore my trust is in the Lord,  
and not in mine own merit;  
On Him my soul shall rest,  
His Word upholds my fainting spirit:  
His promised mercy is my fort,  
my comfort, and my sweet support:  
I wait for it with patience. I wait for it with patience.

Though great our sins and sore our woes,  
His grace much more aboundeth;  
His helping love no limit knows,  
our utmost need it soundeth.  
Our Shepherd good and true is He,  
who will at last His Israel free  
From all our sin and sorrow. From all our sin and sorrow.

# 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.

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.

## Revelation Song

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, Holy, Holy, is He  
Sing a new song, to Him who sits on Heaven's Mercy Seat

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was, and is, and is to come  
With all creation I sing: Praise to the King of Kings!  
You are my everything, And I will adore You...*

Filled with wonder, Awestruck wonder,  
At the mention of Your Name  
Jesus, Your Name is Power, Breath, and Living Water  
Such a marvelous mystery

## Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder George Godwin

*(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

Worthless Idols vs. The Living God  
Acts 19:23-41 (Page 928)  
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.)*

## Come As You Are

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been.  
Come, broken hearted, let rescue begin.  
Come find your mercy. Oh sinner come kneel;  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal,  
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.

*Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame.  
All who are broken lift up your face.  
Oh wanderer, come home; you're not too far.  
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart:  
Come as you are.*

Bridge *(sing after 2nd vs & chorus)*

*Come as you are. Fall in His arms. Come as you are.*

There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed:  
Come sit at the table, come taste the grace.  
There's rest for the weary, rest that endures.  
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure. *(So)*

There's joy for the morning. Oh sinner be still.  
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.  
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal. *(So)*

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.

## ***1 JOHN 5:20-21***

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**

And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

# ***SERMON NOTES***

## ***SESSION***

George Godwin  
Jeff Keith  
Mike McMahan  
Brian Rodgers  
Connor Ross

Allen Schmidt  
Jason Seale  
Jay Suggs  
Blake Temple  
Andy Thompson

## ***DIACONATE***

John Elder  
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Scott Phillips	Senior Pastor
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**VBS Child  
Registration**



**VBS Volunteer  
Registration**

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***

### **Senior Recognition Sunday**

Receptions honoring our 2025 high school graduates today after the 8:15 service and Sunday School in the Café. Gift tables for each graduate are set up there. Our 2025 High School Graduates are Lilly Beth Cress, Guille Gonzalez, Madeline McMahan, Margaret Rodgers, Drew Smith, and Jackson Stephens.

### **Ezra Welcome**

Our 9 Ezra interns arrive tomorrow, May 19! Drop off snacks, gift cards, or treats in the Gathering Area by today, May 18 to help welcome them. Pick up a "Meet the Team" booklet to pray for them. You can also sign up online to host 2 or more interns for lunch after church this summer!

### **Tea and Cookies**

The DPC Girls Bible Study invites all women to a Tea & Cookies party Tuesday, May 20th, from 1:00–2:30. Come learn about "Days for Girls" which provides female health education & reusable menstrual kits to young women in the DR. For more info, contact Carol Godwin at 256-227-5614.

### **WIC VBS Craft Night**

Join us this Wednesday, May 21 from 6:30–8:00 PM as we gather to create decorations for VBS.

### **JOY Lunch**

Any and all "seasoned" adults are invited to a potluck lunch. Make or buy a dish to share OR bring only your appetite to the Café after the 10:45 service on June 1 to enjoy fellowship and a meal together. Contact Mary Chism at [maebelle12@att.net](mailto:maebelle12@att.net) for more information.

### **Revelation Study**

Join us for a 10-week study through Revelation by Jen Wilkin, led by Anna Pawley. Tuesdays, June 3–August 10, 8:00–9:30 PM at Margie Thompson's house. Register online.

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