



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

June 1, 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:

Spirit And The Bride¹

Stir up a longing for Your returning.
For the day when our faith will be made sight.
Creation is groaning. Heaven is yearning
For the dark to be overcome by light.
For we know You will overcome the night.

*The Spirit and the Bride say,
"Come, Lord, Jesus. Washed in white Lord,
Make us ready. Purify Your Church Lord, Jesus come."*

We have a hope. We have a future.
Closer now than when we first believed.
For You are our soon and coming King.

Riding on a white horse. The One called faithful and true.
Coming as a Lion, making everything new.
For the wedding of the Lamb has come, Lord,
We are ready. The battle is forever won. Our victory.

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Rick Stark, Associate Pastor

(10:45 service)

Report of the Living Church

Pastor Rick Stark, Commissioning of the DR Team

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Psalm 100:1-5

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: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

PEOPLE: **Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!**

PASTOR: Know that the Lord, he is God!

PEOPLE: **It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

PASTOR: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

ALL: **For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

Hymn of Praise

Praise To The Lord The Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been,
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen sound from His people again;
Gladly fore'er we adore Him.

Reading of the Word

For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

Confession of Sin

Our Father, you have promised to lift our heads with eternal hope, but we are prone to forget our hope and to doubt your promise to save us. You came to rule us and give us refuge, but we are prone to seek refuge in the ways of the world instead. You came to serve us as a just and gracious King, but we are prone to rebel against your kingship, to live for our personal peace and comfort rather than the justice and mercy of your kingdom. You came to rescue us as a good shepherd, but we are prone to wander and run from you. O, Savior, have mercy on us

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

He himself bore our sins in his body on a tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but not have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Ezekiel 34:11-16

The Good Shepherd

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 PETER 2:24-25

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

We Will Feast In The House Of Zion

*We will feast in the house of Zion,
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together,
We will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire, He is the Lord, our God
We are not consumed by the flood,
Upheld, protected, gathered up

*We will feast in the house of Zion,
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together,
We will feast and weep no more*

In the dark of night, before the dawn, my soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh, how long?
Oh, God of Jacob, be my strength

*We will feast in the house of Zion,
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together.
We will feast and weep no more*

Every vow we've broken and betrayed, You are the Faithful one
And from the garden to the grave, bind us together, bring shalom

*We will feast in the house of Zion,
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together,
We will feast and weep no more*

Praise The Lord (Psalm 150)

You made the starry hosts, You traced the mountain peaks
You paint the evening sky with wonders
The earth, it is Your throne, from desert to the sea,
All nature testifies Your splendor

*Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord,
Sing His greatness All creation,
Praise the Lord, Raise your voice,
You heights and all you depths,
From furthest east to west,
Let everything that has breath, Praise the Lord*

You reached into the dust, In love, Your Spirit breathed,
You formed us in Your very likeness
To know Your wondrous works, To tell Your mighty deeds,
To join the everlasting chorus

Let symphonies resound, Let drums and choirs ring out, All
heaven hear the sound of worship
Let every nation bring, Its honors to the King,
A roar of harmonies eternal

*Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord,
Sing His greatness, All creation,
Praise the Lord, Raise your voice
Your heights and all your depths,
From furthest east to west, You distant burning stars,
All creatures near and far,
From sky to sea to shore, Sing out forevermore,
Let everything that has breath, Praise the Lord*

Help And Deliverer

As I wander through the wilderness,
There is only one who gives me rest
You shield me from the sun, even when I run

You will hold me fast and never fail,
In my greatest weakness you prevail
Your grace that I abuse, won't let my foot be moved

*Jesus, our help and deliverer, Jesus, gracious redeemer
Who keeps us when we wander from you
Jesus our gentle shepherd now lead us,
Where death cannot threaten
To steal us from your love, our help and deliverer*

You are faithful in my unbelief,
Though I am weak your love for me is deep,
I know your love is sure, it helps me to endure

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.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Jeff Keith

(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

Beautiful Presbyterians

Acts 20:17-38 (Page 929)

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 Am Not Alone

When I walk through deep waters,
I know that You will be with me
When I'm standing in the fire, I will not be overcome
Through the valley of the shadow, I will not fear

*I am not alone, I am not alone,
You will go before me
You will never leave me (2x)*

In the midst of deep sorrow,
I see Your light is breaking through
The dark of night will not overtake me,
I am pressing into You
Lord, You fight my every battle, and I will not fear
You amaze me, Redeem me, You call me as Your own

You're my strength, You're my defender
You're my refuge in the storm, through these trials
You've always been faithful, You bring healing to my soul

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
Jeff Keith
Mike McMahan
Brian Rodgers
Connor Ross

Allen Schmidt
Jason Seale
Jay Suggs
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Andy Thompson

DIACONATE

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CHURCH STAFF

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Elena Suggs	Kitchen Coordinator



**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

Revelation Study

Join us for a 10-week study through Revelation by Jen Wilkin, led by Anna Pawley. Tuesdays, June 3–August 5, 8:00–9:30 PM at Margie Thompson's house. Register online.

Nelson Shower

Join us in celebrating Colin Nelson and Madeleine Johnson with a Bridal Shower on June 8th @ the Cress home (152 Ashwood Dr.) from 2 PM - 4 PM! You can find their registry on the events page of our website.

VBS Work Week

We will be working from 9-Noon, Monday through Friday (6/9-13). We can use all types of skills from building to painting and everything in between. All skill levels are welcome!

VBS Training

All VBS volunteers are asked to attend a required training during the Sunday School hour on Sunday, June 15, in the sanctuary.

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