

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 22, 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:

With Me¹

God of the past and of the future, You are faithful, always faithful. God in my strength and in my failure, You are faithful, always faithful.

In every promise I can find Your Spirit reassuring mine. You are with me.

You go before, You go behind Your faithfulness on every side You were with me then, You are with me now. In every season I can see, Your hand of blessing over me. You were with me then, You are with me now. (With me now)

God in my joy and in my sorrow, You are faithful, always faithful. My God who holds every tomorrow, You are faithful, always faithful.

You were there in the darkness You were there in the shame You were there in the moment when I called Your name You were there in the mourning, You were there in the pain. You were God in the waiting forever the same. You are here in our worship You are here in our praise. You will always be with us to the end of the age.

Welcome & Announcements

Tucker Fleming, Youth Director

Report of the Living Church

Jessica Keith VBS

Psalm 27:4-6

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

LEADER: One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

PEOPLE: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple!

LEADER: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock!

PEOPLE: And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

Hymn of Praise

How Firm A Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word! What more can He say than to you He hath said, To you who for refuge to Jesus hath fled?

Fear not! I am with thee; O be not dismayed, For I am thy God and will still give thee aid. I'll strengthen thee, help thee; and cause thee to stand, Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose; I will not, I will not desert to His foes. That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake!

Reading of the Word

I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord. **PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!**

Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus, we confess that we have failed to trust you. We live daily as though we don't believe your promises. We do not use the certainty of our hope to endure in faithfulness. Instead, we indulge in the lusts of the flesh or we try to earn your favor by relying on the law. In either case, we are selfish, and we need your grace. Forgive us and help us to trust you, holding fast to the confession of our hope, which is found in you alone

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

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.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

HEBREWS 10:19-23

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.

Revelation 2:9-11

The Cost and Reward of Faithfulness

Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Always

I believe You gave sight to the blind, I believe that the dead came to life I believe there were wonders and signs, And You're still the same

I will tell of Your wonders, sing of Your grace, The God of creation he knows me by name The Lord is faithful, yesterday, now, and always. Always. Your mercy is mighty, age after age, And all generations will bow down and praise The Lord is faithful, yesterday, now, and always. Always.

I believe You will come in the clouds, I believe You are here even now In Your presence, I know there is power, Power to save, oh

You were, You are, You always will be God, You were (You were). You are (You are) You always will be God. Yes, You always will be God

Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand? Kings and nations tremble at His voice. All creation rises to rejoice.

Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of His words? Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Behold our God, seated on His throne. Come, let us adore Him. Behold our King, nothing can compare, Come, let us adore Him!

Who has felt the nails upon His hands, bearing all the guilt of sinful man? God eternal, humbled to the grave, Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

You will reign forever. Let Your glory fill the earth.

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.

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

Who Cares Who's Against Us? Psalm 3:1-8 (Page 448) Pastor Scott Phillips

(8:15 service) The Lord Adds to His Church

Jay & Kate Swanner (Emma, Lily, James) Ruling Elder Prayer, Jay Suggs

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.)

Hallelujah (Scars)

My God you are the great I Am, The lion and sacrificial lamb Through suffering, your pain runs deep, And to my wounds your wounds alone can speak.

You're not a distant God out there, But one who's close and meets my every care. Your lonely death upon the tree, bore marks that truly show your love for me.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Your scars will never fade Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Your scars will never ever fade

My suffering is not the end, In sorrow I am walking yet again But you're a God who can relate, Who loves enough to live my every pain.

Your wounds now healed in victory, and in your time that's where I want to be. Until that day, I'm safe in you, with faith and power to endure. 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 Peter 5:10-11

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 after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

SERMON NOTES



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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.



CHURCH FAMILY REMINDERS

Six Flags

Our youth are heading to Six Flags Over Georgia on Wednesday, June 25. If your student would like to join the trip, please let Tucker Fleming know as soon as possible so we can plan accordingly.

Ezra Worship Labs

Our Ezra worship interns have been preparing to lead their own short worship service. The services will happen from 9:00 AM – Noon on June 26, July 3, July 10, July 17, and July 24. These worship services are intended to show the interns the logistics of a worship service and prepare them to plan more in the future. Each will be modeled after the elements prior to the sermon in DPC services. Please join us to worship alongside the interns. We hope these small worship services will be a boost to you in the midweek.

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