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 V

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 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:

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

Pastor Rick Stark, Associate Pastor

Report of the Living Church DR Team

Psalm 63:1-4

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: O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

PEOPLE: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

PASTOR: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

PEOPLE: So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

Hymn of Praise

This Is My Father's World

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;

His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise, The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise. This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair; In the rustling grass I hear Him pass;

He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. This is my Father's world: the battle is not done:

Jesus Who died shall be satisfied, And earth and Heav'n be one.

Reading of the Word

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

PASTOR: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed our own hearts into self-trust, self-worship, and self-justification. Our hearts have been too narrowly focused on ourselves to look to you. O Lord, apart from you, there is no health in us. Have mercy upon us, and show us grace.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Philippians 4:4-9

The God of Peace

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 JOHN 1:9

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

His Mercy Is More

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more. Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn. Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

What love could remember no wrongs we have done? Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum. Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore. Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness He lavished on us! His blood was the payment; His life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford. Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

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...

Clothed in rainbows, of living color Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder Blessing and honor, strength and Glory and power be To You the Only Wise King,

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

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. 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 Jeff Keith (This is the 5th Sunday, there is no Teach Me To Worship for

the 4-5 yr olds.)

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

Answer Me When I Call Psalm 4 (Page 448) Tucker Fleming

We Respond: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. The Apostle's Creed is a concise summary of Christian belief. As early as the second century it served as a baptismal confession. It developed and reached its current form by the ninth century. It is the most popular creed used in worship by Western Christians. The word "catholic" means universal.

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.

Take Shelter

When the nations rage and death is at the door When the wars are waged as they have been before There's a refuge that I run to, a respite from my fear Nothing in this world can harm me here

When my song of hope is swallowed by the pain As the weariness of grief floods in again Will You find me in the valley? Oh, hear my helpless cry Hold me as a mother holds her child

And I'll take shelter, take shelter In the loving arms of God And I will take shelter, take shelter In the loving arms of God

When a greater war had torn apart my soul And the iron hold of sin would not let go All of Heaven stormed the darkness in the power of the cross I'm freed beneath the banner of His love

When the labors of this fleeting life are done As the shadows fall, we'll see the lights of home And then all our present troubles will be stories of the past Safe within His gates, we'll find our rest

2 Thessalonians 3:16

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 Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.

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'd love to get to know you better. If you're willing, please scan the QR code and share a little about yourself. This helps us follow up, answer any questions you might have, and find ways we can serve or pray for you.



DIACONATE

John Elder James Fudge Braden Ladner Wade Littrell Scott Missildine

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CHURCH FAMILY REMINDERS

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 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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