



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

July 13, 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 Speak¹

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

Pastor Rick Stark, Associate Pastor

from Psalm 46

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

Call to Worship

PASTOR: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

PEOPLE: Therefore, we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea.

PASTOR: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

PEOPLE: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

PASTOR: "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth!"

PEOPLE: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

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

The Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord:
She is his new creation by water and the Word;
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth.
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won;
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Reading of the Word

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

PASTOR: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, we confess that our successes have been our comfort, rather than your Son's cross; that we have craved the fellowship of those already like us, rather than the fellowship of Christ's sufferings; that we have worked to save our own lives, rather than lose our lives for the sake of the good news. Have mercy on us, Father, and grant us the repentance we need. Cleanse us by the finished work of our Lord Jesus Christ, and restore the joy that only you can give

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.... For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite."

2 Corinthians 4:7-18

We Do Not Lose Heart

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.

PSALM 51:17;

ISAIAH 57:15

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

All I Have Is Christ

I once was lost in darkest night, Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life, Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own, A rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first, I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race, Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state, And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed, You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me, Now all I know is grace

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone, And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands,
Could never come from me

O Father, use my ransomed life, In any way You choose
And let my song forever be, My only boast is You

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ, Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!

Thy Mercy My God

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart, and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair,
But through thy free goodness my spirits revive
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine,
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed!

*My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me,
And like a flood His mercy reigns;
Unending love, amazing grace.*

The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

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 Jay Suggs

...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.)

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

A Song for the Broken Heart

Psalm 6:1-10 (Page 449)

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.)

Laden With Guilt and Full of Fears

Laden with guilt and full of fears, I fly to Thee my Lord
And not a glimpse of hope appears, but in Thy written Word
The volumes of my Father's grace, does all my griefs assuage
Here I behold my Savior's face, in every page

This is the field where hidden lies, the pearl of price unknown
That merchant is divinely wise, Who makes the pearl his own
Here consecrated water flows, to quench my thirst of sin
Here the fair tree of knowledge grows, no danger dwells within

This is the judge that ends the strife, where wit and reason fail
My guide to everlasting life, through all this gloomy vale
Oh may Thy counsels mighty God, my roving feet command
Nor I forsake the happy road, that leads to Thy right hand

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.

Philippians 4:7

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

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

SERMON NOTES

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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.



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 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.

Iron Man Night

Join us for Iron Man Night on July 18th @ 6:00pm @ Gil Cook's (88 Akins Mountain Rd, Hartselle) as we hear from Steve Dowling, a seasoned military leader, ruling elder, and former PCA General Assembly Moderator. We'll talk about what real courage looks like and how men can lead with conviction in their homes, churches, and communities. Meat and drinks will be provided (BYOB), and we ask that you bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Ezra Song Night

On their final Sunday of the summer, our Ezra interns will showcase their new songs from the summer and play some Ezra favorites! Come out at 6:00pm on Sunday, July 27th to see them off and hear some great music!

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YTD Giving	392,174.49
YTD Spending	576,180.31
YTD Budget	583,079.16

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