



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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July 20, 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

Parlor/Rm 115: College & Career

## ***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:

### Song Of The Ages <sup>1</sup>

We know you are already here  
We know you have good things in store for your children  
We know you are drawing us near  
Here in your presence we bring all our worship

We throw off distraction  
You have our attention  
So have your way

*The angels and elders are falling before you  
They cry day and night singing the lamb is worthy  
Praising your name throughout all generations  
With heaven and saints sing the song of the ages*

You are the reason we're here  
You are the focus of all our devotion  
No one could ever compare  
Here in your presence our hearts are wide open

Here's our adoration  
You have our attention  
So have your way

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord almighty  
Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord almighty  
Worthy, Worthy, Worthy is the Lord almighty  
Worthy, Worthy, Worthy is the Lord Almighty

## Welcome & Announcements

Tucker Fleming, Youth Director

## ***Psalm 33:4-5, 8***

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:** The word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness!

**PEOPLE:** He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

**LEADER:** Let all the earth fear the Lord;

**PEOPLE:** Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

## **Prayer of Adoration & Praise**

### **Hymn of Praise**

#### **Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not,  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness,  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

## Reading of the Word

And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

## Confession of Sin

**Holy Father, we live in a world full of injustice, the vulnerable are mistreated, the celebrity is worshiped, your name is dishonored. Forgive us for participating in these sins. We ignore the wrongs done to others, but we retaliate for the sins against us. Have mercy on us, and teach us to wait patiently for your justice which is coming in your good time. Thank you for Jesus, who bore our sins so that you may be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in him**

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

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

## *Luke 18:1-8*

Praying without Losing 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.

## *1 PETER 1:18-21*

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**

## **Christ Our Hope In Life And Death**

What is our hope in life and death?  
Christ alone, Christ alone.  
What is our only confidence?  
That our souls to Him belong.  
Who holds our days within His hand?  
What comes, apart from His command?  
And what will keep us to the end?  
The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;  
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul?  
God is good, God is good.  
Where is His grace and goodness known?  
In our great Redeemer's blood.  
Who holds our faith when fears arise?  
Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

## **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

# Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less,  
than Jesus blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly trust in Jesus name

*Christ alone, cornerstone,  
Weak made strong, In the Savior's love  
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all*

When Darkness seems to hide His face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil

When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in Him be found.  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless stand before the throne.

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

*(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 Prayer For Justice

Psalm 7:1-17 (Page 450)

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.)*

## 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

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.

*from Isaiah 33:2*

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 Lord be gracious to you, as you wait upon him. May he be your strong arm every morning, and your salvation in the time of trouble.

# ***SERMON NOTES***

## ***SESSION***

George Godwin	Allen Schmidt
Jeff Keith	Jason Seale
Mike McMahan	Jay Suggs
Brian Rodgers	Blake Temple
Connor Ross	Andy Thompson

## ***DIACONATE***

John Elder	Kris Olin
James Fudge	William Sasser
Braden Ladner	Sam Thompson
Wade Littrell	David Whitcomb
Scott Missildine	David Zajic
Bill Nelson	

## ***CHURCH STAFF***

Scott Phillips	Senior Pastor
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Elena Suggs	Kitchen Coordinator

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 last services will happen from 9:00 AM – Noon on 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.

### **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!

### **Leadership Training**

If you're currently leading (or hope to lead) in NextGen, Youth, or Adult teaching, join us for a Leadership Training on Saturday, August 16, from 9:00-Noon. We'll cover ministry basics and break into groups for practical training.

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