



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

August 31, 2025

SUNDAY TIMES

7:45am	Prayer
8:15am	Worship
9:30am	Sunday School
10:45am	Worship

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

- Room 158: Hebrews
- Room 167: Ecclesiastes
- Room 168: The Heart of Worship
- Parlor/Rm 115: College & Career

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

(resumes September 3)

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

Jesse Pawley, Administrative Director

Psalm 106:1; 111:1

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

Call to Worship

LEADER: Praise the Lord! Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

PEOPLE: Praise the Lord! We will give thanks to the Lord with our whole hearts, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

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 Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

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.

Worship involves the whole person: body, soul, intellect, emotions. Singing hymns and songs grounded in biblical truth engages all our faculties in worship together.

Reading of the Word

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father... I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth."

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

Confession of Sin

Great and merciful God: we confess to You that we often adorn forms of godliness yet deny Your power; our faith being dwarfed and overcome by what makes sense to us and the world's opinions rather than what You have revealed in your Word. You alone are wisdom and righteousness - to this Christ testifies, but we stand before You as foolish and unrighteous in thought, word and deed. Have mercy on us; please cleanse and renew us and lead us in Your holy direction

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

This is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.... The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.... From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

John 17:1, 14-19

Sanctify Them in Truth

adapted from The Valley of Vision

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 5:11; JOHN 1:14, 16

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

Holy Forever

A thousand generations falling down in worship.
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb.
And all who've gone before us, and all who will believe.
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb.

If you've been forgiven, and if you've been redeemed.
Sing the song forever to the Lamb.

If you walk in freedom, and if you bear His name.
Sing the song forever to the Lamb.

We'll sing the song forever and amen.

*And the angels cry, Holy All creations cries, Holy!
You are lifted high, Holy! Holy forever!
Hear Your people sing, Holy! To the King of kings, Holy!
You will always be Holy! Holy forever!*

*Your name is the highest. Your name is the greatest.
Your name stands above them all.
All thrones and dominions. All powers and positions.
Your name stands above them all*

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Take My Life

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;

Take my moments and my days,

let them flow in ceaseless praise;

Take my hands and let them move

at the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee;

Take my voice and let me sing, always, only for my King.

Take my lips and let them be filled

with messages from Thee;

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect and use every pow'r as You choose.

Here am I, all of me. Take my life, it's all for Thee.

Take myself and I will be ever, only all for Thee.

Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine;

Take my heart, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord

I pour at Your feet its treasure store;

Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

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 Jason Seale

(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

When Lies Abound, the Lord Preserves

Psalm 12:1-8 (Page 452)

Jake Larson

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.)

Slice The Bread

Slice the bread, pour the wine; join the family at the table.
Pass the plate, share the cup: the blood and body rendered.
Giving thanks to the One who gave Himself for us,
As we gather at the table of the King.

Raise the cross, strike the nail;
Break the body, nay the bone.
Crown of thorn, grave of stone: the righteous for the guilty.
The bride's price was paid: the lifeblood of the groom
To satisfy the justice of the King.

Remember... the Fall of All, a promised Lamb.
Remember... God with us, Emmanuel.
Remember... Darkness fell when mercy rose.
Remember... one sacrifice; one risen Son.

Bring the feast, ring the bells; start the wedding of the ages.
Groom and bride, bread and wine; elect from every nation.
'Til the last trump shall sound
And the church will rise with Him,
We will gather at the table of the King.

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.

based on
Ephesians 1:7-8

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 Christ—in whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to all the riches of his grace—lavish upon us all wisdom and all insight, that our hearts may be directed in the ways of God.

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

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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

Single Service and Churchwide Lunch

Today we will gather for one worship service at 10:45am, followed by a family meal. Please join us for lunch!

Wednesday Nights Begin

Our full slate of Wednesday night activities kicks back off on September 3. There's something for everyone!

WIC Kickoff

All women are invited to a luncheon on Sunday, September 14th, immediately following the second worship service. We will introduce the women's ministries and activities kicking off this fall, while enjoying good fellowship and good food!

Life Groups

Life Groups are where friendships grow and God's Word comes alive in community. The start of the school year is a great time to jump in. Let us help you find a group where you can belong, grow, and walk with others in faith. Contact our Associate Pastor, Rick Stark (256-351-6010, rick@decaturpca.org) to get connected.

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