



*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*

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September 7, 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:

### All Is Mine<sup>1</sup>

I've read the words, I've heard them sung,  
The love of God became my own  
My Savior entered, pure and free  
Took all my debts and paid their fee

Now found and mended, heirs of life  
Through the One, who came to die  
We trust our future is secure  
Once beggars, now no longer poor

*And all is mine, that is the Son's  
Purchased for me by His blood  
And I have all, that heaven requires  
His righteousness, my sin dismissed, so all is mine*

From lost and ruined, heirs of death  
To fully loved and richly blessed  
What now in part we soon shall see  
The love of Jesus guaranteed

With fear and sorrow pressing in  
I rest my hopes again on Him  
Sealed by the Spirit, from the first  
Held by the One who keeps his word

## Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Rick Stark, Associate Pastor

## Report of the Living Church

Glynessa Cress, Women's Ministry

## *from Psalm 146*

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

## Call to Worship

**PASTOR:** Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

**PEOPLE: I will sing praises to my God while I have my being!**

**PASTOR:** Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God,

**PEOPLE: Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry!**

**PASTOR:** The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind! The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous!

**ALL: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!**

## Prayer of Adoration & Praise

## 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.

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

See, I have taught you statutes and rules, as the Lord my God commanded me, that you should do them in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

PASTOR: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

## Confession of Sin

**Our Father, we know that true wisdom is found in acknowledging you, but we prefer to lean on our own understanding. We value looking wise in the world more than being faithful witnesses to your salvation. Help us to believe and to live what is true of us, especially that you are always near us. Forgive us for our sin, and have mercy on us in Jesus' name**

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

## *Deuteronomy 4:5-8*

Your Wisdom and Your Understanding

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 32:1-2, 5*

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.

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.... I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

# **Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs**

## **O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus**

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!  
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;  
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.  
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Thy love;  
Leading onward, leading homeward,  
to Thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread  
His praise from shore to shore;  
How He loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;  
How He watcheth o'er His loved ones,  
died to call them all His own;  
How for them He intercedeth,  
watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!  
Love of every love the best:  
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,  
'tis a haven sweet of rest.  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus!  
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;  
And it lifts me up to glory,  
for it lifts me up to Thee.

## **All My Boast Is In Jesus**

What wonder of wonders, what love is this  
That Christ would die for me?  
His goodness, His merit, His righteousness  
This sinner's only plea  
O foolish pride, be crucified The work is finished  
Now fully forgiven, my life is filled With graces undeserved  
For mercy that flowed down that sacred hill  
Let praises now return  
Rise up my soul, and bless the Lord Who else is worthy?

*All my boast is in Jesus All my hope is His love  
And I will glory forever In what the cross has done*

O praise the One forever blessed  
Him alone my heart adores  
And I will boast in nothing less  
Than the love of Christ my Lord

I boast not in riches, in strength or might  
But in the grace of God  
I glory in weakness, to live is Christ  
In plenty or in want  
That I may know, that all may see His pow'r within me

*All my boast is in Jesus All my hope is His love  
And I will glory forever In what the cross has done  
Now I stand in this freedom Ransomed, clean in His sight  
And I cannot be ashamed for My boast is Jesus Christ*

## Through The Precious Blood

You have ordained every breath we take  
In pleasure or pain, there is no mistake  
Gladness and grief, both are in Your hands  
And sufferings brief carry out Your plan  
And our fleeting sorrows  
Will yield an endless prize  
When some bright tomorrow  
We'll see You with our eyes, and

*Grace upon grace flows down, flows down  
And Grace upon grace flows down, flows down  
Through the precious blood of Christ*

All good gifts, every good thing,  
Comes to us freely, so freely  
All good gifts, every good thing,  
Comes to us freely, so freely  
Through the precious blood, Through the precious blood

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 Mike McMahan

*(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**

The Reputation of a Christian

Colossians 1:1-8 (Page 983)

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.)*

## Rock Of Ages

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood,  
From Thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure,  
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labors of my hands  
Can fulfil Thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears forever flow?  
All for sin could not atone;  
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,  
Simply to Thy cross I cling;  
Naked, come to Thee for dress;  
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly;  
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When mine eyelids close in death;  
When I soar to worlds unknown,  
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee.

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.

## ***Romans 15:13***

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 God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

# ***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
Rick Stark	Associate Pastor
Tucker Fleming	Youth Director
Stu Schieler	Worship Director
Jesse Pawley	Administrative Director
Tonya Roth	Office Administrator
Jessica Keith	NextGen Coordinator
Allison Seale	Nursery Coordinator
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***

### **WIC Study**

Our fall women's Bible study starts this week. You can choose to join the Monday night study in the home of one of our members, or the Tuesday morning study, which takes place at DPC. They'll be studying the book of Job. For questions, please email Teresa Quinn at [teresaquinn703@gmail.com](mailto:teresaquinn703@gmail.com), or text 256-565-0897.

### **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](mailto:rick@decaturpca.org)) to get connected.

### **Formed: Israel**

Join us Friday, September 26 from 6–9 PM as we trace the story of Israel through Scripture and consider what God's promises mean for His people today. Come and bring a friend for an evening of biblical clarity and hope in Christ.

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