



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

November 16, 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

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:

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 Scott Phillips, Senior Pastor

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Psalm 103:1-5

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

Call to Worship

PASTOR: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

PEOPLE: **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits,**

PASTOR: Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

PEOPLE: **Who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

ALL: **Who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

Hymn of Praise

Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in Whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way,
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest Heaven.
The one eternal God, whom earth and Heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

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

You will say in that day: “I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.” With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

PASTOR: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

Isaiah 12:1-6

The Lord is My Strength & Song

Confession of Sin

Holy Lord, I have sinned times without number; been guilty of pride and unbelief, of failure to remember, to choose gratitude for all Your blessings, of neglect to seek You first in my daily life. My transgressions, short-comings, and shame present me with a list of accusations; but I bless and thank You that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid of Christ. Have mercy; go on to subdue my corruptions; grant me grace to live above them

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

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.

Assurance of Forgiveness

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:1-2

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

Goodness Of God

I love You, Lord, Oh, Your mercy never fails me
All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up, Until I lay my head
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

*And all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God*

I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire
And in darkest night You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father, I've known You as a Friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God, yeah

'Cause Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now
I give You everything, 'Cause Your goodness is running after,
It keeps running after me

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.

*Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn.
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.

He Knows My Name

I have a Father
He calls me His own
He'll never leave me
No matter where I go

*He knows my name
He knows my every thought
He sees each tear that falls
And hears me when I call*

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

Pastor Scott Phillips

(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.)

Singing to the Lord

Help Us See Christ

Soli Deo Gloria

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

Choosing Gratitude

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (Page 988)

Pastor Rick Stark

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.)

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen
One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon the cross,
My sin upon His shoulders,
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life;
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in any thing, no gifts,
No pow'r, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart,
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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.

adapted from
Colossians 2:6-7

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

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, may you walk in Him, rooted and built up and established in Him, always **abounding in thanksgiving forevermore.**

SERMON NOTES

SESSION

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

DIACONATE

John Elder	Kris Olin
James Fudge	William Sasser
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CHURCH STAFF

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Men's & Women's Bible Studies



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

Operation Christmas Child

It's time to pack shoeboxes! Pick one up in the Gathering Room and fill it with gifts and essentials, or pack a box online. Completed boxes should be labeled and placed in the "Christmas Tree" display by THIS Wednesday, Nov. 19.

Missions Cookie Fundraiser – Nov 19

Cookies and desserts will be available for just 50¢ each this Wednesday night (11/19)! All proceeds go toward supporting our two sponsored children in the Dominican Republic. Bring your change, grab a treat, and make a difference!

Light of the World – Christmas Cantata

Join us Sunday, December 14 at 5:00 PM for a 45-minute Christmas service presented by all DPC choirs, followed by fellowship with food. A great event to invite friends and neighbors!

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