



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

December 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

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:

The Kingdom Of Heaven Is Here¹

There is an imprint from the dawn of time.

A perfect garden created by design.

A Holy longing written on our hearts.

For sacred union You wanted from the start.

The people in darkness have seen a great light.

The Kingdom of Heaven is here.

Through Jesus, Messiah, Emmanuel near.

For our future and present in the now and the not yet.

The Kingdom of Heaven is here.

There is a Savior, the Word who took on flesh.

There in the manger, the God who gave us breath.

Before foundations of the world were laid.

He planned a rescue. He died to make a way.

The people in darkness have seen a great light.

Rejoice, rejoice. Emmanuel shall come to you O, Israel.

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Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Scott Phillips, Senior Pastor

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Isaiah 57:15

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

Call to Worship

PASTOR: For thus says the One who is high and lifted up,

PEOPLE: who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy.

PASTOR: I dwell in the high and holy place.

PEOPLE: and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit,

ALL: to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

Hymn of Praise

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,

And ransom captive Israel,

That mourns in lonely exile here,

Until the son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come Thou Rod of Jesse, free,

Thine own from Satan's tyranny;

From depths of hell Thy people save,

And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Dayspring from on high,

And cheer us by thy drawing nigh;

Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,

And death's dark shadows put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz: “Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.” And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

PASTOR: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

O Father, we are gathered before you, whose dwelling place is with the broken of spirit and the contrite of heart, to confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you as we should; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. In your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone. Only do not leave us in our sorrow. As we admit our sin and shame, show us the truth of forgiveness, the hope of promise, and the joy of salvation

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

As for you, O Lord, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me!

ISAIAH 7:10-14; 9:6-7

The Reading for the 2nd Sunday of Advent

Jared & Glynessa Cress (8:15 am)

Tim & Pamela Bolding (10:45 am)

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.

Psalms 40:11

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

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come,
offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
ris'n with healing on His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
born to give them second birth,
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded,
For with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth he stood;
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
In the body and the blood.
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way.
As the Light of light descendeth
From the realms of endless day,
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish,
As the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph,
Cherubim, with sleepless eye
Veil their faces to the presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry:
"Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

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

Wexford Carol
Worship Choir

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

Nearness That Saves
Matthew 1:18-25 (Page 807)
Jesse Pawley

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.)

In The Bleak Midwinter

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

*Gloria, Gloria
Now my eyes have seen;
Soli Deo Gloria!
He, salvation brings
As the Lord has promised,
I may go in peace*

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him: give my heart.
In the bleak midwinter

*In the bleak midwinter
I may go in peace,
As the Lord has promised,
I may go in peace.*

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 Romans 8:11

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

Now may the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwell in you by faith, and fill you up, giving life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit.

SERMON NOTES

SESSION

George Godwin Jason Seale
Jeff Keith Jay Suggs
Mike McMahan Blake Temple
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DIACONATE

John Elder Kris Olin
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CHURCH STAFF

Scott Phillips Senior Pastor
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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

Women's Gift Wrapping Night – Dec 7 | 7:00 PM

Bring your gifts (and wrapping supplies if you'd like!) for an evening of hot chocolate, Christmas music, and fellowship as we wrap together in the Gathering Area.

Light of the World – Christmas Cantata

Join us next 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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YTD Spending	1,025,023.64
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