



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 21, 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

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

(resumes January 7)

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:

Joy To The World¹

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
Let earth receive her king;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns:
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow;
Nor thorns infest the ground,
He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.

Welcome & Announcements

Tucker Fleming, Youth Director

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Luke 1:68;
Isaiah 48:20

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

Call to Worship

LEADER: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited
and redeemed his people!

PEOPLE: **Declare this with a shout of joy, proclaim it,
send it out to the end of the earth; say, "The Lord has
redeemed his servants!"**

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

Hymn of Praise

Angels From The Realms Of Glory

Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds in the fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant Light:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Saints before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In His temple shall appear:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son;
Ever more your voices raising
To the eternal Three in One.
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

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

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: "I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."

READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and to save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy on us, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior

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

ISAIAH 42:1-9

The Reading for the 4th Sunday of Advent
Marshall & Zhefei Lemmond (8:15 am)
Tim & Cyndi Lovelace (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.

Hebrews 10:14-17

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

For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds," then he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Midnight Clear (Love Song)

It came upon the midnight clear
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold;
"Peace on the earth good will to men
From heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies
They come with peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heavn'ly music floats
O'er all the weary world:
And man at war with man hears not
The love song which they bring,
O hush the noise and cease the strife
And hear the angels sing.

*Glory to God in the highest,
Glory to God evermore.
Good news, great joy for all.
Melody breaks through the silence,
Christ the Savior is born.
Jesus, the love song of God. (Chorus 2x)
Jesus, the love song of God.*

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old.
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold.

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day,
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray;

*O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

From God our heav'nly Father, a blessed angel came;
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.

Fear not, then, said the angel, let nothing you affright;
This day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,
To free all those who trust in Him
From Satan's power and might.

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,
And with true love and fellowship, each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas
May your heart be filled with grace.

What Child Is This?

What child is this, Who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce Him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you:
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come, peasant, king, to own Him;
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby:
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

Elders, responsible before God to care for and lead the church, serve by giving thanks for our blessings and praying for our needs.

All we have belongs to God. One act of worship is to acknowledge his generosity through cheerful and sacrificial giving.

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.

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.)

His Tithes & Offerings

Sermon

What Child Is This?

Luke 2:22-38 (Page 857)

Pastor Scott Phillips

The Lord Adds to His Church

(8:15 service)

Carole Jones

Ruling Elder Prayer, Mike McMahan

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.)

Because Of Your Tender Mercy

Because of Your tender mercy,
The morning light from heaven is about to shine,
Is about to shine.

Because of Your tender mercy,
Though we have walked in darkness,
You will end our night,
You will end our night.

*Let the heavens rejoice, let the angels sing,
Let earth receive the King of kings.
So holy, so worthy, You come to us.*

Because of Your tender mercy
To ev'ry generation You have shown Your love,
You have shown Your love.

Because of Your tender mercy,
You are forever faithful,
Reaching down to us,
Reaching down to us.

Because of Your tender mercy.
Because of Your tender mercy.

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.

2 Peter 3:18

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 you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

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
Braden Ladner	Sam Thompson
Wade Littrell	David Whitcomb
Scott Missildine	David Zajic
Bill Nelson	

CHURCH STAFF

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Elena Suggs	Kitchen Coordinator

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

Christmas Caroling – Dec 21 | 5:00 PM

Meet at the church today at 5:00 PM as we carpool to sing at homes and retirement centers. We'll spend about 10–15 minutes at each stop—carol books provided!

Office Closed

The church office will be closed December 24-26 and will reopen on December 29. All end of year giving needs to be in by Tuesday, December 30.

Christmas Eve Service

Join us for our Christmas Eve service at 5:00pm on December 24th. Our Lessons and Carols service will be a joyful celebration of the birth of Jesus. Be sure to bring your friends and family as we share the Gospel.

WIC Study

Our Spring women's Bible study begins January 12th. 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 Sinclair Ferguson's "Sermon on the Mount". Study guides are available in the Book Nook for \$13. For questions, please email Julie Missildine @ missilmom@gmail.com , or text 256-606-0844.

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