



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

January 4, 2026

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:

Always¹

I believe You gave sight to the blind,
I believe that the dead came to life
I believe there were wonders and signs,
And You're still the same

*I will tell of Your wonders, sing of Your grace,
The God of creation he knows me by name
The Lord is faithful, yesterday, now, and always. Always.
Your mercy is mighty, age after age,
And all generations will bow down and praise
The Lord is faithful, yesterday, now, and always. Always.*

I believe You will come in the clouds,
I believe You are here even now
In Your presence, I know there is power, Power to save, oh
You were, You are, You always will be God,
You were (You were). You are (You are)
You always will be God. Yes, You always will be God

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Rick Stark, Associate Pastor

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Isaiah 55:1, 6

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

Call to Worship

PASTOR: "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters."

PEOPLE: "Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near."

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, 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

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

PASTOR: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Almighty and merciful Father, we have sinned and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have not conformed to your law: we have done things we ought not to have done, and have failed to do things we ought to have done. Apart from you, there is no health in us, but we come to you boldly to ask for your forgiveness, for you are a God who is both merciful and loving.

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

ROMANS 5:12-17

The Free Gift Unlike the Fall

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 1:9

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

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Evidence

All throughout my history
Your faithfulness has walked beside me
The winter storms made way for spring
In every season, from where I'm standing

*I see the evidence of Your goodness
All over my life, All over my life
I see Your promises in fulfillment
All over my life, All over my life*

Help me remember when I'm weak
Fear may come but fear will leave
You lead my heart to victory
You are my strength and You always will be

*See the cross, the empty grave
The evidence is endless
All my sin rolled away
Because of You, oh Jesus*

Why should I fear, The evidence is here

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*

Help And Deliverer

As I wander through the wilderness,
There is only one who gives me rest
You shield me from the sun, even when I run

You will hold me fast and never fail,
In my greatest weakness you prevail
Your grace that I abuse, won't let my foot be moved

*Jesus, our help and deliverer, Jesus, gracious redeemer
Who keeps us when we wander from you
Jesus our gentle shepherd now lead us,
Where death cannot threaten
To steal us from your love, our help and deliverer*

You are faithful in my unbelief,
Though I am weak your love for me is deep,
I know your love is sure, it helps me to endure

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 George Godwin

(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 Fall

Genesis 2:25-3:24 (Page 2)

Tucker Fleming

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.)

Our Great Savior

Jesus! What a friend for sinners!

Jesus! Lover of my soul!

Friends may fail me, foes assail me;

He, my Savior, makes me whole.

*Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving. He is with me to the end.*

Jesus! What a strength in weakness!

Let me hide myself in Him;

Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,

He, my strength, my vict'ry wins.

Jesus! What a help in sorrow!

While the billows o'er me roll,

Even when my heart is breaking,

He, my comfort, helps my soul.

Jesus! I do now receive Him;

More than all in Him I find.

He hath granted me forgiveness;

Am His, and He is mine.

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.

Jude 24-25

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 to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

SERMON NOTES

SESSION

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

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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

Wednesday Nights Begin

Our Wednesday night activities will take a break until the new year. We'll resume on January 7.

Prayer & Fasting | Jan 12-16

Join us for a week of prayer as we seek the Lord's wisdom for the year ahead. Daily prayer guides will be provided. We invite you to fast lunch if possible and to join us at the church each day at noon for prayer.

WIC Study

Our Spring women's Bible study begins January 12th. You can choose to join the Monday night study (begins Monday, January 12th) in the home of one of our members, or the Tuesday morning study (begins Tuesday, January 13th), 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.

Officer Elections

The elders have called a congregational meeting to be held immediately after worship on January 18, 2026, for the sole purpose of electing men to the office of Ruling Elder and Deacon. We will have one service at 10:45 (Sunday School will take place at its regular time).

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