



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

August 16, 2026

SUNDAY TIMES

8:45am	Prayer
9:15am	Sunday School
10:30am	Worship

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

- Room 158: Proverbs
- Room 167: Ecclesiastes
- Room 168: Romans
- Parlor: Presbyterian 101

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

(Resumes September 9th)

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:

Confidence¹

Jesus great high priest at the right hand of the Father
Interceding, praying now for us, Jesus great high priest
Your full sacrifice is finished,
Once for all our precious Lamb of God

*We have confidence to enter in the holy place
We have confidence to enter by the new and living way
We have confidence to enter in the holy place
By the new and living way*

Jesus great high priest in the presence of your people
Leading us in love to heaven's throne Jesus, great high priest
Now the veil that was between us
by your body torn forever on the cross

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Worthy, worthy, worthy
Glory, glory, glory, To our great high priest*

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Scott Phillips, Senior Pastor

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Psalm 48:9-10, 14

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

Call to Worship

PASTOR: We have thought on your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.

PEOPLE: As your name, O God, so your praise reaches the ends of the earth.

PASTOR: Your right hand is filled with righteousness.

PEOPLE: This is God, our God forever and ever. He will guide us forever.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

Hymn of Praise

Our God, Our Help In Ages Past

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

Under the shadow of Your throne
Your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting You are God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Your sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

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

Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

PASTOR: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

Confession of Sin

Father, we are slow to long for Your Word to reach the world, and we forget our brothers and sisters who live in dangerous places. We resist doing Your will so that we can do ours. Nevertheless, You are faithful. Renew us thoroughly and forgive our sins. Direct our hearts to Your love and the steadfastness of Christ

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

2 Thessalonians 3:1-5

Delivered, Guarded, Directed

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.

Micah 7:18-19

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

Praise The Lord (Psalm 150)

You made the starry hosts, You traced the mountain peaks
You paint the evening sky with wonders
The earth, it is Your throne, from desert to the sea,
All nature testifies Your splendor

*Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord,
Sing His greatness All creation,
Praise the Lord, Raise your voice,
You heights and all you depths,
From furthest east to west,
Let everything that has breath, Praise the Lord*

You reached into the dust, In love, Your Spirit breathed, You
formed us in Your very likeness
To know Your wondrous works, To tell Your mighty deeds, To
join the everlasting chorus

Let symphonies resound, Let drums and choirs ring out,
All heaven hear the sound of worship
Let every nation bring, Its honors to the King,
A roar of harmonies eternal

*Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord,
Sing His greatness, All creation,
Praise the Lord, Raise your voice
Your heights and all your depths,
From furthest east to west, You distant burning stars,
All creatures near and far,
From sky to sea to shore, Sing out forevermore,
Let everything that has breath, Praise the Lord*

Lead Me To The Cross

Savior I come quiet my soul,
Remember redemption's hill
Where Your blood was spilled
For my ransom.
Everything I once held dear
I count it all as loss

*Lead me to the cross, Where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees, Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself, I belong to You
Oh Lead me, lead me to the cross*

You were as I tempted and tried, human
The word became flesh
Bore my sin and death
Now you're risen
Everything I once held dear
I count it all as loss

To your heart, To your heart
Lead me to your heart
Lead me to your heart

Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

Come, Thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise His name, I'm fixed upon it,
Name of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by Thy help I'm come.
And I hope by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Bought me with His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor,
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love,
Here's my heart, O take and seal it;
Seal it for Thy courts above.

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

Elder Jason Seale

(Immediately following this prayer, 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

The Lord Leads from A to Z

Psalm 25:1-22 (Page 459)

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.)

I Will Wait For You

*I wait, my soul waits for the Lord.
My hope is in His word.
More than the watchmen wait for light,
My soul waits for the Lord.*

Out of the depths I cry to You, in darkest places I will call.
Incline Your ear to me anew,
And hear my cry for mercy, Lord.

Were You to count my sinful ways,
How could I come before Your throne?
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze,
I stand redeemed by grace alone.

*I will wait for You, I will wait for You,
On Your word I will rely.
I will wait for You, surely wait for You,
Till my soul is satisfied.*

So put Your hope in God alone.
Take courage in His power to save,
Completely and forever won
By Christ's emerging from the grave.

Now He has come to make a way,
And God Himself has paid the price,
That all who trust in Him today,
Find healing in His sacrifice.

*I will wait for You, I will wait for You,
Through the storm and through the night.
I will wait for You, surely wait for You,
For Your love is my delight.*

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 2 Timothy 4:18

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 the Lord rescue you all from every evil deed and bring you safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

SERMON NOTES

SESSION

John Elder	Jason Seale
George Godwin	Greg Smith
Jeff Keith	Stuart Smith
Mike McMahan	Jay Suggs
Connor Ross	Blake Temple
Allen Schmidt	Andy Thompson

DIACONATE

James Fudge	Steve Sasser
Braden Ladner	William Sasser
Wade Littrell	Sam Thompson
Scott Missildine	David Whitcomb
Bill Nelson	David Zajic
Kris Olin	

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

Jordan Littrell

For those that would like to send a letter or card to Jordan & Leigh Littrell during their Houston stay, the address is:

Jordan Littrell
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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

Baby Shower

Join us for a baby shower for Emily and Dustin Joiner, today, August 16th at 2:00 at the Schieler's House (1228 Darrowby Lane). You can find their registry at decaturple.org/events.

Leader Training

If you're currently leading (or hope to lead) in Youth, or Adult teaching, join us for a Leadership Training on Saturday, August 22, from 9:00-Noon. We'll cover ministry basics and break into groups for practical training.

State of the Church

Join us Sunday, August 30th, at 6:00pm as we reflect on God's faithfulness, share plans for the year ahead, and pray together. Nursery provided, please sign up online.

Prayer and Fasting

Following our State of the Church gathering, we're setting aside Monday–Friday, Aug 31–Sep 4, as a church-wide week of prayer and fasting. We're inviting everyone to fast from lunch each day and use that time to pray. You can join us at the church at noon or pray from wherever you are.

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