



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

September 27, 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

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

5:00pm	Soli Deo Gloria Choir
5:30pm	Meal
6:00pm	NextGen Choir
6:30pm	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:

Same God¹

Lord, I've fallen again, I'm confessing my sin
No other One could rescue, God, You're my only refuge

Oh, I do the things that I do not want to do
Oh, my flesh is weak but my Spirit longs for you

*It's the same prayer, over and over again
But You're the same God, And Your kindness knows no end
Your love never fails, Your heart doesn't change
Your mercy overflows, You're the same God
And you'll never let me, never let me go*

What You promise I'll be, You'll be sure to complete
Transforming grace unending, so I can stop pretending

My Savior, Redeemer, You know what I need
Oh Lord, when I wander, You chase after me
Impossibly gracious, immeasurably good
You know me deeper than anyone could
You'll always be patient, You'll always be kind
You'll always be faithful, For all of my life
Your Spirit's pursuing, Oh God, I believe
You'll finish the work of Jesus in me

Welcome & Announcements

Jesse Pawley, Administrative Director

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Psalm 84:1-2, 4

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

Worship involves the whole person:
body, soul, intellect, emotions. Singing
hymns and songs grounded in biblical
truth engages all our faculties in worship
together.

Call to Worship

LEADER: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

**PEOPLE: My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the
Lord; My heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

LEADER: Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever
singing your praise!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

Hymn of Praise

The Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the Word;
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth.
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won;
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Reading of the Word

And Jacob lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, Esau was coming, and four hundred men with him. So he divided the children among Leah and Rachel and the two female servants. And he put the servants with their children in front, then Leah with her children, and Rachel and Joseph last of all. He himself went on before them, bowing himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother. But Esau ran to meet him and embraced him and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept. And when Esau lifted up his eyes and saw the women and children, he said, "Who are these with you?" Jacob said, "The children whom God has graciously given your servant." Then the servants drew near, they and their children, and bowed down. Leah likewise and her children drew near and bowed down. And last Joseph and Rachel drew near, and they bowed down. Esau said, "What do you mean by all this company that I met?" Jacob answered, "To find favor in the sight of my lord." But Esau said, "I have enough, my brother; keep what you have for yourself." Jacob said, "No, please, if I have found favor in your sight, then accept my present from my hand. For I have seen your face, which is like seeing the face of God, and you have accepted me. Please accept my blessing that is brought to you, because God has dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough." Thus he urged him, and he took it.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Gracious heavenly Father, we confess our sins and our need for your Son to rescue us. By nature, we live in foolish hostility to you, but you have reconciled us through Christ's cross. We ask you to help us believe that we are freed from our sins and now received as holy and blameless in your sight. Enable us to continue in faith without shifting to any other hope so that Christ might be preeminent in all things, including our salvation in his name

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Genesis 33:1-11

Greeting Leads to Assurance

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.

Romans 5:1-2

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

Build My Life

Worthy of every song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, oh, we live for You

Jesus, the name above every other name
Jesus, the only One who could ever save
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, we live for You

*Holy, there is no one like You, there is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder
And show me who You are and fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me*

And I will build my life upon Your love,
It is a firm foundation
And I will put my trust in You alone and I will not be shaken

Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous mystery,
In the dawning of the King;
He the theme of heaven's praises,
Robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness,
Now the Light of Life has come;
Look to Christ, who condescended,
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery,
He the perfect Son of Man;
In His living, in His suffering,
Never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam,
Come to save the hell-bound man;
Christ the great and sure fulfillment,
Of the law; in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery,
Slain by death the God of life;
But no grave could e'er restrain Him,
Praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance,
How unwavering our hope;
Christ in power resurrected,
As we will be when He comes

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 Mike McMahan

(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

I Believe
Worship Choir

His Tithes & Offerings

Sermon

Greet One Another
Romans 16:3-9, Philippians 4:21, 1 Peter 5:14 (Pages 950,982,1017)
Pastor Scott Phillips

We Respond: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.)

The Apostle's Creed is a concise summary of Christian belief. As early as the second century it served as a baptismal confession. It developed and reached its current form by the ninth century. It is the most popular creed used in worship by Western Christians. The word "catholic" means universal.

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.

Come As You Are

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been.
Come, broken hearted, let rescue begin.
Come find your mercy. Oh sinner come kneel;
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal,
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.

*Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame.
All who are broken lift up your face.
Oh wanderer, come home; you're not too far.
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart:
Come as you are.*

There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed:
Come sit at the table, come taste the grace.
There's rest for the weary, rest that endures.
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure. (So)

Bridge (sing after 2nd vs & chorus)

Come as you are. Fall in His arms. Come as you are.

There's joy for the morning. Oh sinner be still.
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal. (So)

Revelation 1:5b-6

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

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his
blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and
Father, to him be glory and dominion 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

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Jordan Littrell

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

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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

Bridal Shower

Join us in celebrating Marley Schmid & Shawn Diehl with a Bridal Shower today September 27th from 1:00-3:00pm! As they prepare for their wedding on October 10, 2026, let's bless them with gifts from their registry. You can find their registry at TheKnot.com. The shower will be held at Vicki Stephenson's home at 3709 Woodtrail Rd. SW. Thank you for helping us shower this couple with love and support!

Iron Man Retreat

"Every man dies; not every man really lives" – William Wallace. So what does it mean, the pursuit to *"really live"*? Come join us to find out at the Iron Man Retreat, October 2-3 (Friday night – Saturday afternoon) at The Vision Retreat Center, Huntsville. Register now on our website A \$75 registration fee covers room, meals, activities, and swag.

Formed: Sabbath

Join us October 23 at 6:00 PM for our next Formed gathering as we explore how Sabbath helps us trust God in all things. We'll consider what Scripture teaches about rest, worship, and trusting God enough to stop.

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