



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

October 25, 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
6:15pm	Adult Choir
6:30pm	NextGen & Youth
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:

Help And Deliverer¹

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

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Rick Stark, Associate Pastor

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Psalm 113:2-8

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

Call to Worship

PASTOR: Blessed be the name of the Lord, from this time forth
and forevermore!

**PEOPLE: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the
name of the Lord is to be praised!**

PASTOR: The Lord is high above all nations,

PEOPLE: And his glory above the heavens!

PASTOR: Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high,
who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

**PEOPLE: He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the
needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes,
with the princes of his people.**

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

Hymn of Praise

Jesus Shall Reign

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does His successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
The pris'ner leaps to lose his chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen!

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

If your brother becomes poor and cannot maintain himself with you, you shall support him as though he were a stranger and a sojourner, and he shall live with you. Take no interest from him or profit, but fear your God, that your brother may live beside you. You shall not lend him your money at interest, nor give him your food for profit. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt to give you the land of Canaan, and to be your God.

PASTOR: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Gracious and generous God, we confess that we have lived for ourselves and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of our brothers and sisters. We have delighted in our independence and ignored the needs of others around us. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Leviticus 25:35:38

When a Brother Is in Need

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 8:1-4

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

Abide

For my waking breath , for my daily bread,
I depend on You, I depend on You.
For the sun to rise, for my sleep at night,
I depend on You, I depend on You.

*You're the way, the truth, and the life.
You're the well that never runs dry.
I'm the branch and You are the vine,
Draw me close and teach me to abide.*

Where the Spirit leads as I'm following,
I depend on You, I depend on You.
For the victories still in front of me,
I depend on You, I depend on You,
Yes, I depend on You.

*Be my strength, my song in the night.
Be my all, my treasure my prize.
I am Yours, forever You're mine.
Draw me close and teach me to abide.*

When I pass through death as I enter rest,
I depend on You, I depend on You.
For eternal life to be raised with Christ,
I depend on You, I depend on You.

Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer,
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom,
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing:
All is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken,
For by my side, the Savior He will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,
For in my need, His power is displayed
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me,
Through the deepest valley, He will lead
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome,
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus,
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me,
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
Breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
To renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;
Give me faith for what I cannot see;
Give me passion for Your purity.
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within;
May Your joy be seen in all I do—
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
In each thought and deed and attitude,
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace.
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

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 Allen Schmidt
(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

Praise To The Lord The Almighty
Worship Choir

His Tithes & Offerings

Sermon

Bear One Another’s Burdens
Galatians 5:25-6:5 (Page 975)
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.

Jude 1:24-25

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.

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God:
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down:
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

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

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
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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

Table Shower

Join us in celebrating Emma Montgomery (daughter of Jay and Mary Montgomery) and Jackson McGilvray with a Table Shower today, October 25th! As they prepare for their wedding on November 21, let's bless them with gifts from their registry. Gifts can be dropped off at the designated table in the foyer. Thank you for helping us shower this couple with love and support!

Fall Festival

Join us on Wednesday, October 28th at 5:30 PM for our annual Fall Festival, a free event for the whole community! Bring your friends and family for an evening packed with fun activities. Candy donation bins are located in the foyer and the children's wing.

WIC Fellowship

Mark your calendars for our WIC Fall Fellowship at Vicki Stephenson's house (2709 Woodtrail Rd. SW) with fall snacks and fun. November 3rd at 6:00pm.

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