

Decatur Presbyterian Church

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A Community of Grace



Why was it necessary for Christ, the Redeemer, to die?

Since death is the punishment for sin, Christ died willingly in our place to deliver us from the power and penalty of sin and bring us back to God. By his substitutionary atoning death, he alone redeems us from hell and gains for us forgiveness of sin, righteousness, and everlasting life.

The New City Catechism, Question & Answer #24

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him.

Colossians 1:21,22

The Lord's Day — June 16, 2019 A.D.

Welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus! If you are a guest with us, please be sure to sign our Welcome Pads when they are passed around before the service. Children are welcome in our worship. We have a nursery available for children 3 and under. Children 4 to 6 years of age may be dismissed to Children's Worship prior to the sermon. Thank you for joining us today and may the Lord richly bless you.

Song of Assembly¹

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

Traditional

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye,
To Canaan's fair and happy land where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains shines one eternal day;
There God, the Son forever reigns and scatters night away.

*I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the Promised Land.
I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the Promised Land*

No chilling winds nor pois'nous breath can reach that healthful shore,
And sickness, sorrow, pain, and death are felt and feared no more.

When shall I reach that happy place and be forever blest?
When shall I see my Savior's face and in His bosom rest?

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 68:4-5

Pastor: Sing to God, sing praises to his name;

People: Lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts;

Pastor: His name is the Lord;

People: Exult before him!

All: Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 147

Hymn of Praise

Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart

Rejoice, ye pure in Heart, Rejoice, give thanks and sing;
Your festal banner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King.

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing!

Yes, on through life's long path, Still chanting as ye go,
From youth to age, by night by day, In gladness and in woe.

At last the march shall end, The wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their Father's house, Jerusalem the blest.

Then on, ye pure in heart, Rejoice, give thanks and sing:
Your glorious banner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King.

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Reading of the Word: *The Mystery Begins at Creation*

Genesis 1:1-3

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Dear Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our frivolous attitude toward life, our callousness toward suffering, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...*
Amen!

The Father Forgives, Through Christ

Luke 23:34; Psalm 103:13

And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them" As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

O Church, Arise

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O Church, arise, and put your armor on; hear the call of Christ our Captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given.

With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold, whose battle cry is love, reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valor.

When faced with trials on every side, we know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died, an inheritance of nations.

So Spirit come, put strength in every stride, give grace for every hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful.

As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day when with Christ we stand in glory.

Lead Me To The Cross

Fraser

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.

There Is A Fountain Filled with Blood

Cowper

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.
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The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away.
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O dying Lamb, thy precious blood shall never lose its power,
Til all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.
Til all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.

Ever since, by faith, I saw the stream thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.
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Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Mike McMahan

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon²

Series: Let Not Your Hearts Be Troubled (John 14:1)

Pastor Tommy Lee

EXCURSUS, PART 1

XVII. Our Triune God

2 Corinthians 13:14 (page 971)

² 4, 5, & 6 year-old children may be dismissed before the sermon to Children's Worship in room 132.

We Confess Our Faith: The Nicene Creed ³

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his father before all worlds, God of God, Light Of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Communion, also called The Lord's Supper or Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all committed followers of Jesus Christ to share in this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, who are at peace with God and their neighbor, and who seek strength to live in a deeper communion with Jesus. If you are not a Christian, or you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the Church.

(Gluten free communion bread is available upon request; please speak to the pastor before the service or alert your server during communion.)

All I Have Is Christ

Kauffman

I once was lost in darkest night, Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life, Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own, A rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first, I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race, Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state, And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed, You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me, Now all I know is grace

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ, Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone, And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands, Could never come from me
O Father, use my ransomed life, In any way You choose
And let my song forever be, My only boast is You

³ The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea (325), and an expanded form was adopted by the Council of Chalcedon (451). It was formulated to answer heresies that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and of the person of Christ.

Benediction⁴

1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my beloved brothers [and sisters], be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Song of Faith

We Are the Body of Christ

Hampton

One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise You, we are the body of Christ.

One goal, one vision, to see You exalted, we are the body of Christ.

And to this we give our lives, to see You glorified.

One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise You,
We are the body of Christ. We are the body of Christ.

This Week

Tuesday 6:30am

Men's Bible Study @ Java Jaay (*will resume in the Fall*)

Tuesday 9:30-11:00am

Ladies Bible Study @ DPC (*will resume in the Fall*)

Tuesday @ Noon

Men's Bible Study @ Kent's Office (*will resume in the Fall*)

Tuesday 6:30pm

Women's Bible Study @ NCC (Armor of God)

Friday 6:30am

Men's Bible Study @ Temple, Inc. (*Mansfield's Book of Manly Men*)

⁴ Just as God called us into His presence at the beginning, so now He commands His blessing upon us as we depart. We look up and extend our hands in a posture of thanksgiving as we receive this great gift. Our final response to God's assurance of His peace and presence upon those who are in Christ is a chorus of joyful song.

DPC Announcements

Get More Connected: Sign up for the weekly email by emailing Tonya at tonya@decaturpca.org.

Next Up! The next four books of Scripture that we'll be reading together via the Cultivate daily readings will be 1 Corinthians, Proverbs, Ezekiel, and 2 Corinthians. Sign up today by emailing Tonya at tonya@decaturpca.org

Midweek Ministries: will resume September 11th.

Fourth of July Party: Dale & Natalie Cook invite the whole church to their home (2525 Poovey Rd.) for an Independence Day Celebration Saturday, July 6th, at 5:00 pm. The Cooks are providing BBQ, hamburgers, and hotdogs. Please bring a side dish with you (salad, dessert, dip, etc.). Food, Fun, & Fireworks!

VBS: Come Fly With Us! Please register online NOW! Register your student racer for The Incredible Race at: <https://decaturpca.org/ministries/children>, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the registration link. One Family, One Race, One Savior July 15-19, M-F, 9:00-12:00pm. Rising K4-6th grade. Please include your t-shirt size. Volunteers are still needed, please see Debbie Smith if you can help out.

Want to write Carrie while she's serving as a missionary in Cherokee, North Carolina this summer? The address is: MTW Cherokee Carrie Hill P.O. Box # 2186 Cherokee, NC 28719

Look What Greg Poole Has Written! Greg Poole, former pastor of DPC, has written a book! "*A Good Confession: Daily Reflections on the Westminster Catechism*" offers daily devotionals based on the Westminster Shorter Catechism, demonstrating the significance of the catechism in modern life. The devotionals are designed for families, small groups, or entire congregations. Copies will be available at this summer's PCA General Assembly. Let Tommy know if you'd like him to pick one up for you!

Sermon Outline Notes: for adults and children are available on the back table.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

SUMMER 2019

SUNDAYS @ 9:30 AM

The Fun Adult Class! The books of 1 and 2 Chronicles were written to unify the people of Israel around the true worship of God. After the trauma of exile and facing political opposition in their return to the land, they needed to know that God would prove gracious to those who repent of their sin. This study walks readers through these 2 Old Testament books over the course of 12 weeks, pointing them to God's mercy, compassion, and forgiveness—and his promise to bless his people by dwelling with them forever.

New Sunday School Class! The Foundations Class and Young Adult Class have merged! This class, led by Stuart Smith and Nathan White meets in the parlor. Our first series will be on 1 Corinthians. We'd love for you to join us!

Sedona Class: Led by George Godwin, we are currently studying through the Book of Acts. The class meets in the classroom down the back hallway from the sanctuary, across from the choir room. Guests are always welcome!

Ladies Sunday School Class: We are studying the books *Crazy Busy*, and *Learning Contentment* for the summer, in the library at 9:30 am. This is a discussion based Bible study, facilitated by Barbara Brownlee, Elizabeth Lee, Julie Missildine, Vicki Stephenson, and Sarah Crupi. Open to all ladies, please join us!

Session

George Godwin
Jeff Keith
Mike McMahan
Kent Quinn
Jason Seale

Greg Smith
Jay Suggs
Blake Temple
Chip Walraven

Diaconate

James Fudge
Wade Littrell
John Lyons
Scott Missildine
Steve Sasser

Sam Thompson
Michael Vinson
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David Zajic

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Service Times

9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Worship

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