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*Resolve to Love 🌐 Agree to Differ 🌐 Unite to Serve 🌐 Break Bread Together*

**Sunday, November 3, 2024**  
**All Saints Sunday**

Who taught the sun where to stand in the morning?  
And who told the ocean you can only come this far?  
And who showed the moon where to hide 'til evening?  
Whose words alone can catch a falling star?

The very same God that spins things in orbit  
Runs to the weary, the worn and the weak  
And the same gentle hands that hold me when I'm broken  
They conquered death to bring me victory

Now I know my Redeemer lives  
Let all creation testify  
Let this life within me cry  
I know my Redeemer, He lives

*- Redeemer, Nicole C. Mullen*



## We Gather to Connect with God and One Another

Theme Brenda J. Worthy

Prelude Adam Cole

Welcome, Announcements Rev. Daniel C. Brower

† Opening Hymn *“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”* 67

1. *O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home!*

2. *Under the shadow of thy throne  
still may we dwell secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone,  
and our defense is sure.*

3. *Before the hills in order stood,  
or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting, thou art God,  
to endless years the same.*

4. *A thousand ages, in thy sight,  
are like an evening gone;  
short as the watch that ends the night  
before the rising sun.*

5. *Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
soon bears us all away;  
we fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the opening day.*

6. *O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guide while life shall last,  
and our eternal home.*

† Call to Worship (*Hebrews 12, adapted*) Brenda J. Worthy

One: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

**Many: Let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,**

One: And let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

**Many: Looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.**

One: God calls us to be saints, apostles, prophets,

**Many: Together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

One: In the company of all the saints we cry:

**Many: Praise God! Alleluia! Amen!**

† Unison Prayer of Invocation Brenda J. Worthy

**We bless your holy name, O God, for all your servants who, having finished their course, now rest from their labors. Give us grace to follow the example of their steadfastness and faithfulness, to your honor and glory, through Christ Jesus, Amen.**

*From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, in every tongue.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

### **We Receive and Respond to the Word**

Holy Scriptures

**John 16:16-22**

Rev. Answai T. White-Burch

"A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me." Then some of his disciples said to one another, "What does he mean by saying to us, 'A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me,' and 'because I am going to the Father'?" They said, "What does he mean by this 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Are you discussing among yourselves what I meant when I said, 'A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'? Very truly, I tell you, you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; you will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy. When a woman is in labor, she has pain because her hour has come. But when her child is born, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy of having brought a human being into the world. So you have pain now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

Reading of the Names

Rev. Daniel C. Brower

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Daniel C. Brower

Anthem

Handbell Choir

Sermon

Rev. Daniel C. Brower

Communion Hymn

*"Let Hope and Sorrow Now Unite"***639**

*1. Let hope and sorrow now unite  
to consecrate life's ending,*

*and praise good friends now gone from sight,  
though grief and loss are rending.  
The story in a well-loved face,  
the years and days our thoughts retrace,  
are treasures worth defending.*

*2. With faith, or doubt, or open mind  
we whisper life's great question.  
The ebb and flow of space and time  
surpass our small perception.  
Yet knowledge grows with joyful gains  
and finds out wonders far more strange  
than hopes of resurrection.*

*3. Be glad for life, in age or youth;  
its worth is past conceiving.  
And stand by justice, love, and truth  
as patterns for believing.  
Give thanks for all each person gives -  
as faith comes true, and Jesus lives,  
there'll be an end to grieving.*

Invitation to Faithful Stewardship & Holy Communion

Rev. Answai T. White-Burch

Prayers for the Bread and Cup

Rev. Daniel C. Brower

*(Christ invites you to partake of the Lord's Supper. shared together as a love feast for all.  
Today we observe the Eucharist in the spirit of the early church by sharing a meal  
together as the one body of Christ. We welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has  
welcomed us.)*

Words of Institution

Daniel C. Brower

One: For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus  
the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks  
broke it, and said,

**Many: "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."**

(In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying,

**Many: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you  
drink it, in remembrance of me."**

One: For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you remember the Lord  
until He comes.

Unison Prayer of Commission

Rev. Answai T. White-Burch

**God our help: We thank you for this supper, shared in the spirit with your son Jesus, who makes us new and strong, who brings us life eternal. We praise you for giving us all good gifts in Him and pledge ourselves to serve you, even as in Christ you have served us. Amen.**

## **We Are Led Out by the Spirit**

† Closing Hymn

*“My Life Flows On”*

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*1. My life flows on in endless song,  
above earth's lamentation.  
I hear the clear, though far off hymn  
that hails a new creation.*

*[Refrain:]  
No storm can shake my inmost calm  
while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since love is Lord of heav'n and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?*

*2. Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear the music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul.  
How can I keep from singing? [Refrain]*

*3. What though my joys and comforts die?  
I know my Savior liveth.  
What though the darkness gather round?  
Songs in the night he giveth. [Refrain]*

*4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his!  
How can I keep from singing? [Refrain]*

Postlude

Adam Cole

Benediction

Rev. Daniel C. Brower

† *You are invited to stand.*

## Bring Friends and Enthusiasm!

**Sundays** – Rev. Stan Saunders Sunday School on hiatus for September

**Sun, Nov 3** – All Saints Sunday

**Fri, Nov 7-Sat, Nov 9** – Christmas Tree Sale Lot Set Up

**Sat, Nov 9** – Decatur Makers Holiday Market, 8 AM - 4 PM

**Sat, Nov 9** – The Atlanta Concert Ringers “Shall We Dance?” Tour, Living Grace Lutheran Church, 4 PM (admission is free!)

**Sun, Nov 10** – Board Meeting, Fellowship Hall, following morning worship

**Thu, Nov 14** – Clergy & Community Luncheon, First Baptist Decatur, 12 PM

**Sun, Nov 17** – Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary, following morning worship

**Wed, Nov 20** – Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall, 10 AM - 3 PM

## Welcome Statement

*All In*



*First Christian Church of Decatur (Disciples of Christ) is an open and affirming congregation.*

*We welcome everyone into full participation in the life and membership of the church.*

*Inspired and informed by God’s love, mercy, and justice, we are purposefully involved in the healing and helping of our community and our world. We covenant with God and the greater community to nurture a spirit of love and service to neighbors, honor one another’s differences, and fellowship in the breaking of the bread.*

*Actively striving to honor each other’s race, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, nationality, ethnicity, marital status, physical or mental ability, family configuration, political affiliation, economic circumstance, or theological perspective, we truly welcome all.*

## Online Giving



First Christian Church of Decatur is a spiritual community that transcends physical distance. In this unprecedented time, online giving is a positive way that this growing faith community can be supported.

As we often say in worship at the Invitation to Faithful Stewardship, “Those in need, please take; those with abundance, please give.” If and

when you find yourself in need, please let us know so we might be of assistance. You matter to your Church, which is the Body of Christ. The missions of our church are imperative to nurture a hurt and hurting world.

For those who would like to give out of gratitude for all the Lord is doing in our lives, please click the following link: <https://www.osvhub.com/decaturdisciples/giving/funds>

***Thank you for your support and prayers.***

**Ministers: All the People**

**Your Church Staff:**

Rev. Daniel C. Brower, *Interim Pastor*  
Russell Broomfield-Ranney, *Church Bookkeeper*  
Adam Cole, *Organist*  
Tanya DePree, *Church Administrator*  
William E. Garner, *Director of Music*  
Kedric Kelly, *Facility Manager*

Church Office Hours: Monday thru Friday, 8:30 am to 3 pm