



Friday February 11th, 2021

Join us for worship, online or in-person!
Sunday morning traditional service @ 1020am
Thursday evening contemporary service @ 7pm



**A Message
From
Pastor Dave**

"If one part suffers, every part suffers with it" - 1 Corinthians 12:26 (NIV)

'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future' – Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

It has been almost eleven months since I had reconstruction surgery on my right achilles tendon. While I continue to recover from surgery and am feeling much better, there are still days that I also feel great pain - not just in my heel, but throughout the rest of my body as well. This reminds me of Paul's words above; *if one part of the body suffers, every other part suffers with it.*

As was announced January 23rd, it is expected that I will be appointed by our Bishop as Senior Pastor of Thoburn UMC in St. Clairsville Ohio effective July 1st of this year. While there is joy in anticipation of what God has in store for me and my family, as well as for Dover First UMC, there is also some pain as well.

Change is never easy, nor is grief ever comfortable. Many questions come to mind in the midst of change. Why? Why now? What's going to happen next? When will we know? These are natural questions, and while I may not have all the answers to the 'why' 'what' and 'when,' I do know that in the midst of uncertainty that we can turn to the 'who' - Jesus Christ our Lord, who holds all things in His hands.

As we prepare for this upcoming transition in pastoral leadership, I would like to offer some words of encouragement and share six steps that we can all take in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

First, the best thing to do during any transition is to keep our eyes focused on Jesus, and resist the temptation to go in a different direction from where we need to be heading. It is very easy to get distracted in times of transition, and distractions can be lethal to our spiritual growth and health.

Second, give yourself time to grieve, and grieve well. This is a time of loss. We are brothers and sisters in Christ and have experienced much together, so allow yourself time to process your feelings. Don't stuff them inside. Jesus calls us to bring everything into the light. If Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life, then He calls His children to be honest in every area of their lives, including grief. You may not want to grieve publicly, and that is ok. If not, grieve in private so that you can all be strong for someone else.

Third, stick together during this time of transition in order that you may fight against the devil's schemes and ensure that Dover First is healthy for the next pastor. We should never underestimate satan's schemes. Transitional moments are optimal times when satan comes in and places doubts and fears in our minds, sowing seeds of dissention which can grow into weeds of destruction. Satan would love nothing more than to see a thriving church become one that is simply surviving. Be aware of the devil's schemes during this time, and guard your heart.

Fourth, be patient. While the church family at Thoburn is aware of who their next pastor will be, the church family at Dover First is not. It is easy to become discouraged while waiting. Have you ever had to wait in line at a drive-through, or a checkout line, or in traffic? Waiting can be hard sometimes, but please know that there are times when the process *should* be long, in order to make sure the best possible choice is made. Our Bishop and cabinet are doing their best to discern who will carry out the vision of Dover First next, and I am confident that with God's help, that person will be identified. God has a plan, and it's a good plan. Trust their leadership, and strive to be patient.

Fifth, don't rely on hearsay or rumors. I encourage everyone to remain in dialogue with me and the members of our Leadership Board. Once information becomes available, it will be shared with everyone as soon as possible. If you have a concern, please let us know. The Leadership Board will do everything to remain as transparent as possible during this time, as will I.

Sixth, lean on one another. Dover First is a healthy, growing church, and satan would love nothing more than to find a way to make you feel isolated and destroy the fellowship of the church family. The best way to combat this is to lean on one another. If you are struggling with this transition, talk to someone you trust. If you are not sure who to talk to, pray that God would reveal someone you can talk to who has been through this process before. You can contact a member of the Leadership Board or myself, or, engage in small groups. Share a meal together with someone and talk about what is taking place so that you can be aware of others' feelings at this time. Remember, we are Better Together!

Pastoral transition is hard. When a part of your body hurts, the rest of it does its best to compensate for the part that is hurting. Be the healthy part of the body so that you can help those that are hurting. In doing so, our church family will be as healthy as possible when the next pastor is appointed.

My friends, we have been through much together over these last seven years: weddings, baptisms, funerals, new births, professions of faith; we have built houses together, packaged meals together, handed out water together, worshipped together, shared meals together, sung songs together, laughed together, cried together, mourned together, and even endured a global pandemic together. But our time together is not done. There is still much work to be done over the next five months. Let us therefore keep our eyes focused not on the 'why' but on the 'who', Jesus Christ our Lord and our Savior.

I look forward to our remaining time together, and will continue to pray for you, this wonderful church family, and your next pastor, whoever that may be. We may not yet know who that is, but God knows, and it is in that knowledge that we place our trust.

I love you all, and am extremely blessed to be your pastor.

In His Name,

- Pastor Dave

ANNOUNCEMENTS



As part of our Discover, Develop, Deploy Mission, we will once again be helping the Dover-Phila Food Pantry by distributing food to those in need.

Rather than worshipping at our Recharge service, we will be serving on the 4th Thursday of each month (February 24th)

Contact the church office at (330) 343-1322 or

doverfirst@gmail.com to sign up.

This is a wonderful opportunity for individuals, families, small groups, and our church family to reach out and help those in need in our communities.



Our Girl Scout Troop is once again selling Girl Scout Cookies!
Girl Scouts will be available in our lobby on Sunday March 13th selling cookies.
All varieties are \$5 per box and will be delivered in early March.
Online orders can also be placed beginning February 6th.
Local customers should choose 'girl delivery' option to avoid shipping costs.

We have 2 scouts selling this year.

Natalyn is in kindergarten. Her cookie site is:

Natalyn's cookie site... <https://digitalcookie.girlscouts.org/scout/natalyn760482>

Gretchen is in 2nd grade. Her cookie site is:

<https://digitalcookie.girlscouts.org/scout/gretchen365526>

Many thanks to everyone at Dover First UMC for supporting our troop for 8 years!



Want to be a welcoming presence in our church?

We are in need of individuals or groups to serve at our Welcome Center on Sunday Mornings each week.

Assist with directions
Hand out Welcome Gift Bags
Answer Questions
Welcome Visitors and Guests!

To sign up, contact our church office at (330) 343-1322 or
Email us at doverfirst@gmail.com

This is a great opportunity to use your gifts to welcome everyone each week as we gather to worship!

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it – Hebrews 13:1



We are currently accepting applications for the position of church pianist/organist.

If you or anyone you know are interested in the position, please submit a resume via email to doverfirstpastor@gmail.com



NEXT STEPS

Discover

Develop

Deploy

**Interested in finding out more about baptism, membership,
or just have questions about the church?**

**Mark your calendar and make plans to attend our
Next Steps class
Sunday Feb. 13th from 12p-2p in our lounge**

Pizza Lunch and Nursery Care will be provided

**RSVP to the church office
doverfirst@gmail.com**





We invite you to join us for worship on Wednesday March 2nd at 7pm as we kick-off the Lenten season with our Ash Wednesday service.

This service will also be live-streamed to all of our online platforms.

Ashes will be offered on your forehead or back of your hand as you feel comfortable.

Due to Covid-19 concerns, you will also have the opportunity to receive a cotton swab from which you can impose your own ashes at your seat during the service.

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord - Acts 3:19



In addition to our app, webpage, Faithlife page, and 3D Connections, we have a QR code that allows for instant access to our weekly service outline, sermon notes, study guides, and more!

Simply scan this QR code with your mobile device



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Support Our Vision!**

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**BETTER TOGETHER!
STRONGER TOGETHER!**

**2020 and 2021 have been challenging years for us all.
We have missed out on many times of
fellowship, worship, and serving together.**

But the mission and ministries of our church have continued!

**In order to continue our outreach into 2022 and beyond,
we need your help.**

**Please consider online giving. It is quick, safe, and easy to use.
Simply visit**

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and submit.
It's that easy!**

**Our ministries, facilities, and administration rely 100% on the
offerings of our church family.
Please consider how you can faithfully give to Christ's Church today!**

Sunday Feb. 13th, 2022

Worship Service

5 Minute Countdown Begins At 10:15am

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

First Scripture Psalm 97:1-6 (MEV)

*Hymn #2070 TFWS "He Is Exalted"

*Call To Worship

Let us stand up and worship The Lord our God. From everlasting to everlasting, blessed be Your glorious Name, Lord God Almighty, which is exalted above all names. You are God, and You alone. You created heaven with all its hosts, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that are in them, and You preserve it all. We come before You today with open hearts to feel Your love, and open ears to hear Your Word. Your Name is exalted on high.

*Prayer

*Hymn #77 "How Great Thou Art"

Second Scripture John 4:19-24 (NIV)

Special Music

Offering Introduction

Prayer

Offertory Music

Message Discover, Develop, Deploy: *Deploying Into A Life Of Worship*

– *Pastor Dave St.Aubin*

*Prayer

*Benediction

*Hymn # 327 "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

Postlude

** denotes to please stand as you are able when worshiping in person*



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Worship Service Outline
February 13th, 2022
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Life Of Worship”
(Message 7 of 8)

Let us be thankful and worship God - Hebrews 12:28

1. What is worship?

The word worship comes from the old English word *worthscipe*
which means: *to declare value or worth*

Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship The Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers The Father seeks - John 4:23 (NIV)

In spirit means: *From the depth of my being;
a reflection of what’s going on inside*

In truth means: *Real, sincere, open, honest.
Nothing hidden. No pretending.*

True worship is not about *activity*, it is about *authenticity*

2. Why should I worship?

Worship is an *act of humility*

God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble - James 4:6 (NKJV)

Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim You, who walk in the light of Your presence, O Lord - Psalm 89:15 (NIV)

Worship *invites* God into my circumstances.



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3. How should I worship?

Worship begins with saying ‘Thank You’

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His Name - Psalm 100:4 (NIV)

Let us be thankful and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe - Hebrews 12:28 (NIV)

**When I thank God for what He does,
I begin to worship Him for who He is**

Give thanks to The Lord, call on His Name; make known among the nations what He has done - Psalm 105:1 (NIV)

**To call on The Name of The Lord means to:
Summon and to Send**

Jesus’ ‘names’ reflect His *character*

**Savior
Redeemer
Provider
Healer**

**Deliverer
Counselor
Comforter
Friend**

**Protector
Sustainer
Restorer
Prince of Peace**

John 4:19-24 (NIV) ¹⁹ “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.” ²¹ “Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and His worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

What does it mean to live a life of worship? We need to ask that question because worship is more than just coming to church every week. Worship is about how we live our lives each day. If you were to ask a group of people to define what worship is, you would most likely hear several different responses. Why? Because we all have different backgrounds, we all have different experiences of what we were taught about worship, and we are all at different points in our spiritual journey, so as we define what worship is, we need to look at what the Bible says. What does God’s Word say about worship? And specifically, we need to ask three questions; what is worship? Why should I worship? And *how* should I worship?

First, what is worship? The word worship comes from the old English word *worthscripe*, which means ‘to declare worth’ or ‘to declare value.’ So when we say, ‘I worship God,’ we are declaring His worth in our lives. Have you ever asked, ‘what is God worth in my life? What is His value in my life?’ As we discover more and more God’s worth and God’s value in our lives, we begin to express our worship of Him more and more; not just through the words we say, not just through songs we sing, but by the way we live. When we discover God’s worth and God’s value in our lives, our worship will flow out of everything about us.

Worship is more than just coming to a Sunday morning or Thursday evening service. There is a relationship involved in it. Worship involves the public aspect, like what we are doing this morning, but there is a private life to worship as well. There is the time in our lives between the Sunday mornings and the Thursday evenings. Worshipping God involves every aspect of our lives; every moment of every day.

In this story from John, the Samaritan woman asks Jesus a question about where worship should be done (verse 20). Jesus’ reply to her is essentially, you’re missing the point. Worship is not about the form, it is about the function. Worship is not about the *where*, it is about the *who*. It is about worshipping God in spirit and truth (verses 23-24). To worship God in spirit means: from the depth of my being. From the essence of who I am. Worship is not just an outward activity, it’s also inward. Worship is not just form. It’s not just going through motions. It’s a spiritual

reality. It's a reflection of what's going on on the inside. Worshipping God in truth means it's real. It's open. It's sincere. There is no pretending. There is nothing hidden.

Worshipping in truth means worshiping openly from the inside before God, telling God anything you're feeling or thinking as you come before Him. What is worship? It is coming before God at every moment of my life, in spirit and in truth; from the essence of who I am, as honestly as I can - not just on Sunday, but every day.

Second, why should I worship? Worship is an act of humility. It's impossible to worship God and be proud at the same time because a proud person praises themselves and says, 'look at what I've done.' But a humble person recognizes the value and the worth of someone else, and says 'look at what *God* has done, and is doing' (James 4:6).

Psalm 89:15 says; *blessed are those who have learned to acclaim You, who walk in the light of Your presence, O Lord.* What does it mean to acclaim? To acclaim means to welcome joyfully with a loud shout. If you ever attend a football game you will understand what it means to acclaim. The visiting team takes the field first, and everybody boos. Those are the bad guys. But then the home team takes the field. What does everyone do? They welcome them joyfully with a loud shout! Why? Because the good guys have taken the field! We cheer, and we welcome them with a loud shout. We acclaim them.

Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim You, Lord - who welcome You into the arena - the stadium - of their life - *who walk in the light of Your presence.* Isn't that why we come to worship each week? To acclaim the Name of God? To Look for a sign of God's presence in our lives? We worship because it is in the light of God's presence that we find peace, mercy, grace, forgiveness, love, joy, provision, healing, and so much more.

Third, how do I worship? Worship begins by saying thank you: two very simple words that can be so difficult to say and so difficult to remember sometimes. 'Thank You, God.' It's so easy for us to forget the things God has done in our lives. Have you ever been so deep in prayer, begging God to do something, that when He does it you forget to say thanks? Instead, we move on to the next crisis, forgetting to recognize what God has done; forgetting to give Him thanks and praise. Worship begins by giving thanks to God for what He has done in our lives (Psalm 100:4, Hebrews 12:28). Gratitude is the key to worship because gratitude forces us to stop and look back at not just what God *is* doing for us, but what God has *already* done for us. Gratitude forces us to take inventory of God's past acts of faithfulness and provision in our life. And that's important, because when you look at what God has done in your life, you begin to discover who God is. And as you thank Him for the things He has done in your life, you begin to *worship* Him for who He is. Every opportunity to say thank you is an opportunity to worship and strengthen our faith. How do we worship? Give thanks to The Lord for what He has done and call on His

Name (Psalm 105:1). Let us take every moment of every day to worship The Lord our God, giving Him thanks.