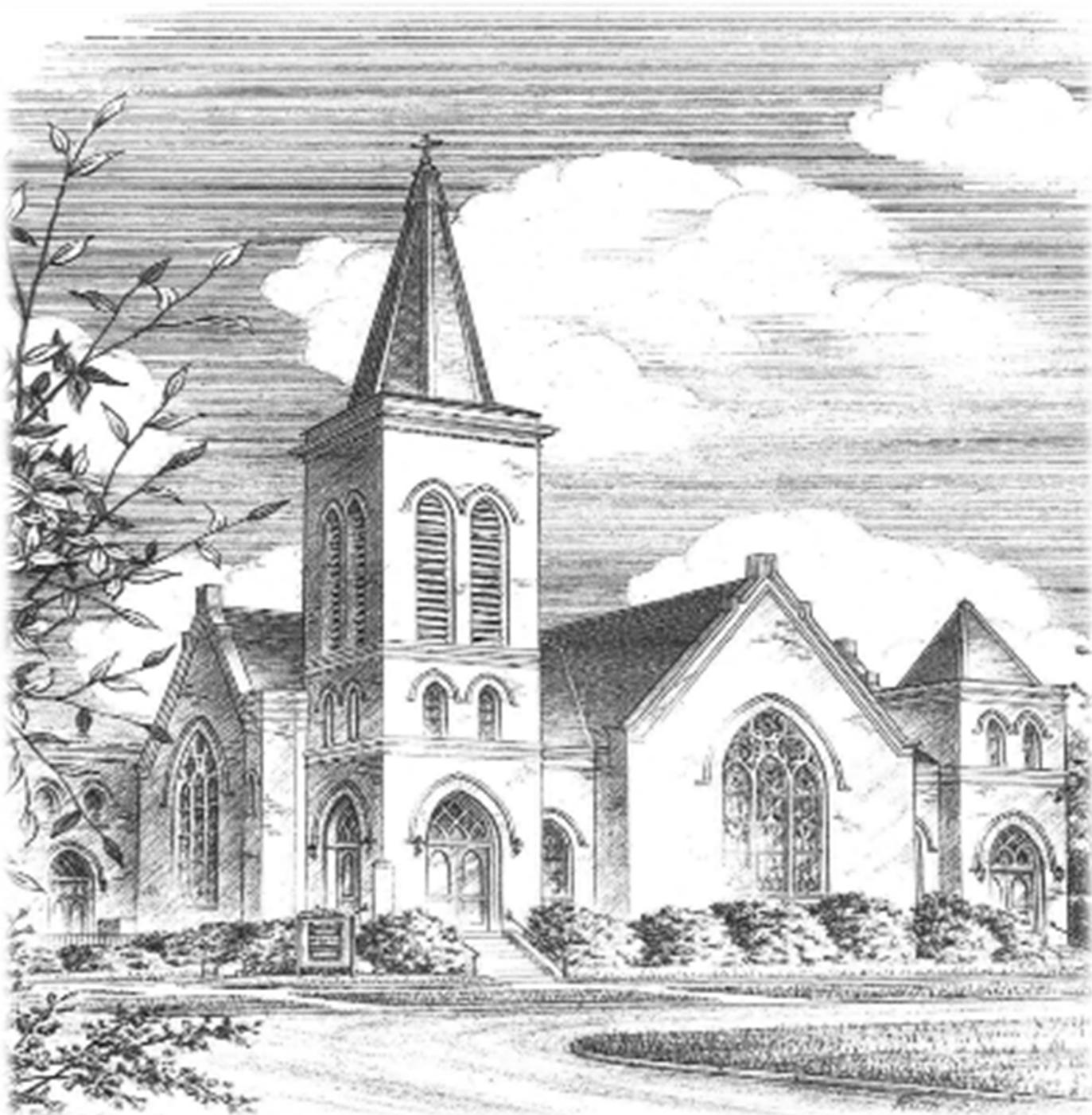


Duncan Memorial Methodist Church

Last Sunday After Pentecost



November 23, 2025
“The Security of Our Salvation, Part 2”
Reverend William “Ted” Ragsdale

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+Congregation standing, if able. Congregation responses in **BOLD**.

GATHERING

Quiet conversation among congregants is encouraged.

PRELUDE

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

M. Luther

Please observe a moment of prayerful silence as we enter our worship time.

Please take a moment to sign the Red Pew Pad.

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

KassiJo Lloyd

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Ragsdale

Leader: He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

People: **I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust.”**

+OPENING HYMN

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

Hymnal Pg. 110

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Hymnal Pg. 881

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day, he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.*

+GLORIA PATRI

“Glory Be To The Father”

Hymnal Pg. 70

*Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

KassiJo Lloyd

*Children ages 3 years – 3rd Grade are invited to Children's Church.***CHURCH CONCERNS**

Rev. Ragsdale

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Ragsdale

THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**OFFERTORY**

“We Gather Together”

V. Labenske

+DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Hymnal Pg. 95

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, Ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***ANTHEM**

“No One Ever Cared For Me Like Jesus”

S. Gretzinger

*KassiJo Lloyd and Adrienne Farris**Duet*

Romans 5:6-11

Pew Bible NT Pg. 155

SCRIPTURE READING

“The Security of Our Salvation, Part 2”

Rev. Ragsdale

SERMON

“Blessed Assurance”

Hymnal Pg. 369

+CLOSING HYMN**+DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Rev. Ragsdale

POSTLUDE

“Praise Him! Praise Him!”

R. Hughes

The table of Thanksgiving in the sanctuary today is given to the glory and honor of God and in thankful memory for the members that have gone before us and in special loving memory of Paul Ivan Skoko and Mrs. Dorothy Porter by Chip and Melanie Daniels.

Weekly Calendar

Nov. 23

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship
12:00pm Hanging of the Greens
5:30pm MYF

Nov. 24

9:00am Counter
5:30pm Pastor Search Committee

Nov. 25

9:00am 3M
7:00pm Community Thanksgiving Service

This Sunday's Greeters & Ushers

Greeters: Velva Ellerbe, Louise Walters, Elsie Jayroe

Ushers/Offering: Ben Culbertson, John Kester, Velva Ellerbe, Bill Hodgin, Clay Livingston

We are glad you are here!

Welcome to Duncan Memorial Methodist Church. May this time of worship renew your spirit, draw you closer to God, and remind you that you are deeply loved and never alone.

Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 9:00am – 4:30pm
Friday 9:00am – 12:00pm

CHURCH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Thanksgiving @ Duncan - November 25 at 7pm: The Georgetown Ministerial Alliance, Pastor Rod Reid, and Bishop John Smith, Jr. will be leading a Community Thanksgiving Service at Duncan. Everyone is encouraged to attend and welcome our neighbors into Duncan.

Candlelight Dinner – December 7th: It's that time of year for the Youth Annual Fundraiser. We need volunteers to host a table, donate turkeys, and donate desserts. If you can help, please call or text the church at 843-546-5647.

2026 Altar Flowers – If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday Worship, please reach out to Linda Harmon at 843-995-3563 or call the church office at 843-546-5647.

Yuletide Home Tour: Anne Hudson and Pam Toemmes need Docents, or greeters, for December 13, 2025. If you can help, please reach out to them at 972-979-7963 or 843-450-1008.

CHANCEL CHOIR

Are you interested in joining Duncan's choir? If so, they would be happy to have you join them! Their next practice is November 30 at 10:15am. If you would like more information, please call the church office at 843-546-5647.

Our Faithfulness for November 16, 2025

Weekly Collection: \$4,262.00

Attendance: 132

The Security Of Our Salvation

Romans 5

We come to a new section in the Book— Paul points us to the absolute character, the fullness and finality of our salvation by faith. If you have been justified by faith (**4:25**) your salvation is absolute, complete and final.

1. Vs. 1-2, Nothing can rob you of it.

A. **We have peace with God not the peace of God.** v. 1

1:18, 3:25-26 The result is peace with God.

B. **We stand in grace.** V. 2 “*through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.*”

C. **We rejoice in the surety of glory.** V.2 “*And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.*”

2. Vs. 3-5 Nothing can shake us from it.

Our greatest tribulation, our greatest suffering does not shake us from fullness and finality of our salvation. It makes us better, more like Christ **Romans 8:28**

3. Vs. 6-11 Why is this salvation absolutely certain and final?

The reason why is that – **it is all of God.**

A. **It is based on the love of God** v. 6-8

B. **It is based on the action of God.** v. 8

C. **Vs. 9-11, It is based on the “*a fortiori*” argument.** “*The argument from the greater to the lesser*” – If God sent his Son to die for our sins while we were enemies isn’t it certain that he will not allow us to fall away.

4. Vs. 12-21 Our salvation is absolute and final because of our union with Christ.

A. **The great comparison of Adam and Jesus gives us answers to the great question of the origin of Sin and Death.** Vs. 12-14

B. **The doctrine of federal headship is emphasized in the use of “one” 11 times.** Latin: *foedus* (federal) means “covenant”. **Hebrews 9:11 Hosea 6:7**

C. **Vs. 15-19 Five repetitions of federal headship by the usage of the term – “one man”.**

D. **Vs. 18, 21 In our union with Christ, grace reigns through justification leading to eternal Life.**

Romans 5:6-21 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die.⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.⁹ Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

¹⁰ For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!¹¹ Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

¹² Therefore, just as (comparison) sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned-- ¹³ for before the law was given, sin was in the world. But sin is not taken into account when there is no law.¹⁴ Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who was a pattern of the one to come.

Five statements of Federal Headship

(1)¹⁵ But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!

(2)¹⁶ Again, the gift of God is not like the result of the one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification.

(3)¹⁷ For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

(4)¹⁸ Consequently, just as the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men, so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men.

(5)¹⁹ For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

20 The law was added so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more,²¹ so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hebrews 9:15 For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance--now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant. (**Hosea 6:7**)