



*We welcome all.*

*North Decatur Presbyterian Church is called by God to be a community of faith and worship, dedicated to Christian education and nurture so that we may go into the world to serve, work for peace and justice and share God's love with all people.*

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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 1, 2020

*22nd Sunday after Pentecost*

11:00AM

Congregational Meeting at Noon for the purpose of electing elders for the class of 2023

Zoom: Meeting ID: 803 378 1150

Passcode: 611Medlock

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### **PREPARATION & ADORATION**

#### INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER

*Christine Jolley, introduced by Ellen Herbert, chair of Engagement committee*

#### INTRODUCTION TO ELDER NOMINEES

*Called to Serve*

*Elders nominated to serve three-year term, 2021-2023: Jack Kittle, Erika Meyer, Nancy Meinersmann, Lee Nichols, Brock Savage, Lin Wormley. Youth Elders nominated to serve one-year term, 2021: Sam Fisher, Freeman Mosley*

#### WELCOME SONG

*For All the Saints*  
NDPC "Zoom" Choir  
Michael Morgan, organ

SINE NOMINE

#### WELCOME

Rev. Mary Anona Stoops

#### CENTERING PRAYER (adapted by liturgy from Iona Community)

Bright, bright, the fellowship of saints in light,  
Far, far beyond all earthly sight.  
No plague can blight, no foe destroy.  
United here they live in love:

O then above how deep their joy.

Set free

By Jesu's mortal wounds are we,  
Blessings has Christ in endless store:  
Some drips are showered upon us here:  
So we are ordinary people and sublime spirits all in one.

Who are these saints of yesterday and today?

The ones whose stories the Bible holds, the ones whose hands hold our own?

Zaccheaus, the fiddler of books, hated by all but other crooks.  
Blind Bartimaeus, unkeen to keep silence, shouting for beggars to join alliance.  
Thomas the cynic, the seeker of proof, doubting others' witness and remaining aloof.  
Shy Nicodemus, avoiding others' eyes, ventures out only under night skies.  
A widow of five husbands alone at the well, seeking solace from the stories people tell.  
A Roman centurion, proud and in power, humbled by death's final hour.  
Mary and Martha, numbed in their grief, unable to cope or find hope in belief.  
James and John, brotherly rivals, obsessed by their seats in heaven's revival.  
Peter whose loyalty failed as he left Jesus in the lurch,  
"It's on this rock, I'll build my church."  
This saint, like us all, forgiven and called in the end.

*In the silence, receive the love of God that is God's gift to you. Place your hand on your heart and feel the assurance that God's blessing finds you where you are on this day.*

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Iona Community

Christ's church is built on the rock of redeemed humanity: through Peter and Paul, through Columba and Margaret, through Luther, Theresa, Bonhoeffer, MLK, Jr., and Rigoberta Menchu. Through the saints of every age, Tom, Caroline, Alice, Jim, Jim, Wade, BJ, Sean, Chuck, Burt. Christ has extended, reformed and diversified the household of faith. Know that you commune with the saints for in Christ, you too are among them. **Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE

*During the Passing of the Peace, share a sign of peace with others in your home and greet others who are worshiping online by writing messages in the comment/chat section.*

\*GRATEFUL RESPONSE

GLORY TO GOD

"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"  
**Glory to God whose goodness shines on me.  
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me  
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free  
As was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.  
World without end, without end, Amen (3x)  
As was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**PROCLAMATION**

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:1-12

The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**DEDICATION**

## INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL FOR OFFERING

Our **Change 4 Change** offering this week goes to **A Home for Everyone in Dekalb**. This year due to Covid-19 concerns, in lieu of the freeze shelter, volunteers will gather at Sycamore House behind Decatur Presbyterian Church to hand out sleeping bags, blankets, hygiene kits, supper bags, and Marta cards to allow individuals to access the shelters in downtown Atlanta. The estimated cost for round-trip Marta cards for the average of 20 individuals seeking shelter through **A Home for Everyone in Dekalb** is \$180. Text **'NDPC C4C \$20 (or any amount)' to 73256** to give to give to Change for Change.

Members who've made a 2020 pledge are encouraged to give through automatic payment arranged through their bank or to send a check by mail. Visitors and those giving outside a pledge, are encouraged to mail checks to NDPC, 611 Medlock Rd, Decatur, GA 30033, donate through Paypal at [www.ndpc.org](http://www.ndpc.org) or Text **'NDPC \$20' (or any amount) to 73256** to give to the church's general fund.

To make a **pledge for 2021**, go to the [giving page](#) on ndpc.org.

Holy Communion

Revs. David Lewicki &amp; Mary Anona Stoops

**Our Father [Mother] in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## SONG DURING COMMUNION

*Bright Morning Star*

*Photos of NDPC Saints departed in 2020: Tom Are, Caroline Coling, Alice Cornett, Jim Earhart, Jim Goodspeed, Wade Medlock, BJ Morris, Sean Repasky, Chuck Swann, Burt Vardeman*

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Michael Morgan, organ

SINE NOMINE

**NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:****Music Credits:**

*For All the Saints*. Text: William Walsham How, 1864; Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*. Text Adap. © 2008 Paul M. Vasile. Music © 2008 Paul M. Vasile; Piano: Clint Miller; Tambourine: Jill Jacques; Vocals: Sarah Zimbardi, Anne Strickland, Ellie Fletcher, Julia Glickstein, Annie Godfrey, Rick Neale, Kip Duchon

*Bright Morning Star*. Traditional Kentucky Appalachian Song from Harlan County. Arranged by Fred Squatrito

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### ***WELCOME VISITORS!***

We're happy and honored that you've joined us online today! We hope you will join us in person when we resume in-person worship later in 2020.

People come from many backgrounds, traditions, and cultures to worship at NDPC. We invite you to use the language, whether for God or persons, that is authentic and inspiring to you.

### ***FOR YOUR INFORMATION:***

**If you would like to** donate flowers, volunteer to serve as an usher or liturgist, or submit comments or suggestions about worship, please email [worship@ndpc.org](mailto:worship@ndpc.org).

**Recent sermons** are available for online listening at <http://ndpc.org/worship/sermon-podcasts>.

### ***CONTACT NDPC:***

The NDPC Office is closed. All members and visitors must alert staff when you plan to be on campus. Office Phone: 404-636-1429; Office Email: [office@ndpc.org](mailto:office@ndpc.org)

#### Pastoral Care:

**Revs. David Lewicki and Beth Waltemath** are co-pastors of North Decatur Presbyterian Church. Beth or David are available to meet with any person seeking pastoral care or conversation. To schedule an appointment, contact them directly by email or by phoning the church office. David Lewicki ([david@ndpc.org](mailto:david@ndpc.org)); Beth Waltemath ([beth@ndpc.org](mailto:beth@ndpc.org))

**Rev. Mary Anona Stoops** is available to visit with senior adults at church or at your home. To schedule an appointment, contact her by phone in the church office or by email: [maryanona@ndpc.org](mailto:maryanona@ndpc.org)

For urgent needs, call the co-pastors' emergency cell phone: 404-981-NDPC (6372).