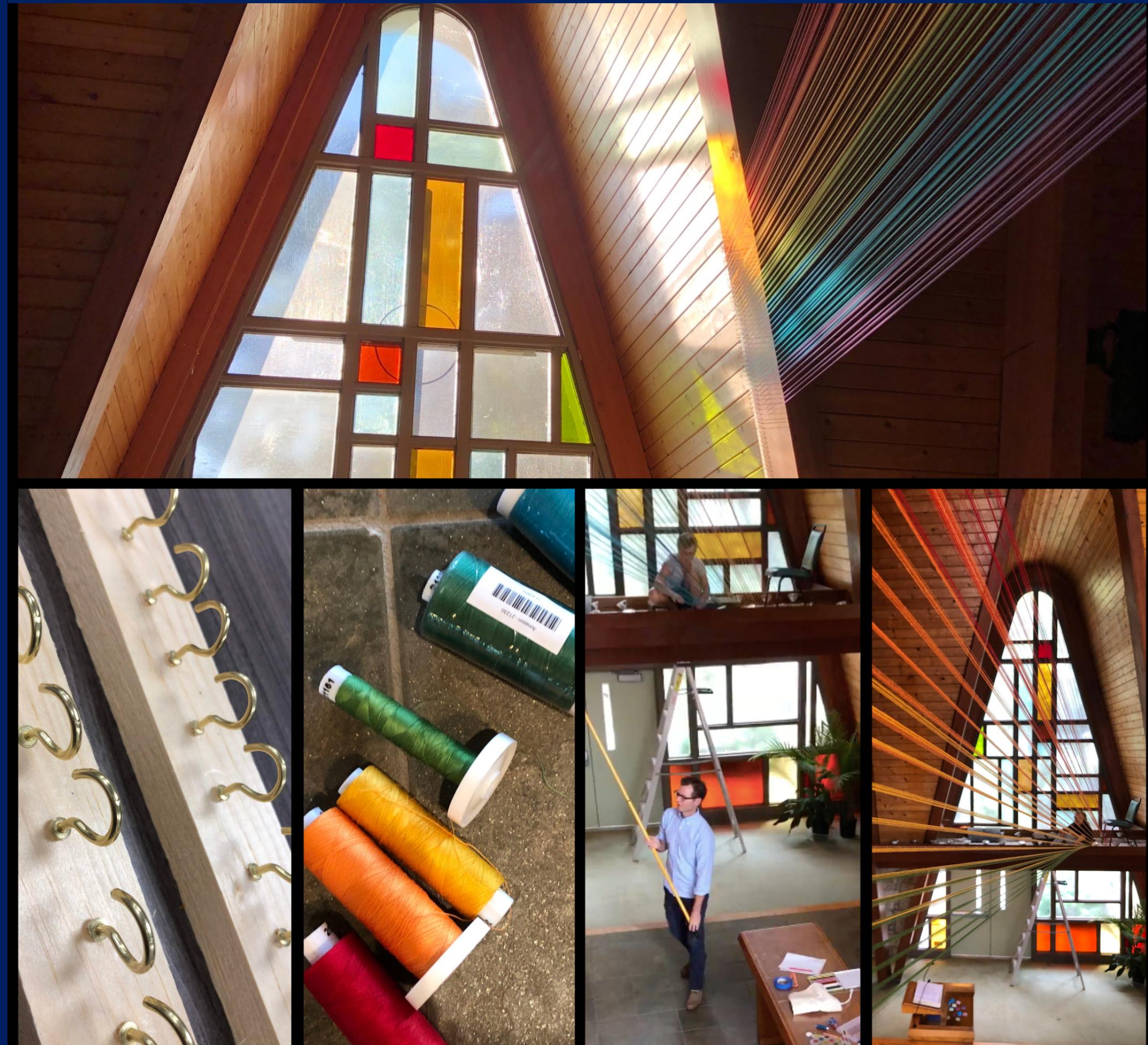


God's Creative Story at North Decatur Presbyterian Church

Decatur, Georgia

Where do you see God's creative story now, in history, and unfolding in the future?



Project summary

Through a year-long series of classes, workshops, and worship services based on biblical, liturgical, visual and creativity literacy in both corporate worship and individual spiritual development, we sought to enrich and deepen our engagement with the Spirit, with scripture, with image, and with one another.

We created multiple opportunities for congregational liturgical art participation as an act of worship.



Ellen Gadberry, Grant Coordinator - We have become a communal “visual choir,” using our gifts of making, painting, building, and crafting as acts of worship to the glory of God.



What we have learned

David Lewicki, Co-Pastor - We are a healthier church with a relationship with the arts.

Gail Brown, Member - We have been challenged and nurtured to expand our understanding of additional ways God uses [beyond the spoken word] to invite us to deepen our spiritual lives and our sense of community. We have seen how art, simply expressed, can bring matters of social justice to light and can have an impact on the world around us. We have, as a group, felt the satisfaction and sense of purpose that comes from creative collaboration.

Highlights of our year

- Adult education course
The Artistry of the Bible
- Sermon series
Nine Big Ideas of God’s Creative Story
- Weekly evening meetings
Liturgical Arts Group
- Workshop and worship guest Victoria Emily Jones
Gazing as a Spiritual Practice
- Workshop and worship guest Karla Kincannon
Creativity and Divine Surprise
- Establishment of onsite Studio Classroom
- (Late summer 2020 workshop)
Contemplative Photography



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