



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.

611 Medlock Road, Decatur, GA 30033
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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 2, 2021

5th Sunday of Easter

11:00AM

PREPARATION & ADORATION

WELCOME SONG

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!
NDPC Balcony Choir

Christ is risen! Shout hosanna!
Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:
all creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding,
see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding
bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits
from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning.
See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection,
not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion.
Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven
nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation
where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:
"Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us.
Sing Hosanna everyone!

Words: Brian Wren
Music: HYMN TO JOY, arr. Deanna Witkowski

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Erin Reed Cooper

OPENING PRAYER

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

GRATEFUL RESPONSE

Repeating Alleluia
NDPC Balcony Choir

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 4:7-21

Rev. David Lewicki

SERMON

God is Love

INVITATION TO OFFERING

*Change for Change contributions made in May will support the relationship between North Decatur Presbyterian Church and the Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross (a majority-Black congregation in South DeKalb) as we develop our "Just Neighbors" initiative to deeply engage race, justice, and neighborliness in our home of DeKalb County. Make a generous gift today. Text **NDPC C4C \$20 (or any amount) to 73256** to give to give to Change for Change.*

Members who've made a 2021 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, 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.

COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

This morning we'll sing parts of the Eucharist prayer to the tune of a Latin American hymn. You are invited to sing the bold text with the choir.

PRESIDERS: God be with you in the building of the body.

Lift your hearts up in the outpouring of love.
It is right to give our thanks and praise forever.
God is with us as Creator, Spirit, Christ.

All: God is with us as Creator, Spirit, Christ.

CHOIR: We sing holy, holy, mighty, God of wonder.
We sing glory full upon heaven and earth.
We sing praises with the saints across the ages
To the One who came to teach us how to love.

All: To the One who came to teach us how to love.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND BLESSING OF THE CUP

CHOIR: Spirit bless us all who gather at your table.
Spirit bless these simple gifts of bread and cup.
Make them be for us the very life of Jesus.
So that we can be his life-love in the world.

All: So that we can be his life-love in the world.

PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY

**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.**

DISTRIBUTION OF BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION MUSIC

ONE: Make us one now with each other and with Jesus.
Make us one in love and service to the world.
Make us one as sign and living of your kin-dom
'till the day when all Creation is restored.

All: 'till the day when all Creation is restored.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Sheep May Safely Graze
J.S. Bach
Deborah Miller, flute and Paul Vasile, piano

NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:

Music Credits:

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WELCOME VISITORS

We're happy that you've joined us online today. We hope you will join us in person when we resume in-person worship after the pandemic subsides.

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

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

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); Beth Waltemath (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

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

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