



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 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent

9:00 & 11:00AM

PREPARATION & ADORATION

PRELUDE	<i>All Praise to You, O Jesus Christ</i>	Johann Pachelbel
* WELCOME SONG	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>	Glory to God #88

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are worshiping online, use the comment/chat section to introduce yourself.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Janet Jasper & Cyndi Smith, 9AM
Barbara Gifford & Jean Wright, 11AM

You might think that if you hurry, you can get more done.
Take a moment to notice that there is nothing you can do to change time.
Into this slowness, we speak this word from scripture:

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.

(Ecclesiastes 3:1)

A MOMENT OF STILLNESS

Emanuel, God with us...

Release us from our illusion that we have the power to change time. In this season of Advent, grant us slowness. May our patience be deep, and may we use our time intentionally, for your justice comes as surely as the day follows night. Amen.

* RESPONSE

Walk in the Light

**Walk in the light, beautiful light. Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
Shine all around us by day and by night. Jesus, the light of the world.**

PASSING THE PEACE

*Share a sign of peace by learning "Peace be with you" in American Sign Language.
If you are worshiping online, write greetings in the comment/chat section.*

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

SERMON

Slowness

Erin Tolar

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. 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.**

DEDICATION

OUR OFFERING

*Change for Change contributions in November support the Equal Justice Initiative. EJI works for criminal justice reform and racial justice, and oversees the National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, AL. NDPC is committed to combating structural racism as part of our participation in the PCUSA's Matthew 25 initiative, and EJI is a national leader in that mission. Find out more at eji.org. Text **'NDPC C4C \$20 (or any amount)' to 73256** to give to Change for Change. 2021 pledges can be paid through automatic bank payment or by check. Visitors may donate to the church's general fund by check, through PayPal at ndpc.org, or by texting 'NDPC \$20' (or any \$ amount) to 73256.*

* CLOSING SONG

Canticle of the Turning

Glory to God #100

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

J.S. Bach

NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:

As we focus on slowness today, contemplative live painting is taking place at the front of the sanctuary. Intentional and deliberate brush strokes will be added to a canvas as the service progresses by members of our congregation. This week's painting is inspired by Yayoi Kusama's "Infinity Nets" paintings.

Our musician today is Mr. Michael Morgan.

Livestream and video are produced by Jason Schoenberg, Rick Meinersmann, & Tim Merritt.

WELCOME VISITORS

We're happy that you've joined us! Please introduce yourself to those around you. You may share your email address with us by using the QR code on this bulletin. We all come from different backgrounds, traditions, and cultures to worship at NDPC. Use language and pronouns, both for God and for persons, that is authentic to you. After worship, come to the door near the chancel to say hello to elders and pastors.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Magnifying glasses and large print hymnals are available in the lobby. **Hearing assist devices** are also available. Ask an usher and they will gladly help.

If you would like to donate flowers, volunteer to serve as an usher or liturgist, or share comments about worship, email worship@ndpc.org.

Videos of worship services are available at ndpc.org. Subscribe to our **sermon podcast** through any major podcasting service.

CONTACT NDPC: Office Phone: 404-636-1429; Office Email: office@ndpc.org

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

Revs. Beth Waltemath and David Lewicki are available to meet for pastoral care or spiritual conversation. Beth's office days are M and Tu; David's office days are W and Th. Phone/video appointments are also available. Email beth@ndpc.org or david@ndpc.org.

Rev. Mary Anona Stoops is available to meet by appointment. Email maryanona@ndpc.org.

NDPC STAFF:

Elizabeth Waltemath, *Co-Pastor, Head of Staff*

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Erin Tolar, *Ministry Fellow*

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Javier Sanchez, *Custodian*



Welcome, Visitors

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Anon (c. 15th century)
John Mason Neale

O come, O come Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - der'st all things migh - ti - ly:
O come, thou Day - spring, come and cheer our spi - rits by thine ad - vent here;
O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind all peo - ples in one heart and mind;

that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here, un - til the Child of God ap - pear.
to us the path of know - ledge show; and teach us in her ways to go.
dis - perse the gloo - my clouds of night, and death's dark sha - dows put to flight.
bid en - vy, strife, and dis - cord cease; fill the whole world with hea - ven's peace.

Refrain

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.