



*North Decatur Presbyterian Church is called by God
to be a community of faith and worship.
We are 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

March 13th, 2022

Second Sunday in Lent

11:00AM

** stand in body or spirit*

PREPARATION & ADORATION

PRELUDE Jyothi Dho (traditional Hindustani Song) arr. by Huu Mai

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*If you are worshiping online, use the comment/chat section to introduce yourself.
Visitors are invited to sign in using the QR code on back of the bulletin.*

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Introduced today are recent NDPC new members
Susan and Josef Henschen (Spencer) and Cynthia Haley Dunn

* CALL TO WORSHIP

God of revelation,

unveil your Kin-dom in our midst.

Show us who we truly are in you:

expose the illusions that distort our vision,

deliver us from temptations that contort our living,

open our eyes in this time of trial –

that resistance may be the secret of our joy

and our joy be a sign of your shalom. Amen.

Carol Tveit, liturgist

-from ChristianAid.org

GATHERING SONG

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

Glory to God #314

MEDITATIVE PRAYER

SILENCE

* ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Hear the good news!

Christ lived for us.

Christ died for us,

Christ rose for us,

Christ reigns in power for us,

Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, loved, and free!

* RESPONSE

O Sing to the Lord (v. 1, 2, 1)

Glory to God #637

* 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

WORD IN WORSHIP

*Children up to 3rd grade are invited to come forward for the Word in Worship.
Afterward, children may go to Extended Session or return to sit with their family.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 2 & 3

SERMON

Original Blessing

Rev. David Lewicki

ANTHEM

Pie Jesu

by Andrew Lloyd Webber

Natalie Almeter, soprano; Derrick Ng, soprano

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Mary Anona Stoops

You are our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear,
though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

The Holy One is with us;
the God of Israel is our refuge.

There is a river whose streams make glad your city,
your holy habitation, O Most High.

You are in the midst of the city;
she shall not be moved;
You will help her when the morning dawns.

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
You cry aloud! The earth melts.

The Holy One is with us;
the God of Israel is our refuge.

We have marveled at your wondrous works, O Holy One –

See what desolations are now brought upon the earth!

Make wars cease to the end of the earth!

Break the bow, and shatter the spear, and burn the shields with fire.

“Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.”

The Holy One is with us;
the God of Israel is our refuge.

Psalm 46, adapted by Rick Neale, Mary Anona Stoops

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our [Loving Parent] 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

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL FOR OFFERING

*Our Change 4 Change offering in March during goes to **the Winn & Blackmon houses, the two homes that NDPC uses as transitional housing for formerly homeless families in partnership with Decatur Cooperative Ministry (DCM).** Please 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 2022 pledge are encouraged to give through automatic payment arranged through their bank or to send a check by mail.*

To make a **pledge for 2022**, go to the [giving page](#) on ndpc.org.

* CLOSING SONG *Alleluia! Laud and Blessing* Glory to God #755

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Aus Tiefer Not* Johann Sebastian Bach

NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:

Our parade-style puppets are inspired by the work of Bread & Puppet, a politically-engaged puppet theater in Vermont. Specific elements of the puppet personifying sin are informed by input from the NDPC congregation. One fist of the crossed arms represents violence, the other evokes greed and selfishness. The stole contains quotes from the congregant feedback, and the many faces of sin are modeled on sketches provided by congregants as well as gargoyles at Oxford University.

Our accompanist today is Samuel Mishkin.

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Livestream and video are produced by NDPC members Jason Schoenberg, Rick Meinersmann, & Tim Merritt. If you would like to help, come up to the balcony.

WELCOME VISITORS

We're happy that you've joined us! Please introduce yourself to those around you as you are comfortable. You may share your email address with us by using the QR code on this bulletin—we will send you our weekly e-newsletter. You can learn more about NDPC's ministries and social justice work at www.ndpc.org. We come from different backgrounds, traditions, and cultures to worship. Please use language and pronouns for God and for yourself that are authentic to you. After worship, the pastors would love to meet you.



Welcome, Visitors!

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 available. Email beth@ndpc.org or david@ndpc.org.

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

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