



*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.*

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

March 27th, 2022

Fourth Sunday in Lent

11:00AM

** stand in body or spirit*

PREPARATION & ADORATION

PRELUDE

In the Name of the Lord

by Mark Hayes
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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Corey Dunn, liturgist

We are here
to worship a remarkable God.
**The love of God welcomes us,
the grace of Christ awaits us,
the joy of the Spirit enfolds us.**
Come as people who are truly free.
Come as people who are seen, known, and heard by God.
Come as the Holy One's invited guests.
Come as much-wanted children.
Come as those who are joyful, who are eager, who are thankful,
We come to worship as the recipients of amazing grace.

-by Bruce Prewer

GATHERING SONG

Alleluia
NDPC Children's Choir

arr. John Hermanson
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MEDITATION

God, grant me the serenity
to accept the things
I cannot change,
Courage to change the
things I can, and the
wisdom to know the difference.

-Reinhold Neibuhr, 1926

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, 3, 4) 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 Romans 5:20

SERMON *How Does Grace Deal with Sin?* Rev. David Lewicki

ANTHEM *Image* by Huu Mai, lyrics by Marielle Mai

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. 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 *Come Down, O Love Divine* (v. 1, 2, 3) Glory to God #282

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Shout to the Lord"

by Darlene Zschech
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NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:

Our parade-style puppets are inspired by the work of Bread & Puppet, a politically-engaged puppet theater in Vermont. Elements of the puppets personifying sin and grace are informed by input from the NDPC congregation. The grace puppet was constructed by volunteer artists this week based on feedback from the congregation.

Music & Lyrics are printed/streamed under ONE LICENSE #A-719269 and CCLI #21115205 & 21115212

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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