



*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

April 3rd, 2022

Fifth Sunday in Lent

11:00AM

** stand in body or spirit*

PREPARATION & ADORATION

PRELUDE *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Martin Luther

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Erin Reed Cooper
*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 Jan Cribbs, liturgist

Come and worship, everyone on earth,
everywhere the sun shines,
let's praise God together!

For listening when we call, answering our prayers,
forgiving our mistakes, and providing what we need:
let's praise God together!

Be in God's presence, everyone on earth,
everywhere the sun shines,
let's praise God together!

GATHERING SONG *Amazing Grace* Glory to God, #649

MEDITATIVE PRAYER

Word over all, beautiful as the sky!
Beautiful that war, and all its deeds of carnage, must in time be utterly lost;
That the hands of the sisters Death and Night, incessantly softly wash again, and ever again,
this soil'd world:
... For my enemy is dead—a man divine as myself is dead;
I look where he lies, white-faced and still, in the coffin—I draw near;
I bend down, and touch lightly with my lips the white face in the coffin.

-“Reconciliation,” by Walt Whitman

SILENCE

* ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Hear the good news!
Sin and death are not ours to face alone.
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. 1-5)

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 worshipping 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

2 Cor. 5:16-21

SERMON

Who Needs Grace?

Rev. David Lewicki

DEDICATION

ANTHEM

Joyful, Joyful Ludwig van Beethoven
Natalie Almeter, soloist; Jill Jacques, cajón arr. Mervyn Warren
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INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL FOR OFFERING

*Our Change 4 Change offering in March during goes to **NDPC's Creation Care ministries.**
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.

COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Revs. Beth Waltemath & Mary Anona Stoops

GREAT THANKSGIVING & PRAYERS

**Our [Divine Parent] in heaven, holy is 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND BLESSING OF THE CUP

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

Everyone who seeks to know God is welcome to receive Communion. Come forward to receive the bread and the cup, then take them back to your seats. You may use the cup holders in the pews to hold the cup as you remove your mask. When you are ready, you may eat and drink. Then, replace your mask.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, God, for bringing us together today and for sustaining us with this feast. In this and every moment, may communion—with you and each other—be a glimpse of eternal love and the hope of our redemption. May we know, through all our senses, that we are a New Creation, ministers of reconciliation. Amen.

* CLOSING SONG *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Glory to God #475

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *I'll Fly Away* Albert Brumley, arr. Mark Hayes
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HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday: April 10, 11AM

Worship begins on the Plaza with a procession of palms into the sanctuary. The service will share “scenes” from Jesus’ final week in Jerusalem (at night alone in the Temple, overturning the tables of the money changers, the widow’s offering, and the anointing at Bethany). The service concludes with anointing ritual for those who choose to participate.

Maundy Thursday: April 14, evening (TBD)

A service of footwashing, Communion, and a shared meal. Several gatherings will be hosted in homes in parishes. There will be one worship service at the church for all who don’t currently belong to a parish.

Good Friday: April 15th

9AM: Stations of the Cross walk from Clarkston (Memorial Drive Ministries) to NDPC, with 12 readings along the way. Wear comfortable shoes, and bring water, snacks, and rain gear if necessary. RSVP to worship@ndpc.org.

7PM: A service of music and readings in a darkened sanctuary

Holy Saturday: April 16th, 1-4PM

Join us on Holy Saturday for a Grief & Poetry workshop led by Zeena Regis. The complex feelings of grief and loss are often difficult to capture in words. In our retreat, we will read the poems of others and discuss how the language, metaphors, and images connect to our own grief stories. No poetry writing will be required. We will spend most of our time together reading, sharing, and exploring poetic expressions of loss. Contact Maryanona@ndpc.org to register.

Easter: April 17th (9 & 11AM)

9AM: Early worship

10AM: Intergenerational fellowship (all ages)

11AM: Later worship

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 puppets were constructed by volunteer artists based on feedback from the congregation and will be incorporated into worship during Holy Week.

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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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