

*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

May 1st, 2022

Third Sunday of Easter

Youth Sunday

11:00AM

** stand in body or spirit*

PREPARATION & ADORATION

PRELUDE

Let It Be

by John Lennon & Paul McCartney
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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

James Leonard & Charlie Leonard

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.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Christian Roberts

Let those with ears to hear, listen!

We have ears to hear!

Let those with eyes to see, look!

We have eyes to see!

Let those with voices to proclaim, speak!

We have voices to proclaim!

Let those with hands to touch, reach!

We have hands to touch!

Let those who have hearts to love, come today to hear the Good News!

We have hearts to love! Tell us the Good News!

GATHERING SONG

Gather Us In (v. 1, 2, 4)

Glory to God, #401

MEDITATIVE PRAYER

James Waltemath Lewicki

God, for the times we want to shine and the times we want to hide, help us know your presence through it all...

For the times we want to speak and the times we want to stay silent, help us hold sacred silence when it's needed and give us words when appropriate...

When our hearts feel dry and when our spirit is overflowing with joy, give us your living water to refresh and renew...

When the world is spreading fear and judgment, help us evangelize your good news of grace and love...

For the times of crashing down and building up, help us know your comfort and strength...

SILENCE

* ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Anna Cook & Grainger Ball

God's grace is liberally sown. God scatters love all around us.
When our hearts are hard as rocks, or dry as the desert,
When we're ready to receive God's love—but even when we aren't,
By God's grace, we are forgiven, loved, and free!

* RESPONSE

Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me (v. 1, 2)

Glory to God #582

* PASSING THE PEACE

Jackson Snyder

*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

Tucker & Marie Schoeneberg

*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

The Parable of the Sower... as it Might Have Originally Sounded

Cast: Christian Roberts, James Waltemath Lewicki, Ben Markham, Liliana Quick, Sam Fischer, Kieva Morrison, Freeman Mosley, Ezra Morrison, Jackson Snyder, Margaret Waltemath Lewicki

REFLECTIONS

*Authentic
Intentional
Evangelism*

Ben Markham
Sam Fischer
Freeman Mosley

DEDICATION

ANTHEM

Prayer of the Children by Kurt Bestor, arr. Andrea Klouse
© 1995 The Pinnacle Group

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR STELLA LOVE

**Stella, our sibling in Christ,
With great joy we welcome you into the family of Jesus.
What God will make of you, we don't know. Where God will take you, we can't say. But walk with us. Share in this life of love, compassion, mercy and peace.
And know this: God is with you always! Amen.**

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL FOR OFFERING

Janie Kate Mosley &
Martin Cochran

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

COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Kieva Morriason

GREAT THANKSGIVING & PRAYERS

Revs. Beth Waltemath & Mary Anona Stoops

**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

Loving and gracious God, thank you for this holy meal--the cup of blessing, the bread of life and the fellowship of saints. Thank you for Jesus and his all-inclusive love for humanity. We praise you for the opportunity of this day to worship and serve you. Love is present all around us. May we become what we receive. Amen.

* CLOSING SONG

Standing on the Promises (v. 1, 3, 4)

Glory to God #838

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Jackson Snyder

POSTLUDE

What a Wonderful World

by George Weiss & Bob Thiele
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NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:

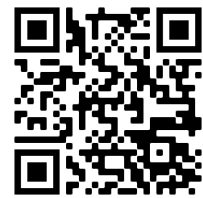
NDPC's youth groups are open to all youth in sixth through twelfth grades. Our youth come from many different middle and high schools around Atlanta. The Middle School and High School youth groups meet most every Sunday evening from 6:30-7:30pm at the church. The groups also gather for service projects, fellowship, retreats and lock-ins, and travel together in the summer. The groups are led by adult volunteers. Are you interested in being a part of youth group, as a participant or as an adult volunteer? Email erin@ndpc.org.

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Livestream and video are produced by volunteers Jason Schoenberg and Rick Meinersmann. If you would like to help with our weekly audio and video production, come on up to the balcony and say hello.

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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