



*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

September 25th, 2022

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00AM

** We stand in body or spirit*

PREPARATION & ADORATION

PRELUDE

Open the Gates

by Huu Mai
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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Visitors are invited to leave your name and contact information by signing the Welcome Pad
or by using the QR code on back of the bulletin.*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

-by Christine Longhurst
Barbara Gifford, liturgist

Lord, the eyes of all look to You in hope;

and You give them what they need.

You open Your hand

and satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing.

We, too, turn to You again, longing to be filled—

to eat of the Bread of Life,

to drink from Your life-giving streams,

to taste Your goodness and live.

May the time we spend together in Your presence

nourish our hearts and minds;

may it strengthen our relationship with You,

and renew our commitment to live in this world as Your faithful disciples.

For You alone are God,

the Source and Sustainer of life.

* GATHERING SONG

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Glory to God #475

MEDITATION

Be still, and know that I am God

Be still, and know that I am

Be still, and know

Be still

Be

SILENCE

* ASSURANCE OF GRACE

-2 Cor. 3:17-18

Now the Lord is the Spirit,
and where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is freedom.

**And all of us, with unveiled faces,
seeing the glory of the Lord
as though reflected in a mirror,
are being transformed into the same image
from one degree of glory to another.**

* RESPONSE

Love the Lord Your God

Glory to God #62

* PASSING THE PEACE

Share a sign of peace by learning "Peace be with you" in American Sign Language.

PROCLAMATION

Children through 1st grade are invited to come to the baptismal font and sit on a rug or pillow.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 16:7-13

WORD IN WORSHIP FOR CHILDREN

Rev. Dr. Erin Reed Cooper

SERMON

A Way, Not an Endpoint

Rev. Elizabeth Waltemath

ANTHEM

The Power of One by Larry King
Emily Halbert & David Champion, soloists; ©2013 Mufaro Publishing, Inc.
David Leonard, drums

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Victoria Robinson

Our [Divine Parent] in heaven, holy is your name, your kin-dom 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 kin-dom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

DEDICATION

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL FOR OFFERING

*Please make a generous gift today. All gifts made to Change for Change in the month of September will support the Co-Pastors' Discretionary Fund which is used to meet the emergency financial needs of our members and neighbors. 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](https://www.ndpc.org/giving) on ndpc.org.

* CLOSING SONG

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

Glory to God #837

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Song of Simeon

Traditional American folk melody

NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:

Our colorful liturgical calendar art installation in the narthex reminds us that we are still in the church season known as Ordinary Time. The new banner at its center is backgrounded with the many activities that are a part of our ordinary lives - this text was contributed by many of you. The banner's foreground holds our unifying activity as a worshipping community.

Art of the Day: Steve Prince, *Faith Walk*. Linocut, 12 × 9 in. "Shows a woman walking in faith while the ancestors encourage, uplift, and guide her along the way."

Flowers today are given by Fran Newbold Mohr in memory of her parents, Helen Shaw Newbold 5/31/1923-9/24/2002 and Jerry M Newbold, Jr. 9/25/1922-4/13/2022 and by Anne Toppie and Martha Shepherd in celebration of Kent Leslie's 80th birthday.

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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

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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