



*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

November 27th, 2022

First Sunday of Advent

11:00AM

** We stand in body or spirit*

Our Advent banners were made by the NDPC Many Hands liturgical arts team, using a design created by A Sanctified Art artist Hannah Garrity. About this design, Hannah writes:

"Let there be light." The birth of the cosmos intersects with awaiting Jesus' birth this Advent. As a team, we were particularly drawn to the image of light shining in the lectionary texts this season. As with every year, Jesus' impending birth brings the light of hope to humanity. In the book of John, I imagine the poetic blend of the beginning of time and the beginning of Jesus' tenure as a burst of light from the swirl of the cosmos. In this banner design, the biblical texts for the four Sundays of Advent are represented in four quadrants of the two banners.

Hannah says about this week's focus:

The upper left quadrant depicts the first Sunday of Advent with patterns representing service, sorrow, lineage, and embrace intersecting with light rays shining forth from a center image of galactic motion.

PREPARATION & ADORATION

PRELUDE

Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella

Gate City Brass

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

It is Advent.

In the life of the Church, this is the beginning.

It is a time for us to step back.

A time to see how much we do not control.

This is a time to observe all that happens

That does not come from us:

Miracles of abundance when we fear scarcity

Miracles of mercy when we presume judgment

Miracles of grace when we have given up hope.

Miracles coming from the most unexpected places.

We do nothing to make them happen

And yet here they are, for us.

In the midst of frenzied shopping
and end-of-year weariness,

DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Beth Waltemath

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.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL FOR OFFERING

*All non-pledged offerings in the month of November will support NDPC partner organization Lost-n-Found Youth, an Atlanta-based nonprofit that exists to end homelessness for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ) youth. To give to our Change for Change offering, text **NDPC C4C \$20 (or any amount) to 73256**. You may also donate at ndpc.org/give or leave a donation in the offering plate on your way out today. If you've made a 2022 pledge to NDPC, you are encouraged to give through automatic payment arranged through your bank or to send a check by mail.*

To make a **pledge for the remainder of 2022**, go to ndpc.org/give.

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| * CLOSING SONG | <i>Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates</i> | Glory to God #93 |
| * CHARGE AND BENEDICTION | | |
| POSTLUDE | <i>Deck the Halls with Joy</i> , arr. T. Helms | Gate City Brass |

NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:

We welcome **Gate City Brass** as our musical guests today. Gate City Brass, a professional quintet based in Atlanta, is committed to reaching diverse audiences through chamber music. The quintet performs in a variety of settings and venues, presenting engaging music in all styles including Renaissance, Classical, Pop, and Jazz. Members are Wayne Bennett (trumpet), Chris Savage (trumpet), Taylor Helms (horn), Ray Buck (trombone), and Trevor Kiefer (tuba).

Image of the Day: Keep Awake, by Lauren Wright Pittman (inspired by Mark 13:24-37) acrylic & ink on canvas

Flowers are given by the Worship Committee.

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Livestream and video are produced by NDPC volunteers. If you would like to help with our weekly audio and video production, come up to the balcony and introduce yourself to the team.

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:

Children are always welcome at NDPC. We offer a nursery for babies and Extended Session for Preschool - 1st grade during the 11:00 service. For Extended Session, please walk your child down the education hallway before worship, or meet a volunteer in the narthex after the Children's Word in Worship.

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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