



North Decatur Presbyterian Church is called by God to be a community of faith and worship, 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

December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

11:00 AM

*\* We stand in body or spirit*

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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 lower left portrays the second Sunday of Advent with images of sacred relationship, Holy Spirit, and baptism.*

### PREPARATION & ADORATION

PRELUDE                      *Partita No. 1 in B Minor, BWV 1002, Allemande*                      by J. S. Bach  
Ezekiel Werner, violin

### 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

Mark 1:1-8  
Tim Merritt, liturgist

#### **The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ.**

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,  
"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you  
who will prepare your way,  
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

**'Prepare the way of the Lord;  
make his paths straight,' "**

so John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness,  
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

**And the whole Judean region and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him and were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.**

Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist,

and he ate locusts and wild honey.  
He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me;  
I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals.  
I have baptized you with water,  
**but he will baptize us with the Holy Spirit."**

\* GATHERING SONG      *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn*      Glory to God #107

ADVENT MEDITATION      Conversations with God      by Rev. Sarah Are  
*Peace, Linda Curry and Jack Bowen*

*Lee Butler designed and made the stoles for our readers in the liturgical colors of Advent season  
with the themes of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love in Greek, Latin, Spanish and Scottish Gaelic.*

SILENT PRAYER

\* LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

I flew home, and stayed up all night writing love letters and tearing down walls  
so that the peace in me could fly to the peace in you.  
Let me know when you get it.  
**Let there be peace.**

\* RESPONSE      *While We Are Waiting, Come*      Glory to God #92

\* PASSING THE PEACE

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

MUSICAL REFLECTION      *Oh, Come, Little Children*      *arr. Bailey & Mayo*  
*NDPC Children's Choir; Emily Halbert, conductor*      ©2007 Choristers Guild

*Children 1<sup>st</sup> grade and below may leave to go to Extended Session or remain in the pew.*

### PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Prepare the way of the Lord (x2)  
And all people will see the salvation of our God.

SCRIPTURE READING      Isaiah 40

SERMON      Let There Be Peace      Rev. David Lewicki

### DEDICATION

ANTHEM      *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*      *arr. Alice Parker & Robert Shaw*  
NDPC Community Choir      ©1958 Lawson-Gould Music Publishers  
Derrick Ng, guest conductor

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL FOR OFFERING

*Please make a generous gift today. All gifts made to Change for Change in the month of  
December will support the Pastors' Discretionary Fund to provide for emergency needs within  
our congregation and among our 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 **pledge for 2023**, go to the “Give” page on ndpc.org.

## COMMUNION

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Lord be with You

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING & PRAYERS

*(sung responses)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest (x3).**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest (x3).**

**Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again.**

**Hosanna in the highest (x3).**

### THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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.**

*(sung)* **Amen, amen, amen.**

**Hosanna in the highest (x3).**

### SHARING THE ELEMENTS

*Everyone who seeks to know God is welcome to receive Communion. At the invitation of the ushers, come forward in the center aisle. Take a piece of Bread (gluten-free), dip it into the Cup (grape juice), then eat. Return to your seat via the side aisles. If you cannot come forward for any reason, notify an usher and we will gladly serve you in your seat. If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead of Communion, come forward and place your hands on your heart.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *Come Now, O Prince of Peace*

Geonyong Lee

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**God, you enliven word and flesh and resurrect life with love. Let it be with us according to your will. Let us be your body given for the life of the world. Amen.**

\* CLOSING SONG

*Prepare the Way O Zion*

Glory to God #106

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Violin Concerto in D Major, K. 218, I. Allegro*  
Ezekiel Werner, violin

by W. A. Mozart

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## NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:

**Image of the Day:** Prepare the Way, by Lisle Gwynn Garrity (inspired by Mark 1:1-8), acrylic on canvas

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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](http://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](mailto:worship@ndpc.org).

**Videos of worship services** are available at [ndpc.org](http://ndpc.org). Subscribe to our **sermon podcast** through any major podcasting service.

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