



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

January 15, 2023

Second Sunday after Epiphany

11:00 AM

*\* We stand in body or spirit*

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### PREPARATION & ADORATION

PRELUDE *Partita No. 2 in D Minor, l. Allemande, BWV 1004* J. S. Bach  
Melvin Robinson, saxophone

### 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 -Psalm 40:1-3a, 16-17; Jan Cribbs, liturgist

I waited patiently for the Lord;  
they inclined to me and heard my cry.  
**They drew me up from the desolate pit,  
out of the miry bog,  
and set my feet upon a rock,  
making my steps secure.**  
They put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God.  
May all who seek you  
rejoice and be glad in you;  
**may those who love your salvation  
say continually, "Great is the Lord!"**  
As for me, I am poor and needy,  
but the Lord takes thought for me.  
**You are my help and my deliverer;  
do not delay, O my God.**

\* GATHERING SONG *Wade in the Water*

### MEDITATION

Video: *Eradicating Systemic Poverty (PCUSA, Matthew 25 Initiative)*

### SILENT PRAYERS

\* ASSURANCE OF GRACE

We are still the people walking.  
**We are still people in the dark,**  
and the darkness looms large around us,  
beset as we are by fear,  
anxiety,  
brutality,  
violence,  
loss —

**a dozen alienations that we cannot manage.**

**We are — we could be — people of your light.**  
So we pray for the light of your glorious presence  
as we wait for your appearing;  
we pray for the light of your wondrous grace  
as we exhaust our coping capacity;  
we pray for your gift of newness that  
will override our weariness;  
**we pray that we may see and know and hear and trust  
in your good rule.**

That we may have energy, courage, and freedom to enact  
your rule through the demands of this day.

**We submit our day to you and to your rule,  
with deep joy and high hope.**

-by Walter Brueggemann in *Prayers for a Privileged People*  
(Nashville: Abingdon, 2008), p. 163.

\* RESPONSE #853

*We Are Marching in the Light of God*

- 1. We are marching...**
- 2. We are dancing...**
- 3. We are singing...**

\* PASSING THE PEACE

*Share a sign of peace by learning "Peace be with you" in American Sign Language.  
Children may come to the baptismal font for the children's message, with or without a parent.*

**PROCLAMATION**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 58:1-9; Luke 6:20

WORD IN WORSHIP FOR CHILDREN

*Children 1<sup>st</sup> grade and below may go to Extended Session or return to sit with your family.*

SERMON

*Is Capitalism Compatible with the Way of Jesus?*

Rev. David Lewicki

**DEDICATION**

ANTHEM

*"Freedom Come"*  
NDPC Community Choir

*by Ben Allaway*  
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PRAYERS FOR THE VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE IN GEORGIA

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Erin Reed Cooper

**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.**

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL FOR OFFERING

*Please make a generous gift today. All gifts made to Change for Change in December will support Presbyterians for a Better Georgia's policy advocacy at the state capitol to end homelessness, increase affordable housing, and expand access to healthcare. Text '**NDPC C4C \$20 (or any amount) to 73256**' to give to give to Change for Change. For 2023 pledges, please give through automatic bank payment or send a check by mail.*

*To make a **pledge for 2023**, go to the "Give" page on [ndpc.org](http://ndpc.org).*

\* CLOSING SONG

*Freedom Is Coming*

Glory to God #359

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Old-Time Religion with Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*

arr. Mark Hayes

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## NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:

**Images of the Day:** March on Washington for Jobs & Freedom, 1963; Poor People's Campaign, 2022.

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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 in worship at NDPC.** We also offer a nursery for babies and Extended Session childcare 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.

**CONTACT NDPC:** Office Phone: 404-636-1429; Office Email: [office@ndpc.org](mailto:office@ndpc.org)

**Rev. David Lewicki** is available to meet for pastoral care or spiritual conversation either in person or by phone/video call. Email [david@ndpc.org](mailto:david@ndpc.org).

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