



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 22nd, 2023

Third Sunday after Epiphany

11:00 AM

* *We stand in body or spirit*

PREPARATION & ADORATION

PRELUDE

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

arr. Matt Limbaugh
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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

-Psalm 27:1, 7-9, 14;
Jill Jacques, liturgist

The Lord is my light and my salvation;

whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

of whom shall I be afraid?

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;

be gracious to me and answer me!

"Come," my heart says, "seek God's face!"

Your face, Lord, do I seek.

Do not hide your face from me.

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord

in the land of the living.

Wait for the Lord;

be strong, and let your heart take courage;

wait for the Lord!

* GATHERING SONG

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Glory to God #408

OPENING PRAYER

SILENT PRAYERS

* ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Matthew 8:23-27

When Jesus got into the boat, his disciples followed him.

A windstorm suddenly arose on the sea,

so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves,

but Jesus was asleep.
And the disciples went and woke him up, saying,
“Lord, save us! We are perishing!”
And Jesus said to them, *“Why are you afraid, you of little faith?”*
Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea,
and there was a dead calm.
They were amazed, saying,
**“What sort of human being is this,
that even the winds and the sea obey him?”**

* RESPONSE

Seek Ye First

Glory to God #175

1. Seek ye first the kin-dom of God...

* 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

Matthew 1:18-23; 28:16-20

WORD IN WORSHIP FOR CHILDREN

Rev. Dr. Erin Reed Cooper

Children 1st grade and below may go to Extended Session or return to sit with your family.

SERMON

Emmanuel

Rev. David Lewicki

DEDICATION

ANTHEM

O Light of Life!
NDPC Community Choir

by Mack Wilberg
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*O Light of Life! O pure Light Divine!
Thou art in us; Our ember is Thine.
Kindle our faith, Give hope when we fear,
Deepen our love—Thy Fire appear!
Light of our souls, Thou spark at our birth.
Grow bright in us, Shine in all the earth!*

*O Light of Life! O true Light of Peace!
Storms will arise, Let Thy light increase.
Pierce through dark clouds, Give pause to the proud;
Let Thy shafts fall, Lift humble heads bowed.
Answer our pleas, Melt hearts in Thy flame.
Make us as one—As one in Thy name.*

*O Light of Life! O sweet Life of Grace!
Thou bidst us come, We follow apace.
See the bright Tree! Behold the white fruit!
Feasting we weep, We witness the root!*

*O Light of Life! O dear Light of Love!
Come, wash us clean, Send forth Thy white Dove.
Fill us with Fire, Enlighten our eyes;
Help us to love—’Tis price of the prize.*

*Then let us come, Enrobe us in white.
Cleaving to Thee, Light unto Thy Light.
Light unto Light, O Light of Life!
Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Mary Anona Stoops



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.*

* CLOSING SONG

Come! Live in the Light!

Glory to God #749

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

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NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:

Images of the Day: Mary of the Burning Bush, St. Gregory of Nyssa (San Francisco), mosaic
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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:

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.

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

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.

Rev. Mary Anona Stoops is available to meet by appointment. Email maryanona@ndpc.org.

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