



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 29th, 2023

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

11:00 AM

** We stand in body or spirit*

PREPARATION & ADORATION

PRELUDE *In the Garden* by C. Austin Miles, arr. Mark Hayes

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 -Susan Castle, liturgist

Beloveds of God,
It's time to take off your shoes,
Step out of what is comfortable, and
Wade with trust into the stream of God's mercy.
Let us walk barefoot, together, on holy ground.

* GATHERING SONG *What Does the Lord Require of You?* Glory to God #70

MEDITATION

I am God—
Without one friend,
Alone in my purity
World without end.

Below me young lovers
Tread the sweet ground—
But I am God—
I cannot come down.

Spring!
Life is love!
Love is life only!
Better to be human
Than God—and lonely.

*"God," by Langston Hughes,
from *The Collected Poems of Langston Hughes.**

SILENT PRAYERS

* ASSURANCE OF GRACE

-from Matthew 1 & 28

Mary will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus,
**He shall be called Emmanuel,
which means, "God is with us."**

Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of God and Christ and Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything that I have commanded you.

And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

* RESPONSE

*Siyahamba
(twice through in Zulu/Xhosa)*

Glory to God #853

* 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

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;

There are varieties of services, but the same Lord;

There are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

To each of us is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

Today, we give thanks for the service of our outgoing elders: Claudia Brogan, Mark Cochran, Anna Cook, Ben Markham, Virginia Pribbenow, Cile Vardeman, and Susan White.

The congregation of North Decatur Presbyterian Church has elected to the office of Elder: Susan Castle, Henry Cayce, Kip Duchon, David Evans, Janelle Moore, John Sandifer, Anne Topple, and James Waltemath Lewicki.

The Constitutional Questions

Do you trust in Jesus Christ, acknowledge the authority of Christ's love in the church and in the world, and through Christ believe in God who is 3-in-1: God, Christ, & Spirit?

I do.

Do you accept the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ, and God's word to you?

I do.

Do you receive and adopt the tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable interpretations of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by these confessions as you lead the people of God?

I do and will.

Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the guidance of Scripture and our confessions?

I will.

Will you be governed by our church's rules, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend to others in the church, working with them, listening together for the ordering of God's word and Spirit?

I will.

Will you in your own life seek to follow Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

I will.

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and integrity of the church?

I do.

Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

I will.

Will you be a faithful elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

I will.

Question for the Congregation

Do we, the members of the church, accept these elders as ruling elders chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ?

We do.

The Prayer of Ordination and Installation and Laying on of Hands

All those who are ordained as ruling elders or teaching elders (pastors) may come forward for the laying on of hands.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 6:1-8

SERMON

Zeena Regis

DEDICATION

ANTHEM

My Lord, What a Morning
NDPC Community Choir

arr. Jay Althouse
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

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

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

Glory to God #700

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Since Jesus Came into My Heart by Charles Gabriel, arr. Matt Limbaugh
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NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:

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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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