



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

February 12th, 2023

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

11:00 AM

* *We stand in body or spirit*

PREPARATION & ADORATION

PRELUDE

I Will Arise and Go to Jesus

arr. Mark Hayes
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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

-after Deut. 6, *The Message*
Tim Merritt, Liturgist

Voice 1: Pay Attention, everyone!

Voice 2: God, our God!

All: God the one and only!

Voice 1: Love your God with your whole heart:

Voice 2: love God with all that's in you;

All: love God with all you've got!

Voice 1: Write these commandments on your hearts.

Get them inside of you and then get them inside your children.

Voice 2: Talk about them wherever you are, sitting at home or walking in the street; talk about them from the time you get up in the morning to when you fall into bed at night.

**All: We'll tie them on our hands and foreheads as a reminder;
inscribe them on the doorposts of our homes and on our city gates.**

* GATHERING SONG

God Is Calling through the Whisper

Glory to God #410

MEDITATION

"The God who is love and family, who was born in a barn, is a God who is found, first of all, in our homes, in our families, at our tables, in sunrises, in our joys, and in our arguments. To be involved in the normal flow of life, giving and receiving, as flawed and painful as this might be at times within any relationship, is to have the life of God flow through us.

Christian spirituality is not as much about admiring God, or even trying to imitate God, as it is about undergoing God and participating, through taking part in the ordinary give and take of relationships, in the flow of God's life."

-Ronald Rolheiser, from *The Holy Longing*

SILENT PRAYERS

* ASSURANCE OF GRACE -Matthew 3:16-17

When Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

When *you* are baptized, the heavens open and God's Spirit alights like a dove on *you*. And a voice from the heavens says, "you are my Child, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased."

Who is Jesus?

God's Beloved.

Who are you?

God's Beloved.

Who are we?

We are God's Beloveds! Alleluia! Amen!

* RESPONSE

Siyahamba
(twice through in Zulu/Xhosa, 3rd time in English)

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

WORD IN WORSHIP FOR CHILDREN

Children may return to sit in the pews or leave with adult volunteers for Extended Session.

SERMON

Allison Arsenault

DEDICATION

ANTHEM

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
NDPC Community Choir

by John Rutter
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

*All non-pledge gifts made in February will support NDPC's partner in Guatemala, CEDEPCA (The Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America). CEDEPCA is an educational institution that transforms lives and communities by providing training and accompaniment, and by offering spaces for reflection to women and men from diverse Christian traditions and contexts. Text **NDPC C4C \$20 (or any amount) to 73256** to give to our Change for Change offering. Gifts may also be put in the offering plate with an usher after worship.*

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*To make a pledge payment to NDPC, please give through automatic bank payment or send a check by mail. **To make a new pledge for 2023**, go to the “Give” page on ndpc.org.*

* CLOSING SONG *As the Deer* Glory to God #626

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *How Firm a Foundation* arr. Hal H. Hopson
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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.

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