



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.

611 Medlock Road, Decatur, GA 30033
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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 12, 2023

11:00 AM

** We rise in body or spirit*

PREPARATION & ADORATION

As we gather for worship, we do so as a whole community in song. Singing brings us together—makes us “one body”—breathing and moving and vibrating together. Feel free to stand up or sit down, listen with your eyes closed or sing at the top of your lungs.

GATHERING MUSIC

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) arr. C. Tomlin & L. Giglio
Be Thou My Vision Glory to God #450

RECEIVING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

-after Psalm 51
Linda Curry, liturgist

God of the world's salvation,
we gather to celebrate and revere you.

**We come, realizing that this world is beautiful, but broken, and we are, too.
Forgive us and re-create us today.**

God of unfailing love,
we gather to worship and honor you.

**We come, and because of your compassion,
you receive us and you renew us.**

God of new beginnings,
we gather to praise and thank you.

**We come, and we know that this time together
will heal us and set us on the path of faithfulness.**

* OPENING SONG

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Glory to God #423

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECONCILIATION

MEDITATION

There is something in everyone of you that waits, listens for the sound of the genuine in yourself and if you can not hear it, you will never find whatever it is for which you are searching and if you hear it and then do not follow it, it was better that you had never been born....

Sometimes there is so much traffic going on in your minds, so many different kinds of signals... and you are buffeted by these and in the midst of all of this you have got to find out what your name is. Who are you?....

Now there is something in everybody that waits and listens for the sound of the genuine in other people.... I must wait and listen for the sound of the genuine in you....

Now if I hear the sound of the genuine in me and if you hear the sound of the genuine in you it is possible for me to go down in me and come up in you. So that when I look at myself through your eyes having made that pilgrimage, I see in me what you see in me and the wall that separates and divides will disappear and we will become one because the sound of the genuine makes the same music.

Howard Thurman, "The Sound of the Genuine,"
Baccalaureate Address, Spelman College (May 4, 1980).

SILENCE

*Listen for the sound of the genuine that is within you. What can you hear of that sound today?
We take 3 minutes of silent listening.*

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Friends, hear and trust the good news:

Life is good; the former things are past; the future is open.

In Jesus Christ, we are free to live in love, in mercy, and in the newness of life.

Praise be to God! Amen.

*GRATEFUL RESPONSE

Praise, I Will Praise You, God

Glory to God #628

*PASSING THE PEACE

*Share a sign of peace by learning "Peace be with you" in American Sign Language.
Children are invited to come forward and find a rug or pillow and sit by the baptismal font.*

PROCLAMATION

WORD IN WORSHIP FOR CHILDREN

*Children (Pre-K – 3rd grade) are invited to go to Worship & Wonder in the 2nd floor Education Hall.
Parents/guardians can meet kids there right after worship.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Mark 8:31-38

SERMON

Making Room for the True Self

David Lewicki

DEDICATION

ANTHEM

Ave Verum Corpus
NDPC Community Choir

W. A. Mozart

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Didier Monga

**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. Amen.**

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL FOR OFFERING

*All gifts made to Change for Change in the month of October will support the Decatur
Emergency Assistance Ministry (DEAM), Decatur's main food pantry. You may make a financial
donation or bring the most needed pantry items throughout November. **Text 'NDPC C4C' \$20
(or any amount) to 73526 (or leave an offering in the plate on your way out today).***

* CLOSING SONG

Take My Life

Glory to God #697

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Praise Him! Praise Him!

C. Allen, arr. B. Wolaver

NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:

Image of the Day: Molly Crabapple, *Portraits of myself and Lola Montes with things said about us by our contemporaries*, 2014

Today's flowers are given by *Virginia Legener*.

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Livestream and video are produced by NDPC volunteers. If you would like to help with our weekly audio and video production, come up to the balcony and introduce yourself to the team.

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. There are a variety of quiet activities for children in the Children's Corner in the narthex that kids can take to their seats during worship. We offer nursery care for babies on Sundays from 9:45 – 11:15AM.

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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Revs. David Lewicki, Mary Anona Stoops, and Erin Reed Cooper are available to meet to support your spiritual, mental, and physical health. Pastoral care is confidential and can be held in-person or virtually. Email david@ndpc.org, maryanona@ndpc.org, and erin@ndpc.org.

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