

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 19, 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

Thy Word
Sanctuary
NDPC Youth Band

M. Smith & A. Grant
J. Thompson & R. Scruggs

RECEIVING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

-by Thom Shuman, inspired by Psalm 5:3
Marie Hodgman Schoeneberg, liturgist

In the morning,
God hears our voices as we lift our prayers and songs.

**In the morning,
God whispers to us in the gentle breezes stirring the world.**

In the morning,
we look for God alive and active around us.

**In the morning,
we find God playing with children and walking with elders.**

In the morning
we come together to worship our God.

**In the morning,
God leads us down the streets of justice and faithfulness.**

* OPENING SONG

Give Me Jesus

Spiritual

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECONCILIATION

MEDITATION

Fundamental to all was [Jesus'] deep confidence in God... Here is no superficial optimism, but a vast faith that reaches through all dimensions of human life, giving dignity, worth, and purpose even to the least significant. In Jesus, all may see the illumined finger of God guiding them in the way that they should go, so that high above the clash of arms in the conflict for status, for place, for privilege, for rights, one can hear speaking distinctly and clearly to our own spirit the still small voice of God, without which nothing has real meaning.

Howard Thurman, *The Mood of Christmas*

SILENCE

Howard Thurman believed that anyone who seeks God will someday meet Jesus. And in Jesus, we meet God. Invite Jesus to be with you in the silence. Who is Jesus, to you?

*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

Luke 4:14-21

SERMON

Making Room for the Real Jesus

David Lewicki

DEDICATION

ANTHEM

Inscription of Hope
NDPC Community Choir & Children's Choir

Z. Randall Stroope

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. 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 *How Great Thou Art*

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel* Spiritual

NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:

Image of the Day: Close Examination, by Georgie Pauwels, photograph. Flickr.com.

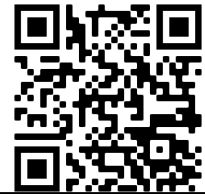
Today's flowers are given *by the Worship Committee*.

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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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