



*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

November 5, 2023

11:00 AM

*\* We rise in body or spirit*

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### **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

*My Prayer*

H. Mai

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

-Tim Merritt, liturgist

The church is catholic, universal, so are all her actions; all that she does belongs to all. When she baptizes a child, that action concerns me; for that child is thereby connected to that body which is my head too and ingrafted into that body whereof I am a member. And when [the church] buries a person, that action concerns me.

All [of humanity] is of one author, and is one volume; when one [person] dies, one chapter is not torn out of the book, but translated into a better language; and every chapter must be so translated. God employs several translators; some pieces are translated by age, some by sickness, some by war, some by justice; but [the Lord's] hand is in every translation, and [God's] hand shall bind up all our scattered leaves again for that library where every book shall lie open to one another.

As therefore the bell that rings to a sermon calls not upon the preacher only but upon the congregation to come, so this bell calls us all.... No [one] is an island entire of itself; every[one] is a piece of the continent, a part of the main. If a clod be washed away by the sea, [the continent] is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as if a manor of thy friend's or of thine own were. Any[one's] death diminishes me because I am involved in [hu]mankind, and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee.

“For Whom the Bell Tolls,” by John Donne  
Meditation XVII of *Devotions upon Emergent Occasions*

\*LITANY OF NAMES & PROCESSION OF THE ALL SAINTS BANNER

David Bothwell  
Jo Anne Godwin  
Barbara Jung  
Kathy Matthews  
Nancy Shoher  
Lisa Wise

*These members of the North Decatur Presbyterian Church died in the year since the last All Saints Day. The banner remembers the witness and contribution of every member of North Decatur Presbyterian Church who has died, and the saints of God whom we hold dear.*

\* PROCESSIONAL SONG

*O Day of Peace*

Glory to God #373

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RECONCILIATION

MEDITATION

There is the rest of detachment and withdrawal when the spirit moves into the depths of the region of the Great Silence, where world weariness is washed away and blurred vision is once again prepared for the focus of the long view where seeking and finding are so united that failure and frustration, real though they are, are no longer felt to be ultimately real. Here the Presence of God is sensed as an all-pervasive aliveness which materializes into concreteness of communion: the reality of prayer. Here God speaks without words and the self listens without ears. Here at last, glimpses of the meaning of all things and the meaning of one's own life are seen with all their strivings. To accept this is one meaning of the good line, "Rest in the Lord — O, rest in the Lord."

-Howard Thurman, from "The Need for Periodic Rest," in *The Inward Journey*

SILENCE

*On this All Saints Day, call to mind a saint in your life. Perhaps you might have a silent conversation with them. Hear their voice. Feel their touch. If this is too hard or painful, take a time of extended silence let your own soul seek its rest in God.*

\*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

-Rev. 1:17-18

Jesus said, "Do not be afraid;  
**I am the first and the last,  
and the living one.**  
I was dead, and see,  
**I am alive forever and ever."**

\*GRATEFUL RESPONSE

*Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord*

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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) are invited to go to Worship & Wonder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Education Hall.  
Parents/guardians can meet kids there right after worship.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 62

SERMON

*Making Room for Silence*

David Lewicki

**DEDICATION**

ANTHEM

*If Ye Love Me*  
NDPC Community Choir

Thomas Tallis

**DEDICATION**

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).***

**COMMUNION**

*Everyone who seeks to know God is welcome to receive Communion.*

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING & PRAYERS

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.**

*(sung)* **Amen, amen, amen.**

**Hosanna in the highest (x3).**

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

*O God, You Search Me*

Bernadette Ferrell

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**God who is with us in our deepest lament, we thank you for this holy communion that returns us to love again and again-- to you and to one another. Let us not waste this heartache. Amen.**

\* CLOSING SONG

*For All the Saints*

John L. Bell and Graham Maule

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Land of Rest*

Traditional American Folk Tune

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## NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:

**Image of the Day:** Jan Sluijters (Dutch, 1881–1957), *October Sun, Laren, 1910*. Oil on canvas.

**Today's flowers** are from the congregation of NDPC, each one a symbol of self-giving love.

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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.** 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](mailto:worship@ndpc.org).

**Videos of worship services** are available at [ndpc.org](http://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](mailto:david@ndpc.org), [maryanona@ndpc.org](mailto:maryanona@ndpc.org), and [erin@ndpc.org](mailto:erin@ndpc.org).

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