



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
www.ndpc.org

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 24th, 2023

Palm Sunday

11:00 AM

** We rise in body or spirit*

We gather on the Plaza. For those with limited mobility, you may watch the parade from the sanctuary steps or listen from the pews. If you brought cut branches, you may lay them along the Medlock sidewalk toward the front door of the church.

GATHERING MUSIC

Gate City Brass

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE

TESTIMONIES ABOUT THE WHOLE40 EXPERIENCE

CELEBRATION OF REMOVING AN IMPEDIMENT TO FAITH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Luke 19:29-38

When Jesus had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying,

Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

(repeat call and response 3 times)

*THE PARADE!

The band, then Jesus and our children, then the whole congregation, move in joyous procession, dancing toward the front door of the Sanctuary shouting “Hosanna!” and “Save us!” We pause at the front door of the sanctuary and greet Jesus of Nazareth before we enter and find our seats.

*READER’S THEATER

What Was That?

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.

ANTHEM

Gloria, III. Vivace e ritmico

John Rutter

NDPC Community Choir; Gate City Brass; Catherine Barkes, organ; Bradley Crowley, percussion

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:39-44

The whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,
“Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!”
Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” He answered, “I tell you, if these people were silent, the stones would shout out.”

As Jesus came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, “If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. Indeed, the days will come upon you when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you and hem you in on every side. They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God.”

Then Jesus entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling things there, and he said, “It is written,
‘My house shall be a house of prayer,’
but you have made it a den of robbers.”

SERMON

Weeping

Rev. David Lewicki

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our [Divine Parent] in heaven, holy is your name,
your kingdom 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 kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

*SONG

A Stable Lamp Is Lighted

Glory to God #160

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL FOR OFFERING

All gifts made to Change for Change in the month of March will support the PCUSA's One Great Hour of Sharing. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work to serve individuals and communities by creating access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. Learn more at <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs>. Text 'NDPC C4C' \$20 (or any amount) to 73256 (or leave an offering in the plate on your way out today).

SENDING

Please remain in your seat until the completion of the postlude.

POSTLUDE

Uxbridge
Gate City Brass

L. Mason / arr. C. McIvor

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

March 28th at 6:30PM - Maundy Thursday worship at NDPC with foot washing, Communion, and a shared meal; RSVP on Realm or use the link in the Communicator e-newsletter.

March 29th at 10AM - Good Friday Stations of the Cross Pilgrimage from Ebster Recreation Center in Decatur to NDPC.

March 29th, noon - 7PM - Good Friday self-guided worship; 9 stations will lead you through the Good Friday story, using sight, sound, smell, touch, and taste; drop by any time

March 31st, 7AM: Sunrise Service at Decatur Cemetery (30 min)

8:45 & 11AM - Easter Sunday worship; 10AM intergenerational fellowship

NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:

NDPC welcomes today's guest musicians:

Gate City Brass - Wayne Bennett, trumpet; Chris Savage, trumpet; Taylor Helms, horn; Garrett Coscolluela, trombone; Trevor Kiefer, tuba
Catherine Barkes, organ
Bradley Crowley, percussion
David Bonaker, baritone

Image of the Day: *Gary Bergel (1943-), Palm Sunday, Home Depot Parking Lot. Digital photograph.*

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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. The nursery, located off the hallway just outside the sanctuary door, is open this morning during worship for kids 0-3. Kids can move around a bit in the narthex, where you can still listen to worship with your child, or there are child-friendly quiet activities that can be taken to your seat.

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

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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