

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

Third Sunday of Eastertide

April 14th, 2024

11:00 AM

** We rise in body or spirit*

PREPARATION & ADORATION

*ENERGIZER

Revolution

Kirk Franklin

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Emily Grenda, Mary Louise Cromwell, Tucker Schoeneberg

*Visitors are invited to leave your name and contact information by signing the Welcome Pad
or by using the QR code on the back of the bulletin.*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Poem by Obinna
Grainger Ball, liturgist

Bravery is getting up
Even when your bones clamor for a rest
**Bravery is trusting
Even when everyone has failed you.**
Bravery is letting go
Even when it seems our life depends on
it
**Bravery is not letting go
Even when you're fed up**
Bravery is giving love a chance Even
when your heart has been broken to
weakness

**Bravery is embarking on the life's
journey
Even without knowing your direction**
Bravery is trusting you can do it
Even when you don't know how
**Bravery is moving on
Even when you should give up
You're brave**

* OPENING SONG

God of Grace and God of Glory

Glory to God #307

MEDITATION

Elsa Cayce

Child! do not throw this book about!
Refrain from the unholy pleasure
Of cutting all the pictures out!
Preserve it as your chiefest treasure.
Child, have you never heard it said
That you are heir to all the ages?
Why, then, your hands were never made
To tear these beautiful thick pages!
Your little hands were made to take
The better things and leave the worse ones:
They also may be used to shake
The Massive Paws of Elder Persons.
And when your prayers complete the day,
Darling, your little tiny hands
Were also made, I think, to pray
For men that lose their fairylands.

On the Gift of a Book to a Child, Hilaire Belloc

*SILENT PRAYERS

In the quiet, speak to God. Then, listen for God's response to you.

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

James Leonard

...We come to be reminded that we are forgiven, loved, and free.
We are forgiven, loved, and free. Glory to God!

*GRATEFUL RESPONSE

Glory to God
Youth Band

Glory to God #582

* PASSING THE PEACE

Lenore Cochran

Share a sign of peace by learning "Peace be with you" in American Sign Language.

PROCLAMATION

WORD IN WORSHIP

Jack Bowen, James Alexander

SCRIPTURE READING

Esther 4:10-17

Kieva Morrison

SERMON

Anna Cook
Ben Markham
Charlie Leonard

DEDICATION

ANTHEM

Brave
Youth Band

Sara Bareilles

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL FOR OFFERING

*Change-for-Change contributions in April support Memorial Drive Ministries, Inc. (MDM). Located only five miles from North Decatur, MDM provides safe, affordable, and welcoming space for numerous nonprofits, worshipping communities, and community groups that serve the diverse, predominantly refugee population in the greater-Clarkston area. Learn more about Memorial Drive Ministries and its onsite partners at mdmATL.org **Text 'NDPC C4C' \$20 (or any amount) to 73256 (or leave an offering in the plate on your way out today).***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Margaret Waltemath Lewicki

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

* CLOSING SONG

Open My Eyes That I May See

Glory to God #451

POSTLUDE

Brave
Youth Band

Sara Bareilles

NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:

Acolyte: Thomas Ball

Ushers: Emily Grenda, Walker Mosley, Luca Goudy, Margaret Waltemath Lewicki, Henry Cayce

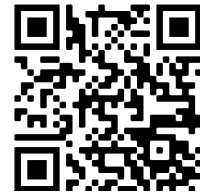
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WELCOME, VISITORS!

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

Rev. Mary Anona Stoops is available to meet to support your spiritual, mental, and physical health. Pastoral care is confidential and can be held in-person or virtually. Email maryanona@ndpc.org

Revs. David Lewicki and Erin Reed Cooper are on leave April-May.

NDPC STAFF

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