



NORTH DECATUR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We welcome all.

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

Pentecost Sunday

May 19, 2024

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.

PRELUDE

Down to the River to Pray
NDPC Handbell Choir

arr. John Behnke

NDPC Drumming Circle

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Carol Tveit, liturgist

Holy Spirit, Creator,
in the beginning, you moved over the waters.
From your breath, all creation drew life.
Without you, life turns to dust.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Holy Spirit, Counselor,
by your inspiration, the prophets spoke and acted in faith.
You clothed them in power to be bearers of your word.
Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit, Power,
you came as fire to the disciples of Jesus.
You gave them voice to speak to people from every tongue.
Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit, Sanctifier,
you created us children of God. You make us the living temple of your presence.
You intercede within us with sighs too deep for words.
Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit, Giver of Life,
you give gifts, the spirit of wisdom and understanding.
The spirit of counsel and fortitude.
The spirit of compassion and insight.
The spirit of wonder and awe at all your marvels.
Come, Holy Spirit, send again your Pentecostal fire.
Fill us again with your breath.

Come Holy Spirit, Come!

* OPENING SONG

Holy Spirit, Come to Us

Glory to God #281

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Mary Anona Stoops

*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.*

MEDITATION

Toast, By Leonard Nathan

There was a woman in Ithaca.
who cried softly all night
in the next room and helpless
I fell in love with her under the blanket
of snow that settled on all the roofs
of the town, filling up every dark depression.

Next morning
in the motel coffee shop
I studied all the made-up faces
of women. Was it the middle-aged blonde
who kidded the waitress?
Or the young brunette lifting her cup like a toast?
Love, whoever you are,
your courage was my companion
for many cold towns
after the betrayal of Ithaca
and when I order coffee
in a strange place, still
I say, lifting, this is for you.

SILENCE

Selah: pause and reflect on how God is meeting you in these words.

RESPONDING TO THE MEDITATION

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

No matter how cold the night, no matter how deep the betrayal, the never-ending compassion of God is sure. It is poured out in oceans of mercy, in the rain on a garden, in cups of coffee raised in courage. Know you are beloved. Know you are never alone.

Love, this is for you. Amen.

*GRATEFUL RESPONSE

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Glory to God #582

* 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

Ellen Gadberry

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 READING

ACTS 2:1-21

SERMON

The Days of Awe

Rev. Melissa Tidwell

DEDICATION

ANTHEM

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name
NDPC Community Choir

Tom Fettke

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Victoria Robinson

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

Change-for-Change contributions in May support our free fridge ministries. The ATL FreeFridge is supported through mutual aid and is open every day, 24/7, for all to give as they can and take as they need. To further support the fridge community, NDPC provides a case manager who meets with anyone seeking advice and referrals for mental health and health services, housing, and more. **Text ‘NDPC C4C’ \$20 (or any amount) to 73256 (or leave an offering in the plate on your way out today).**

* CLOSING SONG

Spirit, Open My Heart

Glory to God #692

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Symphony for Organ NO. 5, V. Toccata

Charles-Marie Vidor

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NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:

Today in the sanctuary and the narthex, you'll see Pentecost symbols of wind and flame ablaze with color and movement. These visual calls to worship are made from hundreds of painted paper strips and shapes cut from repurposed bulletins previously held in the hands of the congregation. The finished paraments and narthex banner were created over about a dozen workdays and more than fifty hours of preparing, pasting, and praying by participants of Many Hands, the group of creative makers where all are welcome to join our ministry and mission to support, enhance, and extend visual arts in worship at North Decatur Presbyterian Church.

Today's flowers are given by Deb and Moe Miller in honor of many volunteers including shepherds, youth advisors, rotation teachers, tech volunteers, and adult church school teachers who have given faithfully of their time and gifts to the 2023-24 children's, youth and adult formation programs.

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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 to the right — 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 assistive 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. maryanona@ndpc.org,

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

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