



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

August 4, 2024

10:00 AM

** We rise in body or spirit*

PREPARATION & ADORATION

As we prepare for worship, we do so in song. Singing makes us "one body"—breathing, moving, and vibrating together. Feel free to stand up or stay seated, listen with your eyes closed, or sing along.

* GATHERING SONG

Come All You People

Glory to God #388

CHIMES

SILENT PREPARATION

We enter God's presence in silence.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Chet McQuaide, liturgist

We come, some of us empty,

Some of us full.

Some of us with too much,

Some feeling there is never enough.

We come, afraid to share,

Yet hoping others will share with us.

Afraid to be seen,

Yet longing to be seen and known.

We come hungry,

Thirsty,

For the bread that satisfies

And the cup of blessing.

We come, all of us,

To the table of God's grace.

* OPENING SONG

We Gather Here in Jesus' Name

Glory to God #510

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visitors are invited to leave your name and contact information by signing the Welcome Pad.

MEDITATION

Video, from *The Magic of Bread Making*

@buzzfeedtasty

SILENCE

Selah: pause and reflect on how God is meeting you in this video.

RESPONDING TO THE MEDITATION

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

by John O'Donohue

May the nourishment of the earth be yours,
May the clarity of light be yours,
May the fluency of the ocean be yours,
May the protection of the ancestors be yours.
May the peace of the Risen Christ be with us all.

*GRATEFUL RESPONSE

Glory to God

Glory to God #582

* PASSING THE PEACE

Share a sign of peace by learning "Peace be with you" in American Sign Language; or, if you choose, shake hands or offer a warm embrace to those Beloveds of God who are seated near you. 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 can stay in the sanctuary or find a quiet activity in the children's corner in the narthex.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Be Thou My Vision

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 7:33-34

John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, 'He has a demon.' The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and you say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.'

SERMON

What Do We Mean When We Share Communion?

Rev. David Lewicki

DEDICATION

ANTHEM

In Remembrance
NDPC Summer Singers

Regan Courtney

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL FOR OFFERING

Andrea Espinoza, Team Libertad

*Change-for-Change contributions in August support NDPC's partnerships with local organizations serving immigrants and refugees in Atlanta: Team Libertad, which coordinates support for immigrants at Hartsfield-Jackson Airport, and El Refugio, which provides hospitality to families of immigrants at the Stewart Detention Center in Lumpkin, GA. 100% of donations in August support these organizations. **Text 'NDPC C4C' \$20 (or any amount) to 73256 (or leave an offering in the plate on your way out today).***

COMMUNION

We will walk outside the front sanctuary doors together to share Communion on the lawn. There are chairs set out on the lawn for those with mobility challenges. If you need a chair, let us know. Every person who seeks to know God is welcome to receive Communion.

SONG

I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table

Glory to God #770

I'm gonna eat at the welcome table;
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table, Alleluia.
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table;
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table, Alleluia.
2 I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus...
3 I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers...
4 Here all the world will find a welcome...
5 We're gonna feast on milk and honey...

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING & PRAYERS

Let us gather our hearts
Our hearts are at home in God.
Let us give thanks for God's unfailing love.
God's love endures forever.
Let every heart be lifted up
Let us prepare to receive our Christ.

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.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

*To make this meal accessible to all, the bread is gluten-free and cup is grape juice.
If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of Communion, come forward to the pastor, placing your hands over your heart.*

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

Let Us Break Bread Together

Glory to God #525

1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees.

3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving God, we have been fed at your table. We are given a taste of what is and what is yet to come. Until all your children are fed, long live the revolution of Jesus! Amen.

* CLOSING SONG

I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table (vs. 1 & 4)

Glory to God #770

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:

Local fiber artist Anne Earle, a friend to many at NDPC, was commissioned by the Worship Committee to craft a visual invitation to ponder the green and growing time of God's creation, known on the liturgical calendar as Ordinary Time. Anne's cheerful work and flowing composition was created with detailed hand-stitching, colorful adornments, and vibrant and varied green fabrics, including pieces that were made by members of our church community earlier this year. You are invited to come to the chancel after worship today to take a moment to look at Anne's craftsmanship on both the front and back of the communion table piece. You'll see the signatures of the workshop participants and a thoughtfully made image that represents NDPC's place at its literal intersection with the neighborhood.

Image of the Day: *Afghan women sharing a meal*, National Geographic

Today's flowers are donated by Katherine and Joe Sandifer.

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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. 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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