



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 3, 2024

11:00 AM

*An * means we rise together in body or spirit; **bold text** words are spoken in unison.*

PREPARATION & ADORATION

As we prepare for worship, we do so in song. Music 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

Shall We Gather at the River

Glory to God #375

CHIMES

SILENT PRAYER

We enter God's presence in silence.

*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, Europe 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

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

-Romans 14:7-8

Dorothy Downey

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

For All the Saints

Glory to God #326

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

MEDITATION

In this low place between mountains
fog settles with the dark of evening.
Every year it takes some of those
we love—a car full of teenagers
on the way home from a dance, or
a father on his way to the paper mill,
nightshift the only opening.
Each morning, up on the ridge,
the sun lifts this veil, sees what night

has accomplished. The water on our window-
screens disappears slowly, gradually,
like grief. The heat of the day carries water
from the river back up into the sky,
and where the fog is heaviest and stays
longest, you'll see the lines it leaves
on trees, the flowers that grow
the fullest.

The Veil, by Todd Davis, *The Least of These*, Michigan State University Press, 2010.

SILENCE

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

*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

We Are Marching in the Light of God (Siyahamba)

Glory to God #853

* 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 the Beloveds of God who are seated near you.
Children are invited to come forward to sit in front of the baptismal font, with or without their adult.*

PROCLAMATION

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM

I Am the Light
NDPC Children's Choir

Terry D. Taylor

Children in Pre-K – 3rd grade are invited to remain in worship with their family; they may go out at any time to visit the Children's Corner in the narthex to find a quiet activity.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Be Thou My Vision

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

RESPONDING TO THE SCRIPTURE

Rev. David Lewicki

DEDICATION

ANTHEM

Panis Angelicus

César Franck, 1872

Text: Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274)

Panis angelicus
fit panis hominum;
Dat panis cœlicus
figuris terminum:
O res mirabilis!
Manducat Dominum
pauper, servus et humilis.

Bread of the angels
becomes bread for humankind;
the heavenly bread
puts an end to riddles.
O wondrous thing!
Let us feast on the Lord,
the poor, the servant, the lowly.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL FOR OFFERING

Change-for-Change contributions in November support NDPC's partnership with Decatur Emergency Assistance Ministry (DEAM), Decatur's trusted answer to the problem of food insecurity, so give generously. Text 'NDPC C4C' \$20 (or any amount) to 73256 (or leave an offering in the plate on your way out today).

COMMUNION

Every person who seeks to know God is welcome to receive Communion.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING & PRAYERS

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest (x3).**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest (x3).**

**Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again.
Hosanna in the highest (x3).**

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

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 a pastor, placing your hands over your heart.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!

Glory to God #506

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

* CLOSING SONG

Lord, When I Came into This Life

Glory to God #691

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

I'll Fly Away

arr. Mark Hayes

NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:

About today's musical offering: Panis Angelicus is a meditation on the Eucharist. The last lines can be read in two ways: "...the Lord, who is poor, a servant, and lowly" or "...you who are poor, servant(s), and lowly." The feast is a means by which everyone can be united with Christ and with one another.

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WELCOME, VISITORS

We're happy that you've joined us! It takes courage to show up at a new church. Please introduce yourself to those around you as you are comfortable. If you share your email address in the red Welcome Pads, we will send you the weekly NDPC e-newsletter. You can learn more about NDPC's programs at www.ndpc.org. We come from many different backgrounds, traditions, and cultures to worship. Feel free to use language and pronouns for God and for yourself that are authentic to you. After worship, the pastors would love to meet you in person.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Children are welcome in worship at NDPC. The nursery, located off the hallway just outside the sanctuary door, is open for kids 0-3. Kids are free to move around in the narthex, where you can listen to worship with your child, and there are child-friendly quiet activities in the Children's Corner that can be taken back to your seat. The presence of children in worship is a gift, never a disruption.

Would a large print hymnal, magnifying glass, or hearing assist device help you worship? Ask an usher and they will gladly assist you. Let us know how we can make worship accessible for you.

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 previous worship services are available at ndpc.org. **Subscribe to our sermon podcast** through any major podcasting service.

Revs. David Lewicki, Mary Anona Stoops, and Erin Reed Cooper are available to meet for pastoral care. Pastoral care is confidential and can be held in-person or virtually. Email david@ndpc.org, maryanona@ndpc.org, or erin@ndpc.org.

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