



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

February 16, 2025

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

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Glory to God #451

CHIMES

SILENT PRAYER

We enter God's presence in silence.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Charlotte Stone, liturgist

Who are we?

The people of God.

The broken and chipped,

the people of God

The hale and the hearty,

the people of God.

'Are you the one?' Was the question.

**Here, the answer is searched for
and found.**

* OPENING SONG

I Danced in the Morning

Glory to God #157

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

MEDITATION

Visio Divina means "holy seeing." It is related to lectio divina, holy reading, and is a way of praying using images to stir our imaginations and stimulate conversation with God. In today's Scripture, some people ask Jesus, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to expect someone else?' Jesus answered

them, “Go and tell what you have seen....”

1. Take a breath, clear your mind, and come into the Divine Presence.
2. Examine the image before you. Allow your eye to pause where it is first drawn. What is it there that catches your eye?
3. Then, take in the entire image: color, shapes, light and shadow, movement. What feeling does it draw out of you? Respond with a word, an emotion, a wondering.

A.N. Mironov (Russian, 1975-), *Christ and the pauper, Healing of the blind man*, 2009. Oil on canvas. 100 x 55.

James Tissot (French, 1836–1902). *The Resurrection of the Widow's Son at Nain*, 1886–1896. Opaque watercolor over graphite on gray wove paper, 6 1/8 x 8 5/8 in. Brooklyn Museum.

Ford Madox Brown (British, 1821-1893), *Jesus Washing Peter's Feet*, 1876. Oil on canvas. 54.8 x 48.6 cm. Tate Gallery

Gerrit van Honthorst (Dutch, 1590–1656), *Christ before the High Priest*, ca. 1617. Oil on canvas, 272 x 183 cm. National Gallery, London.

SILENCE *Consider how God is speaking to you in these images.*

RESPONDING TO THE MEDITATION

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Listen to the words of Jesus, words that we can trust:

“Don't be afraid. Your sins are forgiven. I love you. Come and follow me.”

In Christ, we are forgiven, loved, and free!

*GRATEFUL RESPONSE

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Glory to God #291

* 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, either alone or with an adult.

PROCLAMATION

A WORD IN WORSHIP FOR CHILDREN

Children in 3rd grade and younger may depart to go to Worship & Wonder, or sit with their family.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Luke 7:18-35

SERMON

Rev. David Lewicki

DEDICATION

ANTHEM

Give Me Jesus
NDPC Community Choir
Jerel Jefferson, soloist

Traditional, Arr. Larry L. Fleming

O when I am alone,
O when I am alone,
Give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest,
Give me Jesus.

O when I come to die,
O when I come to die,
Give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest,
Give me Jesus.

And when I want to sing,
And when I want to sing,
Give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest,
Give me Jesus.

And when I am alone,
Give me Jesus.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Mary Anona Stoops

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.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL FOR OFFERING

*Our Change-for-Change contributions in February support **CEDEPCA**. The Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America (CEDEPCA) is an educational institution that contributes to the transformation of lives and contexts by providing training and accompaniment, and by offering spaces for reflection to women and men from diverse Christian traditions, communities and contexts.*

To give by text, text 'NDPC C4C' \$20 (or any amount) to 73256. You may also **use the QR Code**. Scan the code, enter the amount of your gift, and in the dropdown menu called "Fund," find "Change for Change." **To give cash**, leave an offering in the plate on your way out today. Thank you for supporting NDPC!



* CLOSING SONG

Be Thou My Vision

Glory to God #450

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

How Firm a Foundation

arr. Craig Courtney

NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:

Images of the Day: information in today's liturgy

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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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