



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

March 2, 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. During the gathering song, feel free to stand up or stay seated, listen with your eyes closed, or sing along.

GATHERING SONG

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Glory to God #452

CHIMES & SILENT PRAYER

We enter God's presence in silence.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Linda Curry, Liturgist
by PCUSA UKirk

Holy One, you transitioned from the divine sphere into human existence.

Word made flesh, living among us, full of grace and truth!

Holy One, you came out of the wilderness proclaiming the good news of God:

The time of the reign of God is here. Rejoice!

Holy One, you declare that you are the Lord of the Sabbath.

We declare that you created us, sustain us, and liberate us.

Holy One, you cast out demons, restore bodies to wholeness, and shepherd those who are lost.

We are a traumatized body; through your healing touch, guide us back home.

Holy One, your presence queers our existence.

We are transformed by your grace, always transforming through love.

* OPENING SONG

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

Glory to God #189

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

MEDITATION

Testimonies from NDPC members

SILENCE

Consider how God is speaking to you in these words.

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

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

"Do not be afraid. You are forgiven. I love you. Come and follow me."

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

*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; 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

WORD IN WORSHIP FOR CHILDREN

Children 1st grade and below may leave to go to Extended Session or remain in the pew

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Luke 9:28-36

EXPLORING THE WORD

Rev. David Lewicki

MEDITATING ON THE WORD

Dr. Wendy Farley

DEDICATION

ANTHEM

Pie Jesu Andrew Lloyd Webber, from Requiem
Alejandra Sandoval and Marielle Mai, Soloists

Pie Jesu,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona eis requiem.
Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona eis requiem
sempiternam.

Merciful Jesus,
who takes away the sins of the world,
grant them rest.
Lamb of God,
who takes away the sins of the world,
grant them rest
forever.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL FOR OFFERING

*Our Change-for-Change contributions in March support **One Great Hour of Sharing**. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program (36%), promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People (32%), and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (32%). All three programs work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.*

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 the healing of the world in the name of God.



COMMUNION

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

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Holy One be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God, in whose image we are made.

To the Creator of all, we give thanks and praise.

GREAT THANKSGIVING & PRAYERS

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

The ushers will invite you to come forward by row, beginning in the front. If you prefer to remain in your seat, an elder can bring Communion to you. 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 DURING COMMUNION

Here I Stand

Huu Mai

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Now, let us take up the cross and transgress against oppressive powers. Through the communion we share, may we be transformed by the Love of God, behold the beloved Christ in all things, and be freed by the power of the Holy Spirit to live with justice and joy.. May it be so, Amen.

* CLOSING SONG

God Is Here Today

Glory to God #411

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lord of the Dance

Shaker Melody

NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:

Leading in worship today: Dr. Wendy Farley is the Rice Family Chair of Spirituality at San Francisco Theological Seminary, part of the Graduate School of Theology at Redlands University. In that capacity, she is the Director of Programs in Christian Spirituality and Director of Programs in the Art of Spiritual Direction. She is professor emerita from Emory University, where she taught in the college for 28 years and chaired Theological Studies in the doctoral program for more than two decades. She is the author of several books of theology and wisdom, and is a celebrated speaker and teacher. She has studied many forms of contemplative practice within Christianity, Buddhism, and yoga, including chant, energy work, meditation, centering prayer, visualization, and lectio divina. She is an associate at the Green Bough House of Prayer in Adrian, GA.

Images of the Day: *Transfiguration, by Venzislav Piriankov, Bulgarian, (1971-)*

Today's choral offering: Pie Jesu (Merciful Jesus) is a couplet that concludes the dramatic poem Dies Irae (Day of Wrath) in the Latin Requiem Mass. Many composers, such as Gabriel Fauré, Maurice Duruflé, John Rutter, and Andrew Lloyd Webber, have set it separately as a prayer of solace after so many frightening portents and dire warnings.

Today's Flowers are given by Betsy Witte.

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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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