



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 30, 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 MUSIC

O God, You Search Me

Glory to God #29

CHIMES

SILENT PRAYER

We enter God's presence in silence.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Jan Cribbs, liturgist

O God,
we gather today,
we come as we are:

**we are seeking to bridge the gap
that separates us from one another,
hoping that no one is beyond reach.**

Accept all we bring before you today—
our truths, our doubts, our weary, wondering spirits.

We bring all that we have, and all that we are, to worship you.

* OPENING SONG

Cuando el Pobre

Glory to God #762

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

MEDITATION

Video: *Americans know wealth inequality is a problem, but what does it look like?*
CBS Mornings, Jan 31, 2020

SILENCE

How is God speaking to you in these words?

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

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

"Don't be afraid. You are forgiven. I love you. Come and follow me."

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

*GRATEFUL RESPONSE

We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight

Glory to God #817

* 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 OF ALL AGES

Children 3rd grade and below may leave to go to Worship & Wonder or return to the pews.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 16:19-31

REFLECTION ON THE WORD

Rev. David Lewicki

DEDICATION

ANTHEM

I Choose Love
NDPC Community Choir

Mark Miller

In the midst of pain, I choose love
In the midst of pain, I choose love
In the midst of pain,
sorrow falling down like rain,
I await the sun again, I choose love,
I choose love.

When my world falls down, I will rise
When my world falls down, I will rise
When my world falls down,
explanations can't be found,
I will climb to holy ground, I will rise,
I will rise.

In the midst of war, I choose peace
In the midst of war, I choose peace
In the midst of war,
hate and anger keeping score
I will seek the good once more, I choose peace,
I choose peace.

In the midst of pain, I choose love
In the midst of pain, I choose love
In the midst of pain,
sorrow falling down like rain,
I await the sun again, I choose love,
I choose love.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Tsz Nok Christopher Ng,
Ministry Fellow

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 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 NDPC!



* CLOSING SONG

Take My Life

Glory to God #697

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Abbysswyth

Joseph Parry

NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:

About the Artwork: The silhouettes flanking the sanctuary this season were designed with the help of NDPC community members whose bodies were traced and cut from recyclable cardboard, common stuff of our everyday lives. They call us to consider all manner of God's embodiment in the world and ponder the ways each of us uniquely created to use our hearts and hands, heads and feet to embody God's call.

On the vertical banner in the narthex, a collection of words of focus that were gathered from the congregation on Epiphany Sunday are displayed. These intentions foreground the liturgical calendar that guides us through the church year. In this season of Lent, the banner reminds of the direction where our inner compass asks us to set our face toward Love.

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WELCOME, VISITORS

We're happy you've joined us! It takes courage to show up at a new church. Introduce yourself to those around you as you feel comfortable. If you share your email address in the red Welcome Pad, we will send you the weekly NDPC e-newsletter. Learn more about NDPC at **www.ndpc.org**. We come from different backgrounds, traditions, and cultures to worship, so please 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. Ready to join NDPC? Email engagement@ndpc.org.

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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