



We welcome all.

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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MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 17th, 2025

6:30 PM

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

PRELUDE

Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ BWV 639

J.S. Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Water is at the center of our faith,
Water seals our life with God.

The waters of our mother's womb,
bodies bathed by loving hands,
parched lips refreshed,
shedding tears in grief and joy:
water is life.

In the beginning, **the Spirit brooded over the waters of Creation.**

Now, with gentle hands he holds your feet:
my journey, my sorrow, my pain.
With healing hands, he washes away
my fear, my betrayal, my failure.

In the days of Noah, **God used water to purge and renew the earth**

With a basin of water,
Jesus kneels beside us,
Ready to pour his life into ours.

In the time of Moses, **God parted the water to lead us to freedom.**

In baptism, **we are plunged under the water, dying to sin, born again into life.**

* OPENING SONG

Ubi Caritas
NDPC Community Choir

Ola Gjeilo

SCRIPTURE.

-from John 13

Jesus began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel. He came to wash Peter, who said to Jesus, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash your feet, you have no share with me.' Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, then wash not my feet only but also my hands and my head!'

...After Jesus had washed their feet, he said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.'

INVITATION TO THE RITUAL OF FOOTWASHING

When you are ready, come forward either by yourself or with a partner to any one of the chairs and sit down. You may ask to have your feet or your hands washed. Take turns washing and being washed. After you are both washed and dried, and your shoes are back on, you may return to your seat.

MUSIC

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Glory to God #203

DISMISSAL TO THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Come downstairs to the Fellowship Hall and find a place at one of the tables. Fill in all the spaces. Please make sure you introduce yourselves to everyone at your table.

TABLE BLESSING (sung)

Come to the table of grace (x2).
This is God's table, it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of grace.
Come to the table of peace.
Come to the table of love.

At the conclusion of the song, you are invited to begin sharing and eating the food.

DINNER

INVITATION TO CHRIST'S TABLE

Why do we gather tonight?

We gather because Jesus gathered in the nighttime with his disciples. In the quiet of the evening, we remember Jesus' last moments with them.

What happened at the table?

Jesus took bread, gave thanks for it, and gave it to his friends. Then Jesus took a cup, blessed it, and passed it among them. Jesus asked them to remember him when they share this meal.

Why do we eat this bread and drink from this cup?

We eat and drink to remember that Jesus is with us. We remember Jesus' life and love. And we know that we are part of Christ's body in the world today, called to love one another.

PRAYERS & THANKSGIVING AROUND THE TABLE

God of love, You fed your people in the wilderness. You shared bread and fish beside the sea. You sat at tables with strangers and friends. And you are here with us now. Send your Spirit on this bread and this cup so that as we share it, we may become your body—loving, serving, and showing the world your grace.

Let us share our joys and prayers for others...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our [Divine Parent] in heaven, holy is your name, your kingdom 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 kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SHARING COMMUNION

Passing the bread first and then the cup, each person takes a piece of bread and dips it into the cup. As the elements are passed, say "Taste and see what love God has for you."

SONG

Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in - to your king-dom.

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THE GARDEN

What happened after they ate?

After they ate and sang, they went out to the garden.

Walk out to the garden, where the evening's worship will conclude. Bring the lantern from your table.

SCRIPTURE

-from Mark, chapter 14

They went out to a place called Gethsemane; and Jesus said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I pray.' He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.' And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, 'Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.' He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, 'Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.'

SONG

Stay with me; re - main here with me; watch and

pray. Watch and pray.

After the singing, you may stay in the garden until you are ready to depart in silence.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

April 18 at 9:30AM - Good Friday Stations of the Cross Pilgrimage from Memorial Drive Ministries (Clarkston, GA) to NDPC.

April 18, noon - 6PM - Good Friday self-guided worship; 9 stations will lead you through the Good Friday story, using sight, sound, smell, touch, and taste; drop by any time

April 20, 6:45AM: Ecumenical Sunrise Service at Decatur Cemetery (30 min)

8:45 & 11AM - Easter Sunday worship; 9:45AM intergenerational fellowship

NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:

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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. Kids are free to move around with their adult. 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.

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