



*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

May the 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025

11:00 AM

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

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### PREPARATION & ADORATION

#### GATHERING ACTIVITY

*Yoda or Proverbs?*

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Tucker Schoeneberg & Jack Roberts

A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away...

There was a great struggle

**Between the powers of light and the powers of darkness,**

Between the power of the evil Empire, and the power of an invisible, luminous Force.

**Into that struggle came a hero**

Who wrestled with the temptation to turn to the dark side

But discovered another way:

the way of friendship, courage, self-sacrifice

**And the hero saved the galaxy.**

But this story is not so long ago

And not so far away.

**It is our story, too.**

The Force is still with us.

We seek it together, today.

**Let us worship God!**

#### \* OPENING SONG

*Come! Live in the Light!*

Glory to God #749

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tucker Schoeneberg

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

#### RECOGNITION OF 2025 GRADUATES

Rev. David Lewicki & Elder Jesse Bowen

High School: Henry Cayce (Paideia), James Waltemath Lewicki (Decatur), Avery Reagan (St. Pius),

Ellie Rutledge (Decatur), Addison Snyder (The School of the Arts, Central Gwinnett HS)

Graduate School: Evan Cass, University of Alabama, PhD (Geography)

#### MEDITATION

Kieva Morrison, James Leonard, Donovan Biagioni

Follow them, stop, turn around

Go the other way.

Left, right,

Mine, yours.

We become lost,  
Unsteady.  
Take a deep breath,  
Pray.  
You will not always be lost.  
You are right here,  
In your time,  
In your place.

1. North  
Star, guidance as we look up  
To the brightest white  
Hoping it leads you to where you want to go,  
Hoping that it knows where you should be.  
We find our peace here in the white,  
Gather our strength, our breath, and learn  
how to be.

2. East  
The sun rises,  
Red,  
Morning heat on our face even on the coldest  
morning.  
The sun creates life,  
Energy,  
Nourishment.  
Gather strength, pull it in  
Be right where you are.

3. South  
Butterfly flits  
Spreads yellow beauty.  
We have come to this moment in time  
Step by step,

We don't always listen to directions,  
We let the current carry us,  
Push us,  
Force us along the path.  
We stumble,  
Get up and keep moving.

4. West  
Sunsets, brings  
Darkness,  
Brings black. We find solitude,  
Time to take in breath and  
Pray.  
Even in darkness you  
Can be found.  
Call out even in a whisper  
Or whimper,  
You will be heard.

To find,  
To be found,  
To be understood,  
To be seen,  
Heard, felt.  
You are,  
Breath.  
You are,  
Memory.  
You are,  
Touch.  
You are,  
Right here

- *Directions To You* by Rainy Dawn Ortiz

SILENCE

*Consider how God is speaking to you in these words.*

\*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Margaret Waltemath Lewicki

Jesus says, "I am with you always, even unto the end of the age."  
Even when we lose our way, God finds us and holds us in love.  
**In Christ, we are forgiven, loved, and free!**

\*GRATEFUL RESPONSE

*We Are Marching in the Light of God*

Glory to God #853

\* PASSING THE PEACE

Spencer Henschen, Martin Cochran

*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

Jack Bowen, Katie Condon, Cora Anne Morgan

*Children should return to the pews to sit with their adult.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Numbers 27:1-7  
Ezra Morrison

EXPLORING THE WORD

Henry Cayce  
James Waltemath Lewicki

### DEDICATION

ANTHEM

*We Are the World*  
NDPC Youth Band & Children's Choir

M. Jackson & L. Richie

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL FOR OFFERING

Mary Louse Cromwell

*Our Change-for-Change contributions in May supports the **National Alliance on Mental Illness**. The Peace & Justice Committee has supported NAMI and participated in the annual walkathon for many years. Our church has many members in the Mental Health profession and by donating to NAMI we indirectly acknowledge their magnanimous service. Our church also has many members who receive mental health care; we pray for patients and families experiencing mental health challenges. For more information please visit [namiga.org](http://namiga.org).*

**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

*Everyone who seeks to know God is welcome to receive Communion.*

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

**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).**

GREAT THANKSGIVING & PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*(use these or other words that are close to your heart)*

**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

*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.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**God, we are so happy to eat at your table. Thank you for filling us with good things: love, laughter, courage, friendship. May the Force of your Spirit be with us all. Amen.**

\* CLOSING SONG

*Here I Am, Lord*

Glory to God #69

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Star Wars (Main Title)*

J. Williams

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## 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.** 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](mailto:worship@ndpc.org).

**Videos of previous worship services** are available at [ndpc.org](http://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](mailto:david@ndpc.org), [maryanona@ndpc.org](mailto:maryanona@ndpc.org), or [erin@ndpc.org](mailto:erin@ndpc.org).

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