



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

August 3, 2025

10:00 AM

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

PREPARATION & ADORATION

GATHERING SONG

Spirit of Gentleness

Glory to God #291

CHIMES & SILENT PRAYER

We enter God's presence in silence. God bids us "welcome."

* CALL TO WORSHIP

-by Thom Shuman
Lin Wormley, liturgist

Be still...
(*silent pause*)

We come to quiet ourselves in this haven of holiness.
(*silent pause*)

Be still and know...
(*silent pause*)

we come to discern a Word which will set us free.
(*silent pause*)

Be still and know that God is...
(*silent pause*)

Hope.... Help.... Here.

* OPENING SONG

I Will Come to You

Glory to God #177

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

MEDITATION

Be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know that I am.

Be still and know.

Be still.

Be.

SILENCE

How is God speaking to you in these words?

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Friends, hear and receive the good news for today:

Desire first and foremost God's kin-dom and God's righteousness, and everything you need will be yours.

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

*GRATEFUL RESPONSE

Seek Ye First

Glory to God #175

* 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 2nd grade and younger are invited to leave for a time of Worship & Wonder, followed by playtime on the playground. Parents should pick up children on the playground after worship. Children may also stay in worship. There are quiet worship activities in the Narthex that they can bring back to their seats, or enjoy worship in the Narthex with an adult.

PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Mark 4:24-25

REFLECTION ON THE WORD

Attention

Rev. David Lewicki

DEDICATION

ANTHEM

How Firm a Foundation
NDPC Summer Singers

arr. John Rutter

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL FOR OFFERING

Your Change for Change gifts support NDPC's partnerships with organizations that provide support to immigrants and refugees, El Refugio.

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.



We are excited to receive volunteers for our 2025-26 Children, Youth, and Family ministry programs, including Sunday School teachers and youth group leaders. Please use the QR code to link to a volunteer interest form. This is one way you fulfill your baptismal promise to nurture our young people in the Christian faith. Thank you!



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

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Glory to God #451

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Ancient of Days!

Felice de Giardini

NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:

Today's Images in Worship: Meditation: *Venice*, by Roberto Trombetta (flickr: creative commons); illustration from the book *Sidewalk Flowers*, Sidney Smith (illustrator).

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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. For PreK – 2nd grade, Worship & Wonder is our child-centered worship; kids go to W&W right after the passing of the peace and are picked up by parents on the playground after worship. Kids who stay with their adult for worship 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 enjoyed there or 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 volunteer to serve as an usher or liturgist, donate flowers, 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 and Mary Anona Stoops are available to meet for pastoral care. Pastoral care is confidential and can be held in-person or virtually. Email david@ndpc.org or maryanona@ndpc.org.

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