



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

November 2, 2025

11:00 AM

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

PREPARATION & ADORATION

PRELUDE

Gabriel's Oboe

Ennio Morricone

SILENT PRAYER

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

A READING FOR ALL SAINTS DAY

Barbara Gifford, liturgist

The church is catholic, universal, so are all her actions; all that she does belongs to all. When she baptizes a child, that action concerns me; for that child is thereby connected to that body which is my head too and ingrafted into that body whereof I am a member. And when [the church] buries a person, that action concerns me. All [of humanity] is of one author, and is one volume; when one [person] dies, one chapter is not torn out of the book, but translated into a better language; and every chapter must be so translated. God employs several translators; some pieces are translated by age, some by sickness, some by war, some by justice; but [the Lord's] hand is in every translation, and [God's] hand shall bind up all our scattered leaves again for that library where every book shall lie open to one another.

As therefore the bell that rings to a sermon calls not upon the preacher only but upon the congregation to come, so this bell calls us all.... No [one] is an island entire of itself; every[one] is a piece of the continent, a part of the main. If a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as if a manor of thy friend's or of thine own were. Any[one's] death diminishes me, because I am involved in [hu]mankind, and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee.

- "For Whom the Bell Tolls," by John Donne
Meditation XVII of *Devotions upon Emergent Occasions*

* LITANY OF NAMES & PROCESSION OF THE ALL SAINTS BANNER

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

-Romans 14:7-8

John Bonner
Hope Bothwell
Betty Busbee
Doug Clark
Cynthia Dunn

Barbara Kaiser
Carolyn Otto
Harriet Walker
Holly Williams

* PROCESSIONAL SONG

For All the Saints

Glory to God #326,
Emma Grace Reece, acolyte

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

MEDITATION

Lord let me suffer much
and then die

Let me walk through silence
and leave nothing behind not even fear

Make the world continue
let the ocean kiss the sand just as before

Let the grass stay green
so that frogs can hide in it

so that someone can bury his face in it
and sob out his love

Make the day rise brightly
as if there were no more pain

And let my poem stand clear as a windowpane
bumped by a bumblebee's head

“A Prayer That Will Be Answered,” by Anna Kamienska,
trans. Thomas P. Krzeszowski & Desmond Graham,
Two Darknesses, Flambard Press, 1997

SILENCE

How is God speaking to you in these words?

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

by John O'Donohue

May the nourishment of the earth be yours,
May the clarity of light be yours,
May the fluency of the ocean be yours,
May the protection of the ancestors be yours.
May the peace of the Risen Christ be with us all.

*GRATEFUL RESPONSE

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

Glory to God #744

* 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. All children are invited to come forward for the sacrament of baptism.

PROCLAMATION

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR WILLIAM KIRKLAND ARSENAULT

Charge to the congregation:

*Do you as members of this congregation promise to guide and nurture Kirk by your words and your deeds, and with love and prayer, encourage them to discover the Spirit of Christ in their life and to live as a member of the Body of Christ? If so, say “**We do.**”*

Closing Prayer:

Kirk, our little sibling in Christ,

With great joy we welcome you into the family of Jesus.

What God will make of you, we don't know. Where God will take you, we can't say.

Walk with us. Share with us in this life of love, compassion, mercy, and peace.

And know this: God is with you always! Amen.

Children 4 yrs. through 2nd grade are invited to leave now with leaders for our child-centered Worship & Wonder time; they may be picked up in the Worship & Wonder room after service. Children may also remain with their family; they may utilize our worship bags located in the Narthex or go out at anytime to visit the Children's Corner in the narthex to find a quiet activity.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE & SERMON

Rev. David Lewicki

DEDICATION

ANTHEM

Lonesome Valley
NDPC Community Choir

Gilbert Martin

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL FOR OFFERING

The Change-for-Change offering in November supports the Decatur Emergency Assistance Ministry (DEAM) and the Toco Hills Community Alliance. DEAM and THCA are our community's two providers of emergency food assistance. Learn more at www.deamdecatur.org and www.tocohillsalliance.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, some of us have enough to eat and some of us do not. Until all of us have enough, long live the revolution of Jesus! Amen.

* CLOSING SONG	<i>Shall We Gather at the River</i>	Glory to God #375
* BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	<i>Enigma Variations: Nimrod</i>	Elgar

NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:

Today's Images in Worship: *For whom the bell tolls*, by Brian Lin (Basilique du Sacré-Cœur, Paris), flickr creative commons; *Looking Out the Window*, by Itchy Melvin, flickr creative commons; *Waterfall* (2016), by Hiroshi Senju; “Untitled” (2002), by Kwon Young-Woo, Korean paper on canvas.

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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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