



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

February 1, 2026

11:00 AM

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

PREPARATION & ADORATION

GATHERING SONG

What Does the Lord Require of You?

Glory to God #70

CHIMES & SILENCE

We enter God's presence in silence.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

by Steve Garnaas-Holmes
Jan Cribbs, liturgist

Blessed are you who are vulnerable or
undocumented,
for you belong to God.
Blessed are you who are pepper-sprayed,
for your eyes see most clearly.
Blessed are you who respond to brutality
with kindness,
for kindness alone will change the world.
Blessed are you who are neighborly amid
terror,
for you are at home with God.
Blessed are you who protest injustice,
for this is God's voice.

Blessed are you who shoot with cameras
instead of guns,
for God sees all.
Blessed are you who are harassed and
arrested,
for you are most at peace, and most free.
Blessed are you who are shot or maimed,
**for so they treated the martyrs before
you.**
Blessed are you who are despised and
deported,
**for so God's beloveds are always treated,
yet you never leave God's loving home.**

* OPENING SONG

Lean on Me

by Bill Withers

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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

MEDITATION

Sundays too my father got up early
and put his clothes on in the blueblack cold,
then with cracked hands that ached
from labor in the weekday weather made
banked fires blaze. No one ever thanked him.

I'd wake and hear the cold splintering, breaking.
When the rooms were warm, he'd call,
and slowly I would rise and dress,
fearing the chronic angers of that house,

Speaking indifferently to him,
who had driven out the cold
and polished my good shoes as well.
What did I know, what did I know
of love's austere and lonely offices?

- "Those Winter Sundays," by Robert Hayden, from *Collected Poems of Robert Hayden* (1966)

SILENT REFLECTION ON THE MEDITATION

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;

There are varieties of services, but the same Lord;

There are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

To each of us is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

Today, we give thanks for the service of our outgoing elders: Kieva Morrison and Ruth Bonner (youth), Janelle Adams, Susan Castle, Kip Duchon, David Evans, John Sandifer, and Anne Topple.

The congregation of North Decatur Presbyterian Church has elected to the office of Ruling Elder: Grainger Ball and Elsa Cayce (youth), Lisa Bily, Courtney Godwin, Kelli Gaputis, Andrew Godfrey-Kittle, Debra Robinson, Cyndi Smith, and James Tomlinson.

The Constitutional Questions

Do you trust in Jesus Christ, acknowledge the authority of Christ's love in the church and in the world, and through Christ believe in God who is 3-in-1: God, Christ, & Spirit?

I do.

Do you accept the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ, and God's word to you?

I do.

Do you receive and adopt the tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable interpretations of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by these confessions as you lead the people of God?

I do and will.

Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the guidance of Scripture and our confessions?

I will.

Will you be governed by our church's rules, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend to others in the church, working with them, listening together for the ordering of God's word and Spirit?

I will.

Will you in your own life seek to follow Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

I will.

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and integrity of the church?

I do.

Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

I will.

Will you be a faithful elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

I will.

Question for the Congregation

Do we, the members of the church, accept these ruling elders as those who are chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ?

We do.

The Prayer of Ordination and Installation and Laying on of Hands

All those who are ordained as ruling or teaching elders (pastors) may come forward to lay hands.

The Declaration of Installation and Welcome

Dear friends, you are now ordained and installed to the office of Elder in the church of Jesus Christ and for the North Decatur Presbyterian Church. Amen!

*GRATEFUL RESPONSE

We are Marching in the Light of God

Glory to God #853

* 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 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 use our worship bags located in the Narthex or go out at any time to visit the Children's Corner in the narthex to find a quiet activity.

PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE & SERMON

Micah 6, Rev. Cassandra Henderson

DEDICATION

ANTHEM

Bridge Over Troubled Water by Paul Simon, arr. K. Shaw
NDPC Community Choir, Jerel Jefferson, soloist

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. David Lewicki

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 February support **CEDEPCA**. The Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America (CEDEPCA) is an educational institution that contributes to the transformation of lives and contexts by providing training and accompaniment, and by offering spaces for reflection to women and men from diverse Christian traditions, communities and contexts.*

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.



* CLOSING SONG

For Everyone Born

Glory to God #769

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Praising the Almighty

Edward Broughton

NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:

Today's Images in Worship: *Nos Migrations Intimes*, by Arnaud Foulon (flickr.com: creative commons)

Breath rises above protesters in subzero temperature, by Fibonacci Blue (flickr: creative commons)

Today's flowers are provided by the Worship Committee.

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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 are led by an adult to the W&W room right after the passing of the peace and are picked up there by parents after worship. Kids who remain with their adult for worship are free to move around in the narthex where there are child-friendly quiet activities in the Children's Corner that can be enjoyed there as you listen to worship or taken back to your seat. The presence of children in worship at NDPC 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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