



*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

January 11, 2026

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 SONG

*Down to the River to Pray*

CHIMES & SILENCE

*We enter God's presence in silence.*

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and see.

**Come and dare.**

Come and believe.

**Come and trust.**

Come and listen.

**Come and wonder.**

Come to the water.

**Come to a wedding feast.**

Come and be transformed.

**Come and worship God.**

\* OPENING SONG

*Take Me to the Water*

Glory to God #480

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Visitors are invited to leave your name and contact information by signing the Welcome Pad.  
Children are invited to come forward and sit in front of the baptismal font, alone or with an adult.*

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

In baptism, God's Spirit moves over the water. Water is remarkable:

**It flows freely to nourish the earth,**

**it rolls down in streams of divine justice,**

**it satisfies those who thirst for righteousness,**

**if refreshes, nurtures, and brings new birth.**

## Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

*Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you renounce evil and turn away from sin?*

**I do.**

*Do you trust in Jesus Christ, and will you let your life be formed into an image of Christ's love?*

**I do and I will.**

*Will you pour out your own life to nourish the lives of others, here in this church and for the whole household of God?*

**I will.**

## Quiet Reflection

### Thanksgiving Over the Water

We give thanks to you, God, for life-giving water.

At the beginning of time, your Spirit moved over the watery deep, calling forth life.

In the time of Noah, you swallowed up evil in the waters of the flood.

You parted the waters of the sea and led your people to the freedom of the promised land.

In the waters of Jordan, Jesus was baptized by John and anointed by the Spirit.

In the water of our baptism, you give us life that never ends.

**Your mercy is everlasting.**

**Your justice never fails.**

**Your healing river always flows.**

No matter how far away we wander from the life-giving Stream—

So far that we do not hear its sound,

and forget its power,

God, you find us

and draw us back to the water's edge

To restore and renew us!

May this water be a fountain of deliverance and rebirth for all of us today!

\* Come, Holy Spirit!

**Move over these waters.**

Holy God, Divine Parent of us all! **Glory to you!**

Jesus Christ, Savior! **Glory to you!**

Spirit over the water, **Glory to you!**

Eternal God, Three in One!

**Glory is yours, now and forever. Amen!**

\*GRATEFUL RESPONSE

*I've Got Peace Like a River*

Glory to God #623

\* 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

*Spirit of the Living God*

SCRIPTURE

John 2:1-11

SERMON

*"The Miracle Begins with What's Empty"*

Rev. Dr. Victor Aloyo

## DEDICATION

ANTHEM

*Come to the Waters* by G. F. Handel, arr. C. Fredrickson  
NDPC Community Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Mary Anona Stoops

**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

*The Change-for-Change offering in January supports Presbyterians for a Better Georgia (www.p4bg.org). PBG engages in public policy advocacy at the Georgia statehouse to promote legislation that will end homelessness, increase affordable housing, and expand access to healthcare for all Georgians.*

**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

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Glory to God #475

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Arise to Live*

Edward Broughton

## NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:

**Today's guest preacher** is the Rev. Dr. Victor Aloyo. Dr. Aloyo currently serves as the eleventh President of Columbia Theological Seminary. Previously he served as the Associate Dean of Institutional Diversity and Community Engagement at Princeton Theological Seminary and as Organizing/Lead Pastor of Iglesia Presbiteriana Nuevas Fronteras in North Plainfield, NJ. Victor received a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies and Sociology from the College of New Rochelle, a Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary, and a Doctorate in Executive Higher Education Administration from the University of Pennsylvania, focusing his dissertation on navigating diversity and inclusion within a framework of social justice.

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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](http://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](mailto: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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](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 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](mailto:david@ndpc.org) or [maryanona@ndpc.org](mailto:maryanona@ndpc.org).

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