



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 25, 2026

11:00 AM

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

PREPARATION & ADORATION

GATHERING SONG

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Glory to God #1

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

CHIMES & SILENCE

We enter God's presence in silence.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Carol Tveit, liturgist

Let us gather and turn,
turn towards the light.
Let us gather and turn,
turn towards each other.
Let us gather and turn,
turn towards God.
And be reborn,
renewed,
renamed,
as God's children.

* OPENING SONG

Christ, Be Our Light

Glory to God #314

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain:

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice. (Refrain)

5 Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come. (Refrain)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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MEDITATION

The world's light shines, shine as it will,
The world will love its darkness still.
I doubt though when the world's in hell,
It will not love its darkness half so well.

–“But Men Loved Darkness Rather than Light,” by Richard Crashaw (1612—1649)

SILENCE & REFLECTION ON THE MEDITATION

*GRATEFUL RESPONSE

I've Got Peace Like a River

Glory to God #623

1 I've got peace like a river;
I've got peace like a river;
I've got peace like a river, in my soul.

I've got peace like a river;
I've got peace like a river;
I've got peace like a river, in my soul.

* PASSING THE PEACE

Share a sign of peace with others by waving, blowing kisses, or posting emojis.

PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me;
fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.

SCRIPTURE

John 3:1-21

REFLECTION ON THE WORD

Rev. David Lewicki

DEDICATION

ANTHEM

Our Darkness Is Never Darkness in Your Sight

Glory to God #678

Our darkness is never darkness in your sight:
the deepest night is clear as the daylight.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Min-Jae Cho, Ministry Fellow

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

Go to the World!

Glory to God #295

1 Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

2 Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

3 Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you till the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!"
Alleluia. Alleluia.

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Celebration of Light

H. Mai

NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:

Today's Images in Worship: *Incarnation*, by Tim Joyner (American, 2021); *Study For Nicodemus Visiting Jesus*, by Henry Ossawa Tanner (American, 1899); *Crocefisso 45 (Crucifix 45)*, by William Congdon (American, 1966).

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