



*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 15, 2026; Transfiguration Sunday

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

*Let Us Build a House*

Glory to God #301

CHIMES & SILENCE

*We enter God's presence in silence.*

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Glenda Clay, liturgist

God comes to us from the mountaintop,  
where Christ revealed his fullest, luminous self.

**We come with longing to be seen and known  
in our own fullness.**

God comes to us from life's in-betweens,  
the paths that Jesus walked with dusty feet.

**We come weary from our journeys  
to rest in God, in holy community.**

God comes to us from the outskirts,  
where Jesus lifted outcasts up from shame.

**We gather here in worship to be changed,  
so that, when we go out, we can be change.**

\* OPENING SONG

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

Glory to God #726

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

MEDITATION

The world mostly gone, I make it what I want:  
from the balcony, the morning a silver robe of mist.

I make a reckless blessing of it—the flaming,  
flowering spurge of the world, the wind

the birds stir up as they flock and sing.  
Edges yes, the green lift and fall of live oaks,  
something metal wheeling past,  
and yet for every detail alive and embodied—  
the horses with their tails switching back and forth,  
daylilies parting their lobes to heat—  
I cannot stop asking, *Sparrow or wren? Oak  
or elm?* Because it matters  
if the gray fox curled in sleep  
is a patch of dark along the fence line,  
or if the bush hung with fish kites  
is actually a wisteria in flower. Though  
even before my retinas bled and scarred  
and bled again, I wanted everything  
different, better. And then this afternoon,  
out walking the meadow together,  
my husband bent to pick a bleeding heart.  
Held it close as I needed  
to see its delicate lanterns,  
the shaken light.

Psalm with Near Blindness, by Julia Levine, from *Ordinary Psalms* (LSU Press, 2021).

#### SILENT REFLECTION ON THE MEDITATION

##### \* ASSURANCE OF GRACE (*with eyes closed*)

Eyes closed: what do I see?  
I see God's world, as it was meant to be:  
filled with love and laughter and joy;  
filled with people willing and free;  
filled to overflowing  
with life and love.  
Thank you, dear creator,  
thank you for making me see.

##### \*GRATEFUL RESPONSE

*Siyahamba*

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

Matthew 17, John 9

SERMON

Avery Arden

## DEDICATION

ANTHEM

*True Light*  
NDPC Community Choir  
Soloists: Carolyn Mielke, Marielle Mai, Rick Neale

Keith Hampton

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lisa Bily

**Our [Divine Parent] in heaven, holy is your name, your kingdom 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 kingdom, 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

*I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry*

Glory to God #488

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Come to Me, O My Love*

Allen Petker

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## NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:

**Today's Images in Worship:** *bleeding heart*, by Laura Pontiggia (flickr: creative commons); *Blind Christ Leading a Sighted Disciple*, by printmaker Rachel Holdforth

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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 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](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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