



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

ORDINARY TIME

May 31, 2026

10:00 AM

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

PREPARATION & ADORATION

* GATHERING MUSIC *Guide My Feet* Glory to God #741

* CALL TO WORSHIP Carol Tveit, liturgist

In the beginning God created all things,
and God saw that they were good.

At our beginning, God created us
**unique and irreplaceable, loved and wanted by God,
known and treasured by God even before we are created.**

In all our new beginnings, God creates something new;
**so we will seek God in the freshness of this morning,
in the laughter of friends,
in the colors of creation,
and in this beautiful place.**

* OPENING SONG *O God, You Search Me* Glory to God #29

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

MEDITATION

-Video from *Modern Times*

Modern Times is a 1936 American movie produced, edited, written, directed, scored, and starred-in by Charlie Chaplin. It is a slapstick comedy that critiques the difficulties for regular people to survive in the modern, industrialized world. Produced in response to the Great Depression, *Modern Times* widely considered one of the best American movies ever made.

RESPONSE TO THE MEDITATION

* ASSURANCE OF GRACE

There is dignity that belongs to every human being simply by virtue of existing,
of having been willed, created and loved by God.

No sin, failure, humiliation or exclusion
can diminish the profound value

of a human life that God has willed and called into being.

- Pope Leo XIV, from *Magnifica humanitas:
On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence*

*GRATEFUL RESPONSE *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* Glory to God #582

* 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 reflection time; they may be picked up on the playground 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 *The Sermon I Need to Hear:* Rev. David Lewicki
Good, Evil, and Digital Technology

In the era of artificial intelligence, when human dignity is threatened by new forms of dehumanization, ours is the pressing duty to remain profoundly human. We must lovingly safeguard the grandeur of humanity bestowed upon us and revealed in its fullness in Christ, the splendor of which no machine can ever replace. True progress always stems from a heart open to others, an intelligence willing to listen, and a will that seeks what unites rather than what separates. (*Magnifica Humanitas*, 15)

DEDICATION

ANTHEM *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Alice Parker
NDPC Summer Singers

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Elder Deb Robinson

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. Amen.

INVITATION TO FOLLOW JESUS

Our Change-for-Change contributions in May supports the **National Alliance on Mental Illness**. The Peace & Justice Committee has supported NAMI and participated in the annual walkathon for many years. Our church has many members in the Mental Health profession and by donating to NAMI we indirectly acknowledge their magnanimous service. Our church also has many members who receive mental health care; we pray for patients and families experiencing mental health challenges. For more information please visit namiga.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.



* CLOSING SONG

Take My Life

Glory to God #697

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Ein Feste Burg

Martin Luther; arr. Don Hustad

NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:

Today's Images in Worship: *Wisdom*, sculpture by Lee Lawrie, above the entrance to 30 Rockefeller Center, based on a work by William Blake. *Mobile Lovers*, by Banksy, 2014. Graffiti on wood on stone wall, Clement Street, Bristol, England. Photo: Paul Green.

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Livestream and video are produced by NDPC volunteers. If you would like to help with our weekly audio and video production, come up to the balcony and introduce yourself to the team.

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 become a member of 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 ages 0-3. During worship, we offer a child-centered time for kids PreK-2nd grade; right after the passing of the peace, kids are led by an adult to a classroom and then can be picked up on the playground by parents after worship. Kids who stay in worship are free to go to the Narthex (with an adult) where 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. Questions about kids at NDPC? Email kristin@ndpc.org.

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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