



DECATUR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Presbyterian Church (USA)

Every child of God ~ belonging, engaging, being transformed

October 17, 2021

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Trumpet Tune in B-flat

Robert Powell

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Todd Speed

Pastor: The LORD be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Speed

Pastor: Jesus is here among us.

People: **Let us sweep the floors and put flowers on the tables.**

Pastor: Jesus is here among us.

People: **Let us set aside our distractions, sit and breathe deeply.**

Pastor: Together let us receive the good news that Jesus is here!

People: **Let us laugh and sing, rest and listen; our hearts are ready.**

Pastor: Let us delight in God's presence in Jesus Christ.

People: **Let us worship God.**

**HYMN 716*

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Beach Spring

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Alex Rodgers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion)

Sometimes, O God, we behave like Martha. We get distracted in our routines, so busy with our daily chores that we forget to take the time to stop and breathe, to look up and notice the creation you have given and the way it speaks of your love and passion for your people. We do not take time to listen for your words while reading the Bible, listening to music, or talking to friends, and we become worried and upset about many things.

Sometimes, O God, we behave like Mary. We devote our time to looking up, thinking that everything we are commanded to do is to love God, and we forget to serve our neighbor, and to commit our time to the concrete work of the church, forgetting to get our hands dirty.

God of balance, help us: forgive us when we do not know when to be workers and when to be hearers. In your mercy, heal our worries and our judgments, so that we can, indeed, keep the best part. In the name of our loving Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

INTER-GENERATIONAL MOMENT

Linda LeBron

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dr. Speed

Leader: The Word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God.

Follow Me: Biblical Practices For Faithful Living

SERMON

“Welcome All: Know Your Gifts and Encourage the Gifts of Others”

Dr. Speed

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

ANTHEM

A Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester

L. J. White

O holy Jesus, most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother: May I know Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly, and follow Thee more nearly. *Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Rodgers

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

INTRODUCTION OF “ALL IN” STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2022

Elizabeth Webb

OFFERING and PRAYER OF DEDICATION (scan QR code on back of bulletin to give online)

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 727

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

The Servant Song

*BENEDICTION

Dr. Speed

*ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Gigue Fugue

Dietrich Buxtehude

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Please exit through the doors at the back of the sanctuary, greeting each other outside on the lawn.

During the postlude, some people sit or stand quietly and listen to the music.

Others find it helpful to connect with those around them or greet visitors as they leave.

Please feel free to end this time of worship in whatever way is meaningful to you.

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Today's Musicians

The DPC Chancel Choir

Matthew McMahan, *choirmaster & organist*

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Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God

in loving memory of

Pattie and Hal Johnson

by

their children

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Staff Anniversary

R. G. Evans celebrates 6 years with Decatur Presbyterian Church in October. He serves as our part time Physical Plant Manager. We are so thankful you are here!

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Nominations Needed for Members to Serve on the Nominations Council

Look for the yellow forms around the church to nominate members to serve on the Nominations Council. You may also find the form online on our website. **Nominations will be accepted until the end of October.**

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Youth Poinsettia Fundraiser

The DPC Youth Group is selling 6.5 inch poinsettia plants for their fundraiser to support their summer trips for 2022. The red or white poinsettias are \$15 each and will be available for drive thru pick up on Saturday, December 4. Not interested in a poinsettia plant? You can simply donate to the youth Summer Trip Fund! Visit the “GIVING” tab at www.dpchurch.org. When you are there, designate the amount of your donation in “SPECIAL GIFTS”. When you click to the next page, you will have an option to make a note. PLEASE NOTE: YOUTH SUMMER TRIPS so that it gets designated correctly. You can also drop a check off to the office or mail a check to the church at any time.

Watch for church emails with the link—or scan the QR code here—to reserve and purchase your poinsettia(s), use the forms at the Reception Desk, or see a youth in the Narthex October 31 or November 7. The youth are currently planning to go to Honduras, Montreat, and CROSS for summer 2022. **The deadline to place your poinsettia order is Friday, November 12.**



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DPC Kids Bible Presentation Next Sunday, October 24

Join us in person or online to celebrate the PreK and 3rd graders of 2020 and 2021 as they receive their Bibles from the church. **All who come are invited to bring their own bible and share with one another it's special story.**

You can also take a picture with your Bible and send to dhowell@dpchurch.org

If your child is receiving a Bible, please make sure to let Emily Wilmesherr know if you plan to attend in person or schedule a visit for your child to receive a Bible.

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Mom's Book Club

Mom's Book Club meets monthly for fellowship and book discussion. Whether you have been actively involved over the years or not we would love to have you join us. We will gather one Thursday a month at 7:30pm at UJoint patio. Check out the schedule for this fall.

October 28th – *Love is the Way: Holding on to Truth in Troubling Times* by Bishop Michael Curry

November 18th – *You Can Talk to God Like That* by Abby Norman (Decatur author)

December 16th – PODCAST-*We Can Do Hard Things* by Glennon Doyle, Episode: PARENTING: How do we make this thrilling, terrifying roller coaster ride a little bit easier?

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Trunk-n-Treat on October 29

All are welcome to join us in the DPC parking lot on Friday, October 29, from 5pm-7pm for costumes, games, and treats. No sign up required unless you'd like to decorate your trunk. Wear your costume and bring a friend! Stay as long as you'd like. Costume parade for the children will be at 6:30pm. All activities are outdoors. Masks are encouraged. To register to decorate your trunk, email Emily Wilmesherr at ewilmesherr@dpchurch.org

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Wednesday Nights at DPC Return November 3!

We are delighted to return to choirs and programs of all ages. Dinner will NOT be served at this time. Look for more information about times and program specifics soon!

Upcoming Events!

We have lots of great things coming up! Look for more information in your announcement slides and church emails (if you're not getting our emails, email dhowell@dpchurch.org!) on these events:

October–DEAM Pantry Collection. Bring unexpired non-perishables all month to restock the DEAM food pantry!

October 24–DPC Kids Bible Dedication at morning worship. Join us in person or online as we celebrate our PreK and 3rd graders of 2020 and 2021 as they receive Bibles from the church.

October 24–New Church Development Commission at Wild Heaven Brewery. Mention NCDC when you order from 1 to 8 pm and 10% goes to support New Church Development. Raffle and more!

October 24–DPC Youth Escape Woods, meet at 3:45 pm, buses depart at 4pm. Sign up online, cost \$40

October 28–Mom's Book Club at 7:30 pm on UJoint patio, *Love is the Way: Holding on to Truth in Troubling Times* by Bishop Michael Curry

October 29–Trunk-n-Treat, 5 to 7 pm in DPC main parking lot

October 31–Kirkin' o' the Tartan with tartan procession at morning worship—all gather in the Terrace Garden to process in together!

November 3–Wednesday Night Resumes: Programs and Choirs! And a **new discussion group** led weekly by Dr. Todd Speed and Rev. Alex Rodgers called **"Faithful Living"** at 5:30–6:15. (No food served at this time)

November 7–All Saints' Sunday, we remember those members lost the last two years

November 13–Family Fun Day, 10:30 am to noon, Sycamore House parking lot, games, Bible story, activities

Upcoming "Follow Me" Sermon Texts

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| | | <i>Welcome All...</i> | |
| October 24 | Todd Speed | <i>Challenging 'Othering'</i> | Luke 7:36-50 |
| | | <i>Confess...</i> | |
| October 31 | Todd Speed | <i>Confession and Hope</i> | Genesis 3:1-24; Psalm 51 |
| November 7 | Todd Speed | <i>Individual Transformation</i> | Luke 3:3-14 |
| November 14 | Todd Speed | <i>Communal Transformation</i> | Isaiah 58, Micah 6:8, Matthew 25:31–46 |

Our program year curriculum for 2021-2022 is
"Follow Me–Biblical Practices for Faithful Living"

Follow Me is based on practices Jesus did and taught us to do as faithful followers. Written for people of all ages who wish to live out their faith, this new curriculum examines where these practices are found in the Bible and how they have been used in Christian faith then and now.

"Follow Me" is an exciting new inter-generational curriculum that will guide our worship and faith formation for the 2021-2022 program year. The Follow Me curriculum will have a new emphasis each month, walking through many of the foundational aspects of faithful Christian discipleship over the course of the next year. We are very excited about the potential of this new curriculum to nurture faithful living as we explore core biblical and spiritual practices. Check out the Wednesday Night discussion group led by Todd Speed and Alex Rodgers called Faithful Living at 5:30 to 6:15 pm when we resume Wednesday Fellowship on November 3!



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