



Every child of God ~ belonging, engaging, being transformed

January 2., 2022

Second Sunday after Christmas

10:30 a.m.

(*Please stand, as you are able. Assisted listening devices are available in the Narthex and the Philips Foyer.)

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Angels We Have Heard on High

arr. Keith Chapman

WORDS OF WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Todd Speed

Pastor: The LORD be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Speed

Leader: We have been claimed by the God who calls us children.

People: **We, the redeemed, have been called by name.**

Leader: As with the Israelites, God promises to pass with us through the water.

People: **We will not fear, for God is with us!**

Leader: The rivers shall not overwhelm us for God is our guide and our protector.

People: **Through God's saving grace, the waters that tested us are now the waters that wash us and nourish us.**

Leader: Great is the Fount of Every Blessing, ever flowing, ever redeeming, ever claiming us as God's children.

People: **Come, let us worship the God who washes us in grace.**

*OPENING HYMN 133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Adeste Fideles

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Alex Rodgers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of justice, in baptism you anointed us to live boldly in the reality of your coming kingdom. We confess that we have not fulfilled our calling. We have not used your power to serve our neighbors. We have walked away from oppression and injustice. We have turned our backs on your beloved children who hunger and thirst in a world of plenty.

Forgive us, LORD. Make us courageous servants of your justice, peace, and wholeness, in Jesus' name.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Emily Wilmesherr

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

INTERGENERATIONAL MOMENT

Dr. Speed

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Tully M. Fletcher IV

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 1:1–11
(pew Bible, page 34, NT)

Leader: The Word of the LORD.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Follow Me: Biblical Practices For Faithful Living

"Remember Your Baptism"

SERMON

Rev. Fletcher

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Reaffirmation of Baptism Vows)

Rev. Wilmesherr, Dr. Speed, Rev. Rodgers

Leader: Do you desired to be Baptized or to remember your Baptism?

People: We do.

Leader: Do you renounce the ways of sin and all evil in the world which separate you from the love of God?

People: We renounce them.

Leader: Who is your Lord and Savior?

People: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Leader: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

People: We will, with God's help.

Leader: Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith, and to teach that faith to your children?

People: We do.

Leader: Do you, the members of the church of Jesus Christ, at Decatur Presbyterian, promise to guide and nurture all the children Baptized into this congregation, by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church?

People: We do.

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.

ANTHEM

A Christmas Blessing

Phillip Stopford

Ginny Corradino, soprano

May the joy of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, the worship of the wise men, and the peace of the Christ Child be yours this Christmas. May Christ, who, by his incarnation gathered into one, all things earthly, all things heavenly, fill you with joy and peace. And the blessing of God the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

[Book of Common Prayer, Church of Ireland]

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS and PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dr. Speed

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**DOXOLOGY*

Divinum Mysterium

Of the Father's love begotten, e'er the worlds began to be, He is Alpha and Omega; He the Source, the ending He, Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see: Evermore and evermore! Amen.

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

**CLOSING HYMN 159*

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

Kingsfold

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

Rev. Fletcher

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY*

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

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The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
Dr. M. Virginia Tuggle
and her mother *Annie Mae Tuggle*
by Annette Loudermilk

Congregational Meeting on January 9, 2022

Join us in-person or online for the Congregational Meeting held during worship on Sunday, January 9, 2022. To be certain we have the required quorum attending, members are asked to register through emails sent from the church. The purpose of the meeting is to act on the request from Rev. Alex Rodgers to dissolve her pastoral relationship with Decatur Presbyterian Church so she may accept a call to Timberridge Presbyterian Church in McDonough. We will also elect another member to the Elder Class of 2024.

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Presbyterian Disaster Assistance: Tornado Relief

As night fell on December 10, a horrific line of powerful tornadoes ripped across several states, ending the lives of more than 100 people and wreaking devastation across many communities by the time morning had broken. One of these tornadoes was on the ground for a terrifying and unprecedented 250 miles, more than 200 of those miles in Kentucky alone, where the town of Mayfield saw the catastrophic destruction of much of the downtown area, including the Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist churches.

In the wake of these terrible and catastrophic storms, it is the role of ordinary people of faith like us to shine as light in this bleakest of winters. We are called to be the hands and feet of God as we reach out to shelter, feed, care for and help rebuild the lives of those who have lost loved ones, homes, work and a sense of safety as a result of the tornadoes. We are invited to stand with them — and to stand together — bearing witness by our gifts and prayers that God is indeed incarnate among us, no matter what.

The needs for the response will be great. God's people are once again called on to stand in the "GAP" — **GIVE. ACT. PRAY.**

GIVE: Gifts can be made online at pcusa.org/DT21, by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check using the below reply device. You can also text PDA to 41444 to donate.

ACT: Gift of the Heart Kits are a hands-on way to help others this Advent season. To register your interest in future rebuilding efforts, email PDA.CallCenter@pcusa.org. You will be notified when volunteer opportunities are available. Stay informed and like us on Facebook (facebook.com/PDAcares), download resources at pda.pcusa.org/pda/resources and share updates with your congregation.

PRAY: As we awake to news of devastation and death from another natural disaster, we pray. For those experiencing loss, confusion, and despair, may they feel comfort only your Holy Spirit can bring. For the community leaders and emergency personnel, we pray for wisdom and strength as they work to restore and repair their communities.

May we heed your call, oh God, to be co-creators with you in the caring of creation, our communities, and your beloved children in their time of need.

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DPC Recruiting Interim Church Administrator

Decatur Presbyterian Church (DPC), a 750+ member congregation in downtown Decatur, is seeking a Temporary Part-Time Office and Facilities Administrator for 3-6 months, beginning on January 3, 2022. Responsibilities include scheduling facility use for inside and outside groups, managing the day-to-day administration of the church office, and overseeing the work of the physical plant manager and custodial staff in maintaining church property and grounds. 20 hours/week on-site in the church office (prefer 9 am-1 pm Monday thru Friday but some flexibility possible). Ideal candidate will be a detail-oriented, organized, self-starter with exceptional interpersonal and communications skills. Prior administrative office experience and knowledge of computer software required. Office management and supervisory experience desired. Prior work in a church setting a plus. This is a part-time, temporary position not eligible for benefits. For the complete job description, email adminsearch@dpchurch.org

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Staff Birthday in January

Drew Wilmesherr's birthday is January 23. Drew is on our Holy Ground Worship Team.

Look what's coming up!

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:

January 5–Wednesday Night activities resume after Christmas break with children's choirs at 5:00 pm; Faithful Living discussion group led by Todd Speed and Alex Rodgers at 5:30 pm; Chancel Choir rehearsal follows at 7:30 pm.

January 9–Congregational Meeting during worship (in person or via Zoom) to act on Rev. Alex Rodgers' request to dissolve her pastoral relationship with DPC to accept a call to Timberridge Presbyterian in McDonough, GA. We will also elect Lee Danielson as a member of the Elder Class of 2024. **Please register for the Congregational Meeting through the link in your church emails so we will know we have the required quorum.**

January 9–Epiphany Sunday; New Elder Class ordained and installed; fellowship brunch after worship (Covid permitting); Youth Group resumes

"Follow Me" Upcoming Sermon Texts

January Theme–Baptism

January 9	Alex Rodgers	<i>Cross the Divide</i>	Exodus 14:10–31, 1 Peter 2:10
January 16	Todd Speed	<i>Die and Rise</i>	Romans 6:3–11
January 23	Todd Speed	<i>Honor the Body</i>	1 Corinthians 12:12–31

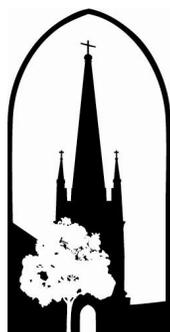
Our program year curriculum for 2021-2022 is
"Follow Me–Biblical Practices for Faithful Living"

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!



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