



Every child of God ~ belonging, engaging, being transformed

January 23, 2022

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughan Williams

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Tully M. Fletcher IV

Pastor: The LORD be with you.

People: And also with you.

**CALL TO WORSHIP (from Romans 6:3-4)*

Rev. Fletcher

Leader: Do you not know that all of us who are baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

People: Therefore, we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

Leader: Let us worship God.

**OPENING HYMN 485*

We Know that Christ Is Raised

Engleberg

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Todd Speed

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sovereign God, in baptism you called us to turn from sin and turn to Jesus Christ; but we stray from his ways and do not heed your call. In baptism you joined us to Christ in his death that we might be raised with Christ in new life; but we cherish old ways and fail to embrace the risen life of righteousness, justice, and love. In baptism you united us with all the baptized who confess your name; but we foster division in the church. We refuse to live as one people, and so fail to witness to your reconciling love before the world. In baptism you call us to ministry in all realms of life; but we refuse the struggle to know your will. We do not nurture the ways of peace. We allow enmity and hatred to grow among us, pitting neighbor against neighbor, and nation against nation.

LORD, remember the promises you made to us in our baptism, forgive our sinful ways and heal our brokenness. Set us free from all that enslaves us, and raise us to new life in Jesus Christ, that we may be your faithful servants, showing forth your healing love to the world, and the glory of your holy name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TO PARDON HYMN 822 (stanza 1)

Somos del Señor

Ivan Segovia, baritone (cantor); soloist will sing through, then congregation joins on repeat

When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus, and when we're dying, it is in the LORD.

Both in our living and in our dying, we belong to God, we belong to God.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

INTERGENERATIONAL MOMENT Confirmation Class of 2022

Rev. Fletcher, David Huffine

Sophia Arnold, *confirmand*

Susan Tribble, *mentor*

Leah Beaubien, *confirmand*

Dené Dixon, *mentor*

Wyatt Bennett, *confirmand*

David Huffine, *mentor*

Owen Breiding, *confirmand*

Drew McMahan, *mentor*

Zachary Eldridge, *confirmand*

Aaron McClennen, *mentor*

Lily Anna Ollinger, *confirmand*

Dona Cucich, *mentor*

Jordan Taylor, *confirmand*

Phil Hathorn, *mentor*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dr. Speed

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 6:3–11
(*pew Bible, page 156, NT*)

Leader: The Word of the LORD.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Follow Me: Biblical Practices For Faithful Living

“Baptism: Die and Rise”

SERMON

Dr. Speed

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Confession of 1967, section 9.51)

Rev. Fletcher

By humble submission to John’s baptism, Christ joined himself to men and women in their need and entered upon his ministry of reconciliation in the power of the Spirit. Christian baptism marks the receiving of the same Spirit by all his people. Baptism with water represents not only cleansing from sin, but a dying with Christ and a joyful rising with him to new life. It commits all Christians to die each day to sin and to live for righteousness. In baptism, the church celebrates the renewal of the covenant with which God has bound us to God’s very self.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Fletcher

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

Heaven Shall Not Wait

John Bell

Ivan Segovia, *baritone soloist*

Heaven shall not wait for the poor to lose their patience, The scorned to smile, the despised to find a friend: Jesus is LORD; he has championed the unwanted; In him injustice confronts its timely end. Heaven shall not wait for the rich to share their fortunes, The proud to fall, the elite to tend the least: Jesus is LORD; he has shown the master's privilege: To kneel and wash servants' feet before they feast. Heaven shall not wait for the dawn of great ideas, Thoughts of compassion divorced from cries of pain: Jesus is LORD; he has married word and action; His cross and company make his purpose plain. Heaven shall not wait for triumphant hallelujahs, When earth has passed and we reach another shore: Jesus is LORD in our present imperfection; His power and love are for now and then for evermore.

[*text: John L. Bell and Graham Maule*]

UPDATE ON “ALL IN” 2022 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Elizabeth Webb

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS and PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dr. Speed

Scan the QR Code on the back of the bulletin to give online!

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN 490

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

Beach Spring

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Speed

*ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Trumpet Voluntary in D

John Stanley

Music

Matthew McMahan, *Organist & Choirmaster*

Ivan Segovia, *Soloist*

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Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of my parents

Helen & David Smith

and my sister *Graham Mothershead*

by Lee Smith

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We Need Flower Folks

Coordinator: Looking for a volunteer to coordinate the distribution of the sanctuary flowers. Position does not require any skills in flower arranging. Volunteer will create calendar for flower group volunteers to sign up, will coordinate with pastors on who needs flowers each week and be the contact person with the Flower Guild.

Delivery Volunteers: Volunteers will take apart the sanctuary flowers on Sunday or Monday. Then, arrange the flowers in vases and distribute to church and community members. Two people can work together each week or it can be done by one person. Clean the sanctuary vessels to get them ready for the next week.

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DPC Recruiting Interim Church Administrator

Decatur Presbyterian Church (DPC), a 750+ member congregation in downtown Decatur, is seeking a full-time Interim Church Administrator. Responsibilities include managing the day-to-day administration of the church office, overseeing the work of the physical plant manager and custodial staff in maintaining church property and grounds, and coordinating communications with the congregation and community via email, social media and print. 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 strongly preferred. Prior work in a church setting a plus. For the full job description, email adminsearch@dpchurch.org.

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Staff Anniversaries & Birthdays in January

Drew Wilmesherr's birthday is January 23. Drew is the leader of our Holy Ground Worship Team.

Rev. **Tully Fletcher** was ordained January 25, 2009, at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Durham, NC.

Serving the Larger Church

Rev. Emily Wilmesherr is away today preaching at the installation service of Rev. Allysen Schaaf as the Associate Pastor for Contemporary Worship and Community Building at Sardis Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC. Drew Wilmesherr will provide worship music for the service.

Look what's 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:

NO Wednesday Activities at this time—watch your church communications for updates

January 26—Zoom Kid's Club, 5:00 – 5:30 pm, for children **babies through 4 years old**, short Bible story, check email for Zoom link or contact Emily Wilmesherr at ewilmesherr@dpchurch.org

January 27—Moms Happy Hour & Prayer 7:30 – 8:30 pm by Zoom, check in, reconnect, & pray! Join us online with whatever snack & drink makes you happy!

January 30—Zoom Kid's Club, 4:00 – 5:00 pm, for children **3rd through 5th grade**, interactive Bible story and prayer. Check email for Zoom link or contact Emily Wilmesherr at ewilmesherr@dpchurch.org

June 6-10, Compassion Camp, 9 to 12 pm, for 3 year olds to rising 6th graders. In-person & at-home options.

"Follow Me" Upcoming Sermon Texts

January Theme—Baptism

January 30 Todd Speed

Honor the Body

1 Corinthians 12:12–31

February Theme—Live in Community

February 6 Emily Wilmesherr

Gather Across Differences

Exodus 20:1–20, 1 Corinthians 1:10–17

February 13 Todd Speed

Feast and Listen

Exodus 13:3–10, John 6:1–15, Acts 2:41–47

February 20 Todd Speed

Uplift Those in Need

Acts 4:32–37, 6:1–7

February 27 Todd Speed

Support Those Who Depart

Deuteronomy 34:1–12, John 14:15–31, Acts 15:36–41

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.



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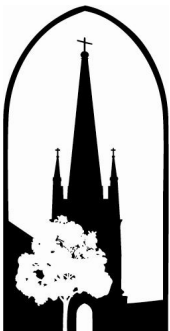
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A Bold Vision and Invitation:

Building Congregational Vitality

Dismantling Structural Racism

Eradicating Systemic Poverty



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