



Every child of God ~ belonging, engaging, being transformed

January 30, 2022

4th 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

Prelude

Buryl Red

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Emily Wilmesherr

Pastor: The LORD be with you.

People: And also with you.

**CALL TO WORSHIP*

Leader: Friends, we gather this day to celebrate life—

**People: the life we have been given by God,
the life we share with one another in community,
the life that Jesus gives in abundance.**

Leader: Let us be grateful for the joy of life,
and let us worship God.

**OPENING HYMN 401*

Here in This Place

Gather Us In

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Todd Speed

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we have been baptized into the one body of Jesus Christ, even though we are bodies of many colors, differing abilities, and varied desires and dreams. We confess that sometimes we believe it when the world tells us that we do not fit, or that our bodies are not the right color or size, or that we are useless or broken, or that we love the wrong way; enable us to remember that God has claimed us as indispensable parts of Jesus' holy body.

We confess that sometimes we judge the bodies of others and what they do with their bodies; enable us remember the vision of Jesus's table, which is set for all of God's children. We confess that sometimes we feel anxious, as did the first disciples, that Jesus arose in body and seemed to leave us alone in the world; enable us, by your Spirit, to know that we are not abandoned, but intimately connected to others within the Church.

Thank you, O God, for the grace extended to us in our baptism, so that we may live together as those dead to sin and alive to your good intentions in Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

INTERGENERATIONAL MOMENT

Rev. Wilmesherr

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dr. Speed

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Corinthians 12:12–31
(pew Bible, page 174, NT)

Leader: The Word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God.

Follow Me: Biblical Practices For Faithful Living

“Baptism: Honor the Body”

SERMON

Dr. Speed

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

Rev. Wilmesherr

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted in our care. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

With believers of every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our LORD. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

Dr. Speed

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

When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace

*English Folk Melody
arr. Hal Hopson*

When hands reach out and fingers trace the beauty of a loved one's face, We thank you, God, that love relies on gifts of grace not seen with eyes. When fingers spell and signs express our prayer and praise and thankfulness, We thank you, God, that hands can sing; you bless the silent songs we bring. When broken bodies will not mend, we thank you, God, for Christ our friend. In him, our healing can begin: he welcomes all the wounded in.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS and PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Wilmesherr

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*DOXOLOGY 606

Old Hundredth, L.M.

**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 694

Great God of Every Blessing

Aurelia

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Speed

*ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Toccata Brevis

Daniel Gawthrop

Music

Matthew McMahan, *Organist & Choirmaster*
Ginny Corradino, *Soprano*

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Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of
Anne McMaster Jackson
by her son, Wingate Jackson, Jr.

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Serving the Larger Church

Pastor **Tully Fletcher** is away from worship this morning serving as the Moderator for one of our sister churches, Kelley Presbyterian, in McDonough. This is part of his service to the larger denomination. He will be on Zoom later today for Confirmation and Youth Group.

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Flower Workshop on March 5

You have an opportunity coming up to learn more about flower arrangements for the sanctuary -- how to arrange them, how to break them down and take them to church members and the community the following week.

The event will be held on **Saturday, March 5 from 9 - 10:30 a.m.** in the Session Room. Please check in at the awning entrance when you arrive and wear a mask inside the building.

This workshop is hosted and led by Lynn Evans and Jill Joyner, who have been instrumental in the success of our Flower Guild the last few years. Their goal is to provide fresh and beautiful arrangements each week - that are cost effective for our donors.

Using the Flower Guild is an option, but some donors still prefer to use a commercial florist, which is fine.

At the workshop, Lynn and Jill will:

- ✿ Show you the sanctuary prep room where supplies and tools are stored, including a large cooler for the flowers
- ✿ Review the vendors from which we purchase flowers and tips on choosing each season
- ✿ Explain care, cleaning and use of the vases for arrangements
- ✿ Show how to break down the two sanctuary arrangements for smaller sets distributed the next week
- ✿ Discuss how to work with the pastors on a list of names of those to receive flowers

If you are interested in creating arrangements or delivering them later, it is best to work with a partner. Recruit a friend to come with you to the workshop, or Lynn and Jill can help you put together your own team.

Please let us know you plan to attend, and if you have any questions. There is no charge for the workshop.

Just not sure? Take the time to attend and learn more. You can always use the knowledge for your own arrangements at home! Email Lynn or Jill to sign up!

Lynn Evans at lynn.rgeiii@gmail.com

Jill Joyner at jilljoyner@gmail.com

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Thank You and Farewell

We want to express our sincere gratitude to **Erin Leigh Sirmans**, who has served as our Live Stream Coordinator as we began streaming our services. Today is Erin Leigh's last Sunday at DPC as she has accepted a full time position with the media department of First Baptist Church of Jonesboro. Thank you, Erin Leigh, and blessings on your new position!

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 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

January 30—Youth Group Zoom at 6:00 pm, this week's game is Two Truths & a Lie. Invite a friend! Contact Tully for the Zoom link at tfletcher@dpchurch.org

June 6-10, Compassion Camp, 9 to 12 pm, for 3 year olds to rising 6th graders. In-person & at-home options. Registration opens **February 13** on our website www.dpchurch.org

June 12–18, Montreat High School Youth Conference for rising 9th graders through graduating seniors, contact Tully Fletcher for more info (on all youth events) at tfletcher@dpchurch.org

June 26–July 1, Middle School Youth Mission Week with multiple mission projects around Atlanta

July 9–16, High School Youth Mission Trip destination TBD

July 20–24, Montreat Middle School Youth Conference for youth who have completed 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th grade, held at Maryville College in Maryville, TN

July 23–27, Presbyterian Youth Triennium, a once-every-three-years opportunity!

"Follow Me" Upcoming Sermon Texts

February Theme—Live in Community

February 6 Todd Speed

February 13 Todd Speed

February 20 Emily Wilmesherr

February 27 Todd Speed

Gather Across Differences

Feast and Listen

Uplift Those in Need

Support Those Who Depart

Exodus 20:1–20, 1 Corinthians 1:10–17

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

Acts 4:32–37, 6:1–7

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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