



Every child of God ~ belonging, engaging, being transformed

February 6, 2022

5th 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

Gigue Fugue

Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor: The LORD be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Rev. Tully M. Fletcher IV

MOMENT FOR MISSION *Souper Bowl of Caring*

DPC Youth

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: From north to south, from east to west.

People: **God gathers us in.**

Leader: From cities and farms, from plenty and want.

People: **God gathers us in.**

Leader: From young to not so young, from every race and identity.

People: **God gathers us in.**

Leader: From those confident in their faith to those struggling to believe.

People: **God gathers us in.**

Leader: People of God, come now and worship the LORD.

People: **Let us worship indeed!**

Rev. Fletcher

*OPENING HYMN 301

Let Us Build a House (All Are Welcome)

Two Oaks

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Fletcher

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We have been unfaithful to God and to our partners. We have lied and done terrible things in the name of God. We have let our hearts fill with rage and jealousy and then we have enacted those emotions through our economic choices and hateful words. We have shamed our ancestors and taken our families for granted.

And as for keeping the Sabbath? How often do we brag about our 'busyness,' complain about being tired, or boast about all the hard work we do instead of resting and enjoying God.

We are sinners through and through.

Moment for Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: It used to be that following the law perfectly was the way of salvation. That way is impossible for us.

People: **But now we have Jesus. Now we have hope. Now we have received God's grace.**

Leader: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: **Alleluia! Amen!**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

INTERGENERATIONAL MOMENT: The Ten Commandments

Rev. Emily Wilmesherr

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dr. Speed

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Corinthians 1:10–17
(*pew Bible, page 166, NT*)

Leader: The Word of the LORD.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Follow Me: Biblical Practices For Faithful Living

SERMON

“Live in Community: Gather Across Differences”

Dr. Speed

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from The Belhar Confession)

Rev. Wilmesherr

We believe that Christ’s work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God’s Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain; that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted, that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways;

- * **in that we love one another;**
- * **that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another;**
- * **have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope;**
- * **that we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another;**
- * **and that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; pray together; together serve God in this world; and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity.**

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.**

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Dr. Speed

Responding with Thanksgiving

Rev. Fletcher

Leader: The LORD be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the LORD.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: All honor and praise and glory be to God.

People: **The LORD’s name be praised forever.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sanctus 552 (choir and congregation)

arr. Richard Proulx

Holy, Holy, Holy LORD God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

The LORD'S Prayer

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.

Breaking the Bread and Pouring the Cup

Dr. Speed and Rev. Fletcher

Agnus Dei (choir and congregation)

arr. Richard Proulx

O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us Lamb of God, and grant us Your peace.

The Sharing of the Joyful Feast with the Community of Faith

Please exit your pew to the right to come forward to receive the elements. Wait until you return to your seat to partake of the elements. Raise your hand if you are unable to come forward and we will bring the elements to you.

Communion Anthem

How Very Good and Pleasant

K. Lee Scott

Allison Melton, *soloist*

How very good and pleasant here when kindred live in unity! It is as ointment on the head and to the garments flowing down; As dew from Hermon's lofty height which falls on Zion's holy hill. For there God sounds the blessing forth: Life forever more! There is one body and one Spirit, as you were called to one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, Who is above all and through all and in all. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have sincere and mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart.

[Psalm 133, paraphrased, K. Lee Scott, Ephesians 4:4-6; I Peter 1:22]

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Dr. Speed

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

**CLOSING HYMN 761*

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Beecher

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

Dr. Speed

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY*

Rigaudon

André Campra

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Music

Matthew McMahan, *Organist & Choirmaster*

Ginny Corradino and Dona Cucich, *sopranos*

Kate Eckard and Allison Melton, *mezzo sopranos*

Mark Lester and Ron Warren, *tenors*

RG Evans and Ivan Segovia, *baritones*

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Sanctuary Flowers

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

in loving memory of

Joe Weingartner

by

his family

† † †

Serving the Larger Church

On Saturday February 12, the Stated Gathering of the Presbytery Of Greater Atlanta Commissioners will be treated to the musical stylings of Drew Wilmesherr. He, along with Carlton Johnson, will present the Closing Hymn Duet to conclude the business meeting and worship service. DPC is blessed to be part of the leadership of this important event.

Look what's coming up!

Look for more information in our announcement slides and church emails on these events (if you're not receiving our emails, please contact dhowell@dpchurch.org):

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

February 26—Annual Congregational Meeting, receive the 2021 Annual Report; Approve the 2022 Budget; Approve Changes to Terms of Call for the Pastors

March 5—Flower Workshop, 9 to 10:30 am in the Session Room, led by Lynn Evans and Jill Joyner. 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 Sign up for the free workshop by emailing Lynn or Jill: lynn.rgeiii@gmail.com or jilljoyner@gmail.com

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 13 Todd Speed

February 20 Emily Wilmsherr

February 27 Todd Speed

Feast and Listen

Uplift Those in Need

Support Those Who Depart

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 this new curriculum and its potential to nurture faithful living as we explore core biblical and spiritual practices.



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Actively Engaged in the World

A Bold Vision and Invitation:

Building Congregational Vitality

Dismantling Structural Racism

Eradicating Systemic Poverty



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