



Every child of God ~ belonging, engaging, being transformed

February 13, 2022

6th 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

CHORAL INTROIT

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

*Sacred Harp,
arranged, James H. Wood*

Loaves were broken, words were spoken by the Galilean shore. Jesus, Bread of Life from heaven, was their food forevermore. By Your body broken for us, by Your wine of life outpoured, Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our LORD.
[text: Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr.]

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor: The LORD be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Rev. Dr. Todd Speed

MOMENT FOR MISSION *Souper Bowl of Caring*

Rev. Tully M. Fletcher IV

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 133*)

Dr. Speed

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

People: **It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.**

Leader: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

*OPENING HYMN 515

I Come with Joy

Dove of Peace

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Emily Wilmesherr

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Silent Prayers)

When the crowds surrounded you, O LORD, hungry for bread and your word, you transformed five loaves & two fish into a feast. Even still, we confess that we often doubt the abundance of your grace. We are hesitant to share the resources you entrust to our care. Forgive us, O God, and make us a more generous people. Help us to practice generosity with our money, our mindsets, and our lives. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

INTERGENERATIONAL MOMENT: *Youth Summer Trips*

Rev. Fletcher

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dr. Speed

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 14:13-21
(pew Bible, page 16, NT)

Leader: The Word of the LORD.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Follow Me: Biblical Practices For Faithful Living

"Live in Community: Feast and Listen"

SERMON

Dr. Speed

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Declaration of Faith)

Rev. Fletcher

The Holy Spirit unifies the Christian church. The diversity in the early church caused tension and conflict. Yet the Spirit bound them into one body, enriched by their differences. We know that the same Spirit gives us a unity we cannot create or destroy. The Spirit moves among us not to end diversity or compel uniformity, but to overcome divisiveness and bitterness. The Spirit leads us to struggle against the lines of race and class, the ambitions of competing parties, the loyalties to individuals and traditions, that divide us. The Spirit impels us to make the unity of Christians visible to a divided world, and assures us that we shall be one. *Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Wilmesherr

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

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Harold W. Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; For when humbly, in Thy name, Two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them: Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now Thy garment's hem. As the brethren used to gather In the name of Christ to sup, Then with thanks to God the Father Break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluia! Alleluia! So knit Thou our friendship up. All our meals and all our living Make as sacraments of Thee, That by caring, helping, giving, We may true disciples be. Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve Thee faithfully. *[Percy Dearmer]*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS and PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Youth/Rev. Fletcher

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

**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 509*

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Holy Manna

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

Dr. Speed

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY*

*Postlude on Cwm Rhondda
(Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah)*

*John Hughes
arranged by Paul Manz*

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Music

Matthew McMahan, *Organist & Choirmaster*
Ginny Corradino, Dona Cucich, Mary Goodwin, *sopranos*
Kate Eckard, Lori McMahan, Allison Melton, *altos*
Mark Lester, Ron Warren, *tenors*
RG Evans, Philip Hathorn, Ivan Segovia, *basses*

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Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of
Kelly Marie McMahan
by
her parents, Teri and Kevin McMahan

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Annual Congregational Meeting on February 27

The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place at the beginning of worship on February 27. We will receive the Annual Report, the 2022 Budget, and approve the changes to the Terms of Call for the pastors.

We need a quorum of 148 members in attendance online & in-person. In order to vote, you must be an active member of Decatur Presbyterian Church. (In order to vote, you need to be logged into Zoom **or** attend worship in-person.) This is a hybrid meeting. The voting will take place at the beginning of the 10:30 service and then people online can hop off to join the service on YouTube. Every active member in the household needs to register separately at <http://tinyurl.com/3fd43pbu>. ALL active members need to register whether you are attending in-person or online. If you are logging into the Zoom call and it's possible, those voting from home should log in on separate devices (phone, tablet, laptop, or computer). Whether you plan to attend in-person or on Zoom, please register individually with the Zoom link below so that we may have the most accurate count possible.

Once you have registered, you will receive a unique Zoom link for the meeting. Contact the church if you have any questions.

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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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Compassion Camp June 6–10

Save the Date! This summer DPC will be hosting **Compassion Camp: Be Loved. Be Kind. Be You.** Rising 3 year olds through rising 6th graders are invited to participate in a hybrid VBS program. Camp week will be June 6-10. You can register for 1 of 2 options:

1. Receive a VBS kit with supplies and activities to work on at home at and your own pace. Live stream morning worship will be offered each day for you to tune into on the church's YouTube channel.
2. Join camp in-person from 9am-12pm for small group, in-door and outdoor activities.

Masks will be required regardless of vaccination status. In order to provide an in-person option, we will close registration on May 22nd to make sure we have enough volunteers to have a safe in-person camp. Camp and church leadership will continue to monitor the COVID numbers leading up to camp and will make adjustments as needed for our campers and volunteers to have a safe and meaningful camp week.

Registration will begin online February 13. Contact Rev. Emily Wilmesherr with any questions (ewilmesherr@dpchurch.org).

In order to make an in-person camp possible, we need a lot of volunteers. Here are some of the ways to help:

Shepherds for small groups- stay with a group throughout the week, guiding them through activities that are prepared in advance;

Rotation leaders and helpers- In search of 2 adult leaders for art, reflection, or games as well as youth or adult assistants;

Carpool/Sign children in and out- Helping children to arrive at and depart from camp safely each day. Checking temperatures and signing children in;

Camp Floaters- help with tasks that arise during the week of camp; **Preparing kits and supplies** the week before camp;

Monetary donations to help provide camper scholarships. Suggested donations of \$35 but any amount is helpful.

Masks will be required for volunteers regardless of vaccination status. Contact Rev. Emily Wilmesherr if you have any questions or are interested in volunteering, ewilmesherr@dpchurch.org.

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

March 2—Ash Wednesday Service in the sanctuary

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 20 Emily Wilmesherr
February 27 Todd Speed

Uplift Those in Need
Support Those Who Depart

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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