



*Every child of God ~ belonging, engaging, being transformed*

February 20, 2022

7<sup>th</sup> 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

*Tuba Tune in D*

*Craig Sellar Lang*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Tully M. Fletcher IV

Pastor: The LORD be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Flower Ministry*

Lynn Evans

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Fletcher

Leader: For God has told us what is good, and What does the Lord Require of you?

People: **To do Justice, love Kindness, and to Walk Humbly with our God.**

Leader: We gather this morning to remind each other about that,

People: **To remember that now is always the right time to do these things.**

Leader: So with thanks in our hearts, let us worship God.

People: **Let us worship Indeed!**

\*OPENING HYMN 727

*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

*The Servant Song*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Todd Speed

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Sometimes, O God, we forget people, or we toss them aside—the difficult ones, the needy ones, the ones that are hard to spend time with, the ones who confront us. And sometimes when we do things like that, it's not really about the other people, but about us. We are uncomfortable, or we feel guilty, or we follow brighter, shinier people, or we worry about what will make us look good. We are in such desperate need of your forgiveness.**

*(Silent prayer)*

**We need to be forgiven for our sin, for our mistakes, for mistaking what the world values with what you value. Help us to be better, and to see more clearly, and to care more thoroughly. In Christ we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

INTERGENERATIONAL MOMENT *Black History Month*

Rev. Fletcher and Barbara Morris

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Keeton Humphries

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 4:32–37  
*(pew Bible, page 122, NT)*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Rev. Emily Wilmesherr  
Numbers 27:1-11  
*(pew Bible, page 146, OT)*

Leader: The Word of the LORD.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Follow Me: Biblical Practices For Faithful Living**

SERMON

*“Live in Community: Uplift Those in Need”*

Rev. Emily Wilmesherr

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from The Belhar Confession)*

Dr. Speed

**We believe that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged that God calls the church to follow God in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry; that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind; that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly; that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering; that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right; that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream; that the church as the possession of God must stand where the LORD stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.**

*HYMN 469*

***LORD, Listen to Your Children Praying***

*Children Praying*

Ivan Segovia, *soloist*

*(the congregation is invited to sing the hymn with the choir, following the LORD's Prayer)*

**Lord, listen to your children praying. LORD, send your Spirit in this place.**

**Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.**

*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*

***Sing God a Simple Song (from MASS)***

*Leonard Bernstein*

Kate Eckard, *mezzo soprano*

Sing God a simple song: *Lauda, Laude*. Make it up as you go along: *Lauda, Laude*. Sing like you like to sing. God loves all simple things, for God is the simplest of all. I will sing the LORD a new song to praise Him, to bless Him, to bless the LORD. I will sing His praises while I live, all of my days. Blessed is the one who loves the LORD, who praises Him, and walks in His ways. I will lift up my eyes to the hills from whence comes my help. I will lift up my voice to the LORD, singing *Lauda, Laude*. For the LORD is my shade, upon my right hand, and the sun shall not smite me by day, nor the moon by night.

*[text: Stephen Schwartz; Psalm 121]*

*PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS and PRAYER OF DEDICATION*

Dr. Speed

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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 767*

***Together We Serve***

*San Anselmo*

*\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

Rev. Wilmesherr

*\*ORGAN VOLUNTARY*

*Preambulum Festivum*

*Sigfrid Karg-Elert*

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### Music

Matthew McMahan, *Organist & Choirmaster*

Dona Cucich, Lynn Evans, Lori McMahan, *sopranos*

Kate Eckard, Allison Melton, *altos*

RG Evans, Philip Hathorn, Ivan Segovia, *basses*

### Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God  
in loving memory of  
my parents, *Hattie & Bill Meyer*  
by Kathy Mallard

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### Youth Summer Trips Meeting

On Sunday, February 27, after the congregational meeting, there will be an informational meeting in the Sycamore House for parents & youth to learn more about upcoming summer trips. This will be an opportunity to sign up as well. -

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### Update on the 'All In' Stewardship Campaign

Thanks be to God for the generosity and faithfulness of this congregation! We exceeded our goal of \$900,000 in pledged income, with \$902,916 in pledges received. While the campaign has concluded, we encourage pledging as part of our ongoing practice of Stewardship. New pledges are always welcome and can be made online by clicking "Giving" on our website.

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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. **Use the tear off section on the back of your bulletin to sign up or get more information.**

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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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:ewilmesherr@dpchurch.org).

## Flower Guild

\_\_\_\_\_ Sign me up for the Flower Workshop on March 5!

\_\_\_\_\_ I can't come to the Workshop, but I am interested in helping with delivering flowers to people occasionally.

\_\_\_\_\_ I can't come to the Workshop, but I am interested in making arrangements for Sunday services.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Can you receive text messages at this number? \_\_\_\_\_

**(Please tear off and put in offering plate in the Narthex or in Phillips Foyer) Thank you!**

### 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

**February 27—Youth Summer Trips Meeting** after worship at Sycamore House—parents and youth! Come find out more information—you can even sign up for trip(s) at the meeting!

**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.

**June 6-10, Compassion Camp**, 9 to 12 pm, for 3 year olds to rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders. In-person & at-home options. Registration is open on our website [www.dpchurch.org](http://www.dpchurch.org)

**June 12–18, Montreat High School Youth Conference** for rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders through graduating seniors, contact Tully Fletcher for more info (on all youth events) at [tfletcher@dpchurch.org](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade, held at Maryville College in Maryville, TN

### "Follow Me" Upcoming Sermon Texts

*February Theme—Live in Community*

February 27 Todd Speed *Support Those Who Depart* Deuteronomy 34:1-12, John 14:15-31, Acts 15:36-41

*March/Lenten Theme—Practice Spiritual Disciplines*

March 6 Todd Speed *Fast* Numbers 29:7-11, Matthew 4:1-4, 6:16-18

March 13 Todd Speed *Pray* Matthew 6:1-15

March 20 Todd Speed *Listen to God* 1 Kings 19:1-18, John 10:27, Revelations 3:20

March 27 Seniors (Youth) *Embrace Simplicity* Matthew 6:19-21, Philippians 4:11-12



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