



Every child of God ~ belonging, engaging, being transformed

March 13, 2022

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

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

*God, Our Help and Constant Refuge*

*Herbert Howells*

Chancel Choir

God, our help and constant refuge, Ever present in our need! Though the earth be ever changing, Though it fall into the sea, Rock secure, Ever sure, Through all tumult You endure. God, the LORD of Hosts, is with us. Come, behold these mighty deeds: Wars are ended, spears are broken, At this voice the world takes heed. Come, O LORD, Break the Sword! Bring us peace as Your reward.  
[text: Fred R. Anderson]

### WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Todd Speed

Pastor: The LORD be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Speed

Leader: Draw near to God

People: **and God** (raise both arms to the sky)

**will draw near to us.** (bring hands toward heart, crossing them over your heart)

Leader: When we pray, we are changed by being with God.

People: **Let us** (extend arms forward, palms facing upward)

**keep company** (bend elbows and bring together hands in prayer)

**with Jesus.** (sign "Jesus" using right middle finger touching the middle of left palm, repeat with left middle finger touching the middle of right palm)

### \*OPENING HYMN 321

*The Church's One Foundation*

*Aurelia*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. Speed

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (by Teri Peterson (www.liturgylink.com))

**Loving God, you are always speaking, giving us instruction, directing our attention, and reminding us your love. We confess that sometimes we are not very good listeners. We are unsure what is your voice, and what is ours, and what is just noise. We are easily distracted. We like our own ways. But even when we are too busy, you still call. We admit that we find you difficult to hear, and we ask for your help. Open our minds and hearts. Tune our ears to your voice. Help us to listen to what you have to say, and then help us to follow wherever you lead...**

(Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession.)

**Thank you, God, for hearing us, and for speaking to us. Remind us of your love and forgiveness, and give us strength to be faithful to you, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### RESPONSE TO PARDON HYMN 423 (stanza 1)

*Saraday*

**Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God (Psalm 51)**

(sung first by cantor, followed by choir and congregation)

Children are invited forward during the hymn. Following the Intergenerational Moment, children ages 4 to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade have the option of attending Children's Chapel in the Children's Ministry classroom. For pick up after worship, exit the sanctuary through the door by the piano and walk past the reception desk and take the stairs all the way down. Then, turn left to go down the short set of stairs. The room is the first on your left. If you need assistance finding this space, please ask an usher.

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### INTERGENERATIONAL MOMENT:

Leader: We now go our separate ways.

Adults: **May God be with you there.**

Children: **May God be with you here.**

Rev. Emily Wilmesherr

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dr. SpeedDr. Speed

### NEW TESTAMENT READING

Leader: The Word of the LORD.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 6:1–15  
(*pew Bible, page 5, NT*)

### Follow Me: Biblical Practices For Faithful Living

*Practice Spiritual Disciplines: "Pray"*

### SERMON

Dr. Speed

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from The Shorter Catechism, Book of Confessions, PC(USA)*)

Rev. Wilmesherr

Pastor: What is prayer?

People: **Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, for things agreeable to God's will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgment of God's mercies.**

Pastor: What rule has God given for our direction in prayer?

People: **The whole Word of God is of use to direct us in prayer; but the special rule of direction is that form of prayer which Christ taught his disciples, commonly called "the LORD's Prayer."**

Pastor: What does the preface of the LORD's Prayer teach us?

People: **The preface of the LORD's Prayer, which is, "Our Father which art in heaven," teaches us to draw near to God with all holy reverence and confidence, as children to a father, able and ready to help us; and that we should pray with and for others.**

### 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

*God, Beyond All Names*

*Bernadette Farrell*

God beyond our dreams, you have stirred in us a memory; You have placed your powerful spirit in the hearts of humankind. (*Refrain*): *All around us we have known you, all creation lives to hold you. In our living and our dying we are bringing you to birth.* God, beyond all names, you have made us in your image; We are like you, we reflect you; we are woman, we are man. (*Refrain*). God, beyond all words, all creation tells your story; You have shaken with our laughter, you have trembled with our tears. (*Refrain*). God, beyond all time, you are laboring within us; We are moving, we are changing in your spirit ever new. (*Refrain*). God of tender care, you have cradled us in goodness, You have mothered us in wholeness, you have loved us into birth. (*Refrain*).

*text: Bernadette Farrell]*

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS and PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Wilmesherr

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

\*DOXOLOGY 708 (*stanza 1*)

***We Give Thee but Thine Own***

*Schumann*

**We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O LORD, from Thee.**

## FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*CLOSING HYMN 315

***In the Midst of New Dimensions***

*New Dimensions*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Speed

\*ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*March in F*

*Jacques Lemmens*

### Music

Matthew McMahan, *Organist & Choirmaster*  
Chancel Choir of Decatur Presbyterian Church,  
Ginny Corradino, *soprano*; Ivan Segovia, *baritone*

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### Sanctuary Flowers

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

*Betty Allen*  
by her family

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### Confirmation Retreat at DPC Retreat Center

Rev. Tully Fletcher and the Confirmation Class of 2022, along with the Confirmation Mentors, are at the DPC Retreat Center at Lake Lanier this weekend for the Confirmation Retreat.

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### Wednesday Night Activities Have Resumed

Wednesday Nights are back! Join us for in-person children's choirs and programs (5:00–6:15 pm), Practicing Spiritual Disciplines Group led by Todd Speed (5:30–6:15 pm), Dinner (6:15–7:00 pm; \$10 adults/\$5 children/\$30 family max), and Mid-Week Worship, a brief, casual time of worship held in the Parlor (7:00–7:30 pm). RSVP for meals at <https://tinyurl.com/DPCdinners>  
Masks are to be worn unless eating or drinking.

### **NEW! Mid Week Worship! Wednesdays 7:00–7:30 pm in the Parlor.**

Simple, Engaging, Inter-Generational Time of Worship

March 16: *Characteristics of God—What's God Like?*, Tully Fletcher

March 23: *Metaphors of God—What's Like God?*, Drew Wilmesherr

March 30: *Names of God—What Do We Call God?*, Emily Wilmesherr

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### Help DPC Show Hospitality as Memorial Receptions Return

It has been so difficult for DPC to suspend memorial services and receptions during the last two years. Fortunately, as restrictions in this pandemic begin to be lifted, we can return to this ministry of compassion. These services and receptions provide a wonderful opportunity to share memories of those we have lost and mourn their passing with family and friends. There are several ways men and women can offer their time, talents, and donations to help the receptions ministry of this church.

Provide homemade or purchased sweet or savory food for the reception.

Help to plate food and arrange the serving tables.

Assist in serving refreshments and replenishing platters.

Join the clean-up crew after the reception.

Choose the dates that work best for you, it's not necessary to volunteer every time. Many services and receptions are held on Saturdays, though some take place during the week. Food can be dropped off at the church ahead of time.

If you have questions or would like more information, or if you're ready to sign up now, please contact either:

Rev. Emily Wilmesherr at [tewilmesherr@dpchurch.org](mailto:tewilmesherr@dpchurch.org)

Sue Bingeman at [suebing72@gmail.com](mailto:suebing72@gmail.com) or 770-653-6776

Kim Campbell at [rousaycamp@comcast.net](mailto:rousaycamp@comcast.net) or 404-294-0052

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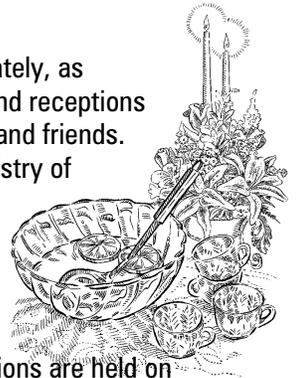
### Open Dates on DPC's Flower Calendar

We have a couple of open dates on the upcoming Flower Calendar. **May 1 and May 29 are open.** If you are interested in providing flowers for the sanctuary worship service on either of those dates, please contact our Flower Calendar Coordinator Lee Smith at [smithle@bellsouth.net](mailto:smithle@bellsouth.net)

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### Compassion Camp June 6–10

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. Registration is available online at [dpchurch.org](http://dpchurch.org) Contact Rev. Emily Wilmesherr with any questions ([ewilmesherr@dpchurch.org](mailto:ewilmesherr@dpchurch.org)).



### Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

The current Russian invasion that started on February 24 follows eight years of conflict between Russia and Ukraine. Hundreds of thousands of people across the country are enduring bombings and assault by Russian military forces; and have lost power, been cut off from water and fuel. As people head toward the western regions, there is a shortage of food and other basic supplies. The reports of displaced persons inside Ukraine continue to rise every day, already in the hundreds of thousands. The UN anticipates that as many as 6.7 million will be displaced internally. In the midst of the chaos, there are sibling churches and ecumenical partners who are already providing assistance with basic items for survival. Initial assistance being provided includes shelter, food, clothing, blankets, baby food and diapers, other hygiene supplies, flashlights and candles, generators and fuel. Our first priority is to provide funding to these partners on the ground.

Gifts can be made online, by calling (800) 872-3283, by texting PDAUKR to 41444, or by check made payable to Presbyterian Church U.S.A. with "DR000156-Ukraine" on the memo line.

### **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!):

**Wednesday Night Activities Are Back!** Children's choirs and programming, Wednesday Night Supper, Spiritual Disciplines group, NEW Mid-Week Worship, Chancel Choir rehearsal

**April 10—Palm Sunday** begins Holy Week with palm processional and Emily Wilmesherr leading worship with communion

**April 14—Maundy Thursday**—service at 5:30 pm with communion led by Tully Fletcher. A meal on the Terrace Garden will follow (weather permitting)

**April 15—Good Friday Service** at 8:00 pm, a Choral Tenebrae service with the Chancel Choir

**April 17—Easter Sunday**, decorate the cross on the lawn at 9 am, Easter celebration service at 10:30 am

**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** to Mobile, AL

**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**

*March/Lenten Theme—Practice Spiritual Disciplines*

March 20	Todd Speed	<i>Listen to God</i>	1 Kings 19:1–18, John 10:27, Revelations 3:20
March 27	Tully Fletcher	<i>Embrace Simplicity</i>	Matthew 6:19–21, Philippians 4:11–12
April 3	Todd Speed	<i>Unplug</i>	Genesis 2:1–3, Mark 1:35–39
April 10	Emily Wilmesherr	<i>Try Different Practices</i>	Hebrews 4:15-16



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