



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

March 27, 2022

4<sup>th</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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Chorale Prelude on Hyfrydol*

*Paul Manz*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Todd Speed

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Speed

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

People: **Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!**

\*OPENING HYMN

*'Tis the Gift to Be Simple*

*Shaker Hymn Tune*

**'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free; 'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be;  
And when we find ourselves in the place just right, 'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.**

**When true simplicity is gained, To bow and to bend, we shant be ashamed;  
To turn, turn will be our delight, For by turning, turning, we come round right.**

**'Tis the gift to live simply where we serve and we love. 'Tis the gift to follow our great God above.  
When we walk Jesus and keep company with him, We will play and we'll dance as we sing this hymn.**

**When true simplicity is found Our hearts are with God, and our feet on the ground.  
To give love will be our delight, And by giving, loving, we live in God's light.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Emily Wilmesherr

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of steadfast love, we confess that we do not live according to your way. You bless those who are poor with the promise of your eternal realm, but we desire wealth and the consolation of earthly treasure. You bless those who are hungry with the promise of fullness of life, but we enjoy rich feasts and are never satisfied with enough. You bless those who are weeping with the promise of laughter, but we praise positivity and mock your suffering servants. You bless those who are hated with the promise of great reward, but we seek approval and despise those who are different.**

**Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to seek your blessing and to be a blessing for others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO PARDON HYMN 423 (stanza 3)

*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: Five Fingered Prayer*

Dr. Speed

Leader: We now go our separate ways.

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

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

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION*

Leah Beaubien, *confirmand*

*NEW TESTAMENT READING*

Leah Beaubien

Philippians 4:11–12  
(*pew Bible, pag 199, NT*)

*NEW TESTAMENT READING*

Rev. Tully M. Fletcher IV

Matthew 6:19–21

(*pew Bible, pag 6, NT*)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

*SERMON*

*Practice Spiritual Disciplines: “Embrace Simplicity”*

Rev. Fletcher

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles’ Creed)*

Rev. Wilmesherr

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. *Amen.***

*REFLECTIONS ON UKRAINE*

Rev. Dr. Robert Gamble

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER*

Dr. Gamble

**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*

*Breathe On Me, Breath of God*

*Steven Richards*

Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew, That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do. Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure, Until with Thee I will one will, to do or to endure. Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am wholly Thine, Until this earthly part of me glows with Thy fire divine. Breathe on me, breath of God, so I shall never die, But live with Thee the perfect life of Thine eternity. Breathe on me, breath of God.  
*[text: Edwin Hatch]*

*OFFERING 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 797*

***We Cannot Measure How You Heal***

*Ye Banks and Braes*

*\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

Rev. Fletcher

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: HYMN 205

*Live in Charity*

*Ubi Caritas*

(Sung three times through: 1-choir in latin / 2-choir in English / 3- choir and congregation in English)

\*ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Moderato in D*

*Flor Peeters*

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**Music**

Matthew McMahan, *Organist & Choirmaster*  
Chancel Choir of Decatur Presbyterian Church  
Allison Melton, *mezzo soprano*

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**Sanctuary Flowers**

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

*Candler A. (Pat) Murphey, Jr.*

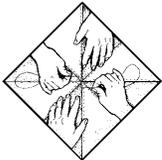
by

his family

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**Prayer Quilt**

**You are invited** to stop in the Philips Foyer today after this morning's worship service to lay a hand—which represents a prayer—on a **prayer quilt** (No ribbons to tie on this one—would be a choking hazard for the baby). The quilt is for ***Nina Lucia Bermudez***, the newborn granddaughter of Ann Turnipseed. Please come add your prayer for this member of our church family.



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**Flowers for Easter Sunday**

Would you like to help make our beautiful church even MORE beautiful for Easter? Let's fill it with FLOWERS! Flower wreaths on the doors, fresh flower arrangements in the Narthex, Foyer & Parlor to welcome church members and the community back to DPC after two years!



If you'd like to contribute to Easter Flowers (apart from the Sanctuary arrangements already being provided by Larry Fossett), you can send a check in any amount to DPC. It will be considered a donation to the church. Please put "Extra Easter Flowers" in the memo line. If you want to dedicate your donation to someone, please email Denise at [dhowell@dpchurch.org](mailto:dhowell@dpchurch.org) by April 10 for inclusion in the Easter bulletin. Thank you!!

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**This Child Here**

*THIS CHILD HERE* is a registered non-profit and validated ministry in the Presbyterian Church USA at work in the country of Ukraine. Currently, we are focused on aid for refugees and supplies for those who have decided to stay in their cities and homes. Over the past 15 years, our people have run programs for street kids and children in orphanages. We have trained foster parents, offered camps for families displaced by the war, taught peacemaking techniques to teens, and led group therapy for the children of soldiers. We are already looking ahead to programs we will design to help people cope with life following the end of this conflict.

<http://www.thischildhere.org>

Robert Gamble is a graduate of the US Coast Guard Academy, and served five years as an officer. He graduated from Columbia Seminary in Decatur, GA (D.Min.) and Princeton Seminary, Princeton NJ. (Th.M.) He has served churches in Florida, Georgia, New Jersey, New Mexico, Western Maryland and Tennessee. He began to work in Peacemaking in the 1980's during the conflict in Central America, chairing the Peacemaking Committee of Memphis Presbytery, traveling to Nicaragua and helping coordinate Peacemaking Conferences in Montreat NC. He has been at work in Ukraine with *This Child Here* since 2006.

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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>

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

Simple, Engaging, Inter-Generational Time of Worship

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

### 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](mailto: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 3—Young Adult Lunch**, meet at DPC, in the Terrace Garden, at 11:40, and we will walk to eat somewhere on the square in Decatur. Let Pastor Tully know if you're coming 919-819-2057

**April 6—NO Wednesday Night Activities** (except Chancel Choir rehearsal)

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

**April 13—NO Wednesday Night Activities**

**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

**April 24—Youth BBQ Fundraiser** after worship in the Terrace Garden

**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 Trip** to CROSS in Charlotte, NC

**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*

April 3 Todd Speed

*Unplug*

Genesis 2:1–3, Mark 1:35–39

April 10 Emily Wilmesherr

*Try Different Practices*

Hebrews 4:15-16 (Palm Sunday)



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