



DECATUR
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
Presbyterian Church (USA)

Every child of God ~ belonging, engaging, being transformed

April 10, 2022

Palm Sunday

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 March Based on "Lift Up Your Heads", from Handel's MESSIAH Alexander Guilment
Calvert Johnson, guest organist/choirmaster

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Todd Speed

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*(Please sign and pass the **Ritual of Friendship Register** at this time so that we might know your concerns, and keep you informed about the life and ministry of this community of faith.)*

**CALL TO WORSHIP*

Dr. Speed

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

People: **Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: Let Israel say, "His love endures forever!" and all who fear God say, "His love endures forever!"

People: **Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: With the Lord on our side, what can we fear? What can humankind do?

People: **Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: We shall triumph over those who surround us and stand in confidence in the Lord, our God!

People: **Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: The Lord is our strength and our might. The Lord has become our salvation!

People: **Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!**

**OPENING HYMN 196*

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. Speed

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Triumphant Lord, we rejoice in your entry into the world and into our lives! Joining with the crowds, we sing your praises and exalt your reign, but even so, our hearts are far from true worship, our minds are distant from true understanding. We are disappointed with your humility, we are uninspired by your selflessness. Our sin leads us to give you death even though you give us life. Our treachery guides us to war even though you call us to peace.

Help us to reflect in our lives the glory of your Son and to live faithfully here and now. Have mercy on us, Savior of all, find us in these forsaken places. Forgive what we have done and who we have been. Bring us home again and impart within us a new song of joy and celebration. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO PARDON HYMN 415* **Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Restoration

Children are invited forward during the hymn. Following the Intergenerational Moment, children ages 4 to 3rd 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.

Today's Children's Chapel Leaders: Linda LeBron and Kathryn Hecker

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

INTERGENERATIONAL MOMENT

Linda LeBron

Leader: We now go our separate ways.

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

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Connie Perry

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 4:14–16
(*pew Bible, page 220, NT*)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Follow Me: Biblical Practices For Faithful Living

SERMON

Practice Spiritual Disciplines: "Try New Spiritual Disciplines"

Rev. Emily Wilmesherr

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

Dr. Speed

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

OFFERING and PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dr. Speed

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.**

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Dr. Speed

Responding with Thanksgiving

Rev. Wilmesherr

Leader: May the God of hosannas be with you.

People: **May the God of this holy week be with you.**

Leader: Lift your broken hearts to our God,

People: **who will fill them with hope in these days.**

Leader: Remember to sing laments during this holy time,

People: **we do so, that we may know the reason for glad songs of joy.**

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. Wilmesherr

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

The Tree of Life

K. Lee Scott

Chancel Choir

There in God's garden stands the tree of Wisdom, Whose leaves hold forth the healing of the nations: Tree of all knowledge, tree of all compassion, Tree of all beauty. Its name is Jesus, name that says, "Our Savior!" There on its branches see the scars of suffering; See there the tendrils of our human selfhood Feed on its lifeblood. Thorns not its own are tangled in its foliage; Our greed has starved it; our despite has choked it. Yet, look! It lives! Its grief has not destroyed it Nor fire consumed it. See how its branches reach to us in welcome; Hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye weary! Give me your sickness; give me all your sorrow; I will give blessing." This is my ending; this my resurrection; Into your hands, LORD, I commit my spirit. This have I searched for; now I can possess it. This ground is holy. All heaven is singing, "Thanks to Christ whose passion offers in mercy healing, strength, and pardon. Peoples and nation, take it; take it freely!" Amen! My Master!

[Pécselyi Király Imre; translated, Erik Routley]

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Dr. Speed

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

**CLOSING HYMN 197*

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Ellacombe

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

Rev. Wilmesherr

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY*

March Triomphale

Jacques-Nikolaus Lemmens

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Welcome Guest Organist

Matt McMahan, Minister of Music, is away at a family wedding this weekend. Filling in for Matt today is **Dr. Calvert Johnson**, retired professor of organ at Agnes Scott College and former organist for First Presbyterian Church of Marietta.

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Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of our parents and grandparents,

Joyce & Jimmy Bond

Sue and Hugh Warren

by

Camilla, Catherine, Claire, and Hugh Warren

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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 by April 12 for inclusion in the Easter bulletin. Thank you!!

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One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Collected Easter Sunday

Matthew 25 teaches us that, in every time and season the Church connects with itself and its Savior through relationships with those in need – those who have least. One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way Presbyterians come together every year to address these needs by advancing the causes of justice, resilience, and sustainability. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot! To learn more, go to pcusa.org/oghs

Holy Week 2022 at DPC

Palm Sunday, April 10 – 10:30 am

Live Streamed and in-person service in the sanctuary with procession of palms and communion led by Emily Wilmesherr

NO Wednesday Night Activities This Week (except Chancel Choir rehearsal)

Maundy Thursday, April 14 – 5:30 pm

Live Streamed and in-person service from the sanctuary with communion led by Tully Fletcher; Dinner to follow in the Terrace Garden (weather permitting)

Good Friday, April 15 – 8:00 pm

Live Streamed and in-person Choral Tenebrae service (a candlelight service with the last seven words of Christ) in the sanctuary featuring the Chancel Choir

Easter Sunday, April 17

9:00 am – Cookies and Flowering of the Cross on the Lawn

10:30 am – Live Streamed and in-person service in the sanctuary led by Todd Speed

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 13–NO Wednesday Night Activities (except Chancel Choir rehearsal)

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 6th graders. In-person & at-home options. Registration is open 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 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 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th grade, held at Maryville College in Maryville, TN

"Follow Me" Upcoming Sermon Texts

April 17 Todd Speed

Easter Resurrection - "Perplexed, Afraid, Amazed"

Psalm 118:1-2,14-24,
Luke 24:1-12

Practice Joy

April 24 Todd Speed

See Joy in God's Creation

Psalm 65:5–13, Genesis 28:11–22

May 1 High School Seniors

Rejoice in God's Mercy

Psalm 30, Psalm 126:1–3, Luke 5:17–26

May 8 Todd Speed

Share Other's Joy

Luke 15, Romans 12:15

May 15 Tully Fletcher

Practice Joy in All Times

Isaiah 51, Hebrews 12:1–2, Philippians 4:4–6



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