



Every child of God ~ belonging, engaging, being transformed

April 24, 2022

2nd Sunday of Easter

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

Easter isn't just a Sunday — it's a season.

One day out of 365 is hardly sufficient to celebrate the great mystery of our faith — that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Accordingly, the season of Easter lasts seven weeks (a “week of weeks”), spanning the 50 days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday and encompassing the festival of the Ascension of the Lord. The season of Easter is intended to be a joyful time for celebrating the presence of the risen Christ in the church.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY “The Rejoicing” from MUSIC FOR THE ROYAL FIREWORKS G. F. Handel

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Tully M. Fletcher IV

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP*

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

People: **Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed!**

**OPENING HYMN 645*

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Mit Freuden Zart

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Emily Wilmesherr

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this wider world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land, pollute the seas and widen the gap between rich and poor. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation.

(Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession.)

Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive our world, and restore to us the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM

Sing to the Lord a New Song
Covenant Choir

Marilyn Vandegrift

Sing to the Lord, O sing to the Lord a new song; Serve Him with gladness, with hymns and with singing, O sing to the Lord a new song.
[Marilyn Vandegrift]

Children are invited forward following the anthem. Following the Intergenerational Moment, children will go out with Pastor Emily to create a written and drawn Prayers of the People to celebrate God's creation. They will return for the prayer in the sanctuary then exit for a story. Pick up children in the Children's Library, located on the loft outside the nursery.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

INTERGENERATIONAL MOMENT

Rev. Fletcher

Leader: We now go our separate ways.

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

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Robbie Eldridge

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

Psalm 65:5-13
(*pew Bible, page 528, OT*)

Dr. Speed
Genesis 28:11-22
(*pew Bible, page 25, OT*)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Follow Me: Biblical Practices For Faithful Living

Practice Joy: "See Joy in God's Creation"

SERMON

Dr. Speed

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF EASTER FAITH

Dr. Speed

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast; that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day; and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the disciples, and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.

He is the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

He is our Lord and our God.

With the faithful of every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Wilmesherr and Children

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.

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Dr. Speed

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

With A Voice of Singing

Chancel Choir

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, *Alleluia*. Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered His people, *Alleluia*. O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of His name, make His praise to be glorious.
[taken from Isaiah 48 and Psalm 100]

*EASTER DOXOLOGY

Lasst uns Erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dr. Speed

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

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*BENEDICTION & BLESSING OF THE BBQ

Dr. Speed

*ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Trumpet Tune in D

David N. Johnson

Music

Matthew McMahan, *Organist & Choirmaster*
Lori McMahan, *Director of Children's Music Ministry*
Chancel Choir, Covenant Choir

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Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God
and in honor of our parents
Sacra and Rex Vaughan
and all those caring for them through recent illnesses
Phyllis and Crawford Kennedy
and staff that assists with such care, Lula, Angie, Sally and Terry
by Jeff & Leah Vaughan

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NEW! Download the Vanco Mobile App to Make Easy Payments to the Church!



Download the app, click “Find your organization” and search Decatur Presbyterian Church, Decatur, GA, enter your Payment method and you are set up!

Example: For Wednesday Night Supper: Choose Congregational Events, enter a payment method, show confirmation to pay table host, and you are good to go! The App is also usable for all church donations and event payments!

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Prayer Vigil for People of Ukraine (scan code for more info!)

Wednesday, April 27, 7:30–8:30 pm at First Baptist Church, Decatur. Bring you lawn chair and join the Greater Decatur Houses of Worship for a Prayer Vigil with prayer and song on the lawn of First Baptist. Sponsored by North Decatur Presbyterian, Oakhurst Presbyterian, Oakhurst Baptist, Decatur Presbyterian, Columbia Presbyterian, First Baptist Decatur, and Decatur First United Methodist Churches.



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Lunch & Learn: Post-Pandemic Identity

How has the pandemic affected our sense of self and how we fulfill God's call on our lives? How has your personal ministry to self and others changed? How has the church changed? We'll look at some of the emerging knowledge about how the pandemic has changed our lives and explore more personally what this may mean for your own sense of self, faith, and mission to others.

Join us for lunch and then hear from our speaker, Dr. Kathy Dawson. Dr. Dawson, is a certified Christian educator and ordained pastor in the PC(USA). She is currently serving on the faculty of Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia as Benton Family Associate Professor of Christian Education. Besides her teaching, she was instrumental in beginning two degree programs (DEdMin and MAPT) and curates a website and Facebook group known as Hope4CE that offers innovative educational ideas to churches around the world. In 2015 she was awarded the Educator of the Year Award by the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators (APCE).

DPC's Senior Adult Ministry (SAM) will host a Lunch & Learn
April 28th, 12pm-2pm

Decatur Presbyterian Church parlor
Lunch: \$10/person, to be paid at the door

Menu: chicken salad; frozen fruit salad; cheese straws; coconut cake; tea, coffee, and water

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Women's Brunch

Saturday, May 14, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm in the Keith Parlor

Brunch is \$10 per person and childcare is provided. RSVP online or by calling the church office.

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 24–Youth BBQ Fund Raiser after worship in the Terrace Garden

April 28–SAM (Senior Adult Ministry) Lunch & Learn. a delicious lunch at noon followed by a program led by Kathy Dawson from Columbia Theological Seminary on Post-Pandemic Identity

May 14–Flower Guild Workshop, 9:00 to 10:30 am in the Session Room

May 14–Women's Brunch at 10:30 am in the Keith Parlor, a fellowship event for all women of DPC

May 22–Young Adult Lunch, meet after worship to walk to lunch in Decatur

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

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

Practice Joy

May 1	High School Seniors	<i>Rejoice in God's Mercy</i>	Psalm 30, Psalm 126:1–3, Luke 5:17–26
May 8	Todd Speed	<i>Share Other's Joy</i>	Luke 15, Romans 12:15
May 15	Tully Fletcher	<i>Practice Joy in All Times</i>	Isaiah 51, Hebrews 12:1–2, Philipians 4:4–6

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 has a new emphasis each month, walking through many of the foundational aspects of faithful Christian discipleship over the course of the year. We are very excited about the potential of this new curriculum to nurture faithful living as we explore core biblical and spiritual practices. Check out the Wednesday Night discussion group led by Todd Speed called *Faithful Living* at 5:30 to 6:15 pm!



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Eradicating Systemic Poverty



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