



Every child of God ~ belonging, engaging, being transformed

May 1, 2022

3rd 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.

CHORAL INTROIT

This is the Feast of Victory

Richard Hillert

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia! Worthy is Christ, the Lamb Who was slain, Whose blood set us free to be people of God. *[text: John W. Arthur]*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Tully M. Fletcher IV

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Tyler Johnson

Leader: God created us in God's image to love and serve.

People: **I belong here!**

Leader: This is the church of Jesus Christ, we gather to worship our Lord.

People: **You belong to this community!**

Leader: In this place the Holy spirit binds us together as one.

People: **We belong to each other!**

*OPENING HYMN 441

Hear the Good News of Salvation

Nettleton

CALL TO CONFESSION

Audrey Trujillo

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and mercy, you are glorious to behold, yet we hide our eyes from your presence. You are a wise teacher, yet we do not listen to your word. You are strong, yet we rely on our own weakness. You offer healing, we spread our suffering around. We are lifeless when we ought to dance and speechless when we ought to sing.

Moment of Silence

Leader: Forgive us, O Lord. Speak peace to our fearful hearts, strengthen our weak hands, and make firm our feeble knees as we seek to follow in your holy way.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Fletcher

RESPONSE TO PARDON, HYMN 435 ***There's a Wideness in God's Mercy***

In Babilone

All 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. (Parents are welcome to walk out with us to see where we meet.) 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: Jan Bedol and Kris Taylor

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

INTERGENERATIONAL MOMENT: Senior Celebration

Reynolds DeLisle

Leader: We now go our separate ways.

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

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sam DeLisle

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Tyler Johnson and Isabel Taggart

Psalm 30:1-12

(pew Bible, page 505, OT)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ellington Scott Brooks-Lytle

Luke 5:17-25

(pew Bible, page 63, NT)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Follow Me: Biblical Practices for Faithful Living

Practice Joy: "Rejoice in God's Mercy"

Rev. Fletcher and Seniors

SERMON

Senior Panel: Sam DeLisle, Rush Forquer, Tyler Johnson, Anna Taggart, Isabel Taggart

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, page 35, front of Hymnal (The Apostles' Creed)*

Anna Taggart

OFFERING and PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rush Forquer

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

*(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.)*

**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!

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Fletcher

Responding with Thanksgiving

Rev. Emily Wilmesherr

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: All honor and praise and glory be to God.

People: **The Lord's name be praised forever.**

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

Rev. Wilmesherr and Rev. Fletcher

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.
The communion bread is gluten, soy, nut, and dairy free.)*

Communion Anthem

Who At My Door Is Standing?

K. Lee Scott

Who at my door is standing, there patiently drawing near, Who entrance is demanding? Whose is the voice I hear? Sweetly the tones are falling: "Now, open the door for Me! If thou wilt heed My calling, I will abide with thee." Within, the rooms are darkened, all filled with dust and sin. How shameful, how unworthy for Christ to enter in. Yet the tones are falling: "Now open the door for Me! If thou wilt heed My calling, I will abide with thee." Door of my heart, I hasten! Thee will I open wide. Though He rebuke and chasten, He shall with me abide. Yet the tones are falling: "Now open the door for Me!" LORD God, I hear Thee calling, Come now, abide with me.

[text: Mary Slade]

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Fletcher

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN 432

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

Repton

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Fletcher and Seniors

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE, HYMN 80

You Shall Go Out with Joy

The Trees of the Field

*ORGAN VOLUNTARY

God of Grace and God of Glory

Paul Manz

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Senior Plans

Sam DeLisle, Virginia Tech., Major in engineering

Rush Forquer, Wake Forest University

Parker Hills, Georgia State

Tyler Johnson, University of Michigan, study Tuba performance & playing in the Marching Band

Anna Taggart, College of Wooster, will be playing soccer

Isabel Taggart, Kenyon College, will be playing soccer

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Music

Matthew McMahan, *Organist & Choirmaster*

Chancel Choir

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Sanctuary Flowers

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

Callaway Thrash and Mary and Mark Huie

by Jane and Mo Thrash

† † †

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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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.

Staff Birthdays and Anniversaries in May

Birthdays: Emily Wilmesherr's birthday is May 25

Service Anniversaries: Juan Hernandez, 6 years, started at DPC May 15, 2016

Denise Howell, 20 years, started at DPC May 22, 2002

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! 5:00–5:25 pm: Children's Cricket Choir and Kid's Club (1st–5th grade); 5:30–6:15 pm: Children's Covenant Choir, Kid's Club (3 years–K), *Faithful Living* Adult Class led by Todd Speed; 6:15–7:00 pm: Wednesday Night Supper; 7:00–7:30 pm: NEW Mid-Week Worship in the Keith Parlor; 7:30 pm: Chancel Choir rehearsal

May 7–Memorial Service for Carolyn Brooks at 2:00 pm in the sanctuary. Reception following in the Parlor

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.

Register now 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 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

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!



Actively Engaged in the World

A Bold Vision and Invitation:

Building Congregational Vitality

Dismantling Structural Racism

Eradicating Systemic Poverty



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