

DECATUR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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The mission of the DECATUR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH community is to share Jesus Christ's love for the world.

DPC 2025: Every child of God - belonging, engaging, being transformed

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All participants in the DPC community are encouraged to engage in ministry opportunities, in addition to regular Sunday worship, that will deepen their belonging with others, help them to grow in their relationship with God, and discover meaningful avenues to share the love of Christ with neighbors. To which of the following "learning and growing" and/or "giving and serving" opportunities will you offer your time and commitment?

Engage Team

Welcome and engage people of all ages and backgrounds in meaningful experiences of worship and faith formation

Support of Worship Services

Enable Spirit-inspired worship by:

- singing in the Chancel Choir or playing handbells
- utilizing artistic skills to provide creative visual elements
- participate as a reader/liturgist for worship
- volunteer monthly for our Live Stream and Sound Teams
- Help children serve as "Acolytes" (candle lighters)
- Serve on "Sanctuary Guild" to keep Sanctuary tidy and fill pew racks
- Make a Chrismon ornament to go on DPC's Chrismon Tree at Christmas
- Participate in Drama Ministry
- Help with Flower Arrangements for Sanctuary

Adult Sunday Classes

The **Family Class** is a new class for both parents and their children which will meet downstairs on the Children's Hall at 9:30am for fellowship and a Bible story, then practice engaging with the story together as a family.

The **Fellowship Class** meets in the Upstairs Conference Room at 9:15am. This newly revived class for adults of various ages enjoys a discussion-type class and regular Fellowship events.

The **Friendship Class** meets online by Zoom at 8:45am. The group follows the weekly worship scripture and themes. This has been a helpful option for many who have been physically unable to attend, either due to health or geographic location.

The **Crusaders Class**, which has been meeting for over 60 years, meets in the Parlor Classroom at 9:15am. The relationships of these class members have inspired our congregation for generations. Excellent, engaging teachers lead this lecture-style class.

The **Cornerstone Class**, ably led by Dave and Dina Williams, has a broad and interesting discussion curriculum with a hybrid option for those who are not available to meet in person. This class meets in the Session Room at 9:00am.

Weekday Opportunities

During the week, Rev. Vernon Gramling leads two **Faith in Real Life** opportunities - one on **Monday nights at 7:00pm** and the other on **Wednesday mornings at 10:00am**. Vernon elicits fruitful and relevant discussion over the scripture text for the coming Sunday. Our worship is enhanced weekly by those who have already spent time with the text for the day, and the lives of the participants are enriched by their shared experiences.

On **Wednesdays at 5:30pm**, Todd Speed leads our **Faithful Living** class, a relevant, engaging discussion class in the Parlor Classroom. Most of the attendees choose to stay for the intergenerational dinner afterwards in the Fellowship Hall at 6:15pm.

There are **three monthly options for women of the church** for small group fellowship. After their special retreat on August 27, there will be a daytime group on the second Tuesdays, an evening group on the second Thursdays, and a new group on the second Sundays after worship at Twain's.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study meets **Wednesdays at 7:15 to 8:15am via Zoom**. The group uses the LifeChange study guide series available on Amazon and discusses books of the Bible one at a time. All ages welcome. We rotate leadership and encourage open discussion. Contact Dudleylarus@gmail.com to get the Zoom link.

Senior Adult Ministry (SAM)

Monthly gatherings will be a combination of lunch and learns as well as fellowship outings. They will be held at the church and at various locations. Check church communications for details.

Children's Ministry Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer on your own time schedule:

- Pray
- Recruit other volunteers
- Write cards, 'thank you' and 'we-miss-you' cards
- 'graphic design'
- Write Stories & gather quotes for the newsletter
- Help organize children's classrooms
- Website updates
- Photographer (attend events and programs to capture a few pictures)
- Plan and schedule Parent Night Out events

Volunteer on a set time table:

- Club 345 partner (assist with monthly gatherings for 3rd-5th graders)
- Kids Club teacher (Wednesday nights 5-5:30, 1st-5th graders)
- Godly Play storyteller (Wednesday nights 5:30-6:15, 3-5 year olds)
- Children's Chapel teacher or assistant (Sundays during worship, PreK-2nd graders, monthly rotation)
- Nursery helper substitute (call on when needed)
- Trunk-n-Treat team (event is Oct. 28th, planning begins in August)
- Advent Festival team (event is Nov. 27th, planning begins in September)
- Summer Camp planning team (June 5-9, 2023 camp, planning will begin in October)
- Join the Children's Ministry (every other month meetings to future plan, think about volunteers, and pray for our children & their families)

Youth Ministry Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer on your own time schedule:

- Meal coordinator
- Pray
- Recruit other volunteers
- Write cards, 'thank-you' and 'we-miss-you' cards
- 'graphic design'
- Write Stories & gather quotes for the newsletter
- Help organize all the 'stuff' in Sycamore House

Volunteer on a set time table:

- Youth Group Advisor (Sundays 6-8pm)
- Confirmation mentor (dates TBD)
- Trip chaperone (Summer trips, Winter Retreat, Cornmaze 10/23)
- Serve on the YMT (Youth Ministry Team—meetings every other month)

Caring Team

Care compassionately for those struggling with life circumstances, including those living on the margins of society

Caring for Our Congregation

- Visit homebound members and gather monthly with Pastors' Aides in order to provide genuine caring and maintain strong connections to our church family.
- Participate in and/or lead a Grief Group or Caregiver Group
- -Break down Sanctuary flower arrangements into smaller ones to deliver to church and community members who could use a cheery greeting
- Volunteer to drive church members to doctor appointments

Caring for Our Community

- Volunteer weekly or monthly for Threshold Ministry to provide direct service to guests in need or work in a supportive, background role
- Serve on the Threshold Ministry Steering Team
- Participate in community fundraising efforts for Threshold Ministry
- Provide a meal once a quarter for families at Hagar's House
- Serve as a liaison for one of our local non-profit mission partners like Decatur Cooperative Ministries, Decatur Emergency Assistance Ministry, or Memorial Drive Ministries
- Participate in local mission projects which serve the broader community
- Serve as a liaison between the church and Global Village Project
- Serve as volunteer for GVP or as a mentor to a GVP alumna
- Provide a meal and/or serve as a host for college students through UKirk Campus Ministry
- Participate with others in such groups as Presbyterians for a Better Georgia, advocating for changes in laws and policies

Caring for Our World

- Serve as an advocate within the congregation for one of our Global Mission Partners on the Mexico border, Madagascar, Malawi, or South Sudan
- Host and/or visit one of global mission partners
- Participate with DPC in an international service and learning experience

Outreach Team

Outreach: Implement courageous outreach efforts that engage new people with the church community

- Participate in community outreach events, like hosting the Blessing of the Pets or providing a DPC presence at Decatur Festivals
- Follow up with DPC visitors, ensuring they feel welcome and helping them become engaged with the DPC community
- Participate in and encourage "Invite a Friend" efforts
- Serve the Decatur Presbyterian Children's Community (preschool and kindergarten) by volunteering in a classroom, assisting with special events, or working with the leadership team

Belonging

Belonging: Intentionally build relationships within the church community

- Help plan and support church wide fellowship events, like picnics, retreats, and Sunday luncheons
- Participate and/or help initiate fellowship activities for Young Adults, Senior Adults Ministry (SAM), book clubs, or men's events
- Help collect money at Wednesday Night Supper
- Host fellowship gatherings at DPC's Retreat Center on Lake Lanier
- Provide exam care packages to DPC's college students
- Plan and host DPC College Connections events for holidays or summer
- Provide leadership to a new 1-on-1 community conversations effort

Resources Team

Faithfully steward human, financial, and capital resources, inspiring generosity & sustainability among the congregation and community

- Offer time and/or expertise to the important ministries of Finance or Stewardship Ministries
- Participate in evaluating annual grant applications with the Endowment Ministry
- Serve as an advisor for the Property Committee
- Participate in workday events or special projects at DPC or the Retreat Center
- Support the Personnel Ministry by caring for and supporting DPC staff
- Serve as a Technology "techie" resource for the DPC staff and operations
- Serve on an Environmental Green Team to educate and advocate for sustainable practices and policies within DPC and beyond
- Serve as a volunteer for the Property Ministry to complete 'handy person' projects

