



## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Assisted listening devices are available in the Narthex and Philips Foyer.*

### CHORAL INTROIT

*Gloria Patri in G*

*John Weaver*

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.  
Amen, Amen, Amen.

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Emily Wilmesherr

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalms 92 and 139)

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord and to sing praises to God's name.

People: **It is good to declare God's steadfast love in the morning, and God's faithfulness by night.**

Leader: For the Lord has made us glad by God's works.

People: **At the work of God's hands, we sing for joy.**

Leader: How great are the works of the Lord! God's thoughts are very deep.

People: **God's knowledge is too wonderful for us; it is so high we cannot attain it.**

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: **The Lord's name be praised!**

### \*HYMN 451

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

*Open My Eyes*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Nicole Jiskoot

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We confess that we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Our thoughts have not been focused upon your Word or your will; our conversations have not deepened to include your wisdom. We have experienced your grace and grown in divine understanding, yet we have been reluctant to share even that which has transformed our lives...**

*(personal prayers of confession)*

**Have mercy on us, O Lord. Open our hearts to receive your forgiveness. Open our minds to think in new ways. Open our mouths and speak through us words of wisdom, so that all may know of your grace and love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Children are invited forward. Following the Inter-generational Moment, children ages 4 to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade have the option of attending Children's Chapel in the Children's Multi-Purpose Room.*

*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: Kris Taylor, Emily Wilmesherr, and Lori McMahan*

Leader: We now go our separate ways.  
Adults: **May God be with you there.**  
Children: **May God be with you here.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dr. Speed

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 6:4–9  
(*pew Bible, page 163, OT*)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 18:1–4, 24–28  
(*pew Bible, page 138, NT*)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Follow Me: Biblical Practices For Faithful Living**  
*“Practice Generosity–Share Wisdom”*

SERMON

Dr. Speed

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from the Confession of 1967, Book of Confessions, PC(USA)*)

Nicole Jiskoot

**God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of humanity’s mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals God’s love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

Nicole Jiskoot

**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.**

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP and INTRODUCTION TO OFFERING

Dr. Speed

(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.)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Breathe On Me, Breath of God*

Steven Rickards

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]

\*DOXOLOGY 606

Old Hundredth, L.M.

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Scan the QR Code on the back of the bulletin to give online!

Dr. Speed

## FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN 687

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

St. Anne

\*BENEDICTION

Dr. Speed

\*POSTLUDE

*Toccata in F*

Dietrich Buxtehude

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**Music**

Matthew McMahan, *Organist & Choirmaster*  
Chancel Choir

### Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God  
in loving memory of  
*Catherine and "Hooley" Wilburn*, parents  
*Joe, Ross, and Tommy Wilburn*, brothers  
*George W. Carter*, husband  
by Catherine Carter  
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### October Staff Birthdays & Anniversaries

**Birthdays:** October 5: **Matt McMahan**, organist & Choirmaster  
October 9: **Karol Eubanks**, Church Administrator  
October 17: **Sylvester Poole**, Custodian  
**Anniversaries:** **R. G. Evans** celebrates 7 years (10/15/15), Physical Plant Manager  
**Todd Speed's** ordination anniversary—29 years (10/10/93), Senior Pastor  
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### Registration Is Open for the Honduras Mission Trip

After too many years DPC is finally going back to Honduras! **July 8 to 15, of 2023** Youth and Adults will go on a mission trip in partnership with HOI. We will travel to Rancho El Paraiso and spend a week working alongside our Honduran siblings. The trip is open to DPC Youth in high school, and recent graduates who missed out on the 2020 trip. **Sign up now! Registration closes soon!** Sign up now: <https://tinyurl.com/honduras2023>  
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### Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) urges your support this hurricane season. In the wake of catastrophic impacts from Hurricane Ian, recovery is ongoing in places hit by Hurricane Fiona, including Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic and Cuba. Storms are becoming more frequent and more severe, and this early in the hurricane season we must prepare for these broad and anticipated catastrophes that have not yet formed. Give today to enable our response, from emergency needs through the long-term recovery phase. Financial support for relief efforts can be designated to DR000194, which supports the church's response to hurricanes and typhoons. Gifts can be made online by going to [pcusa.org/GIVE-HURRICANES](http://pcusa.org/GIVE-HURRICANES), by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check made payable to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) with "DR000194" written on the memo line and Mail to: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700  
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### Mark Your Calendars for Intergenerational Hurricane Relief February 16-20, 2023

Hurricane Ian has been devastating to southwest Florida and beyond. Disaster relief through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) will begin soon and continue for months and even years, with all sorts of ways to help. DPC has begun planning an inter-generational mission trip with other churches from our Presbytery for February. All ages and families are welcome. Contact Lana at [lteko@dpchurch.org](mailto:lteko@dpchurch.org) if interested in participating.  
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### Hands on Mission Spotlight: Global Village Project's Welcome Walk

Global Village Project is an accredited, nonprofit middle school that reactivates the education of refugee girls aged 11-18, so they can access the benefits of a holistic education. They meet on the upper floor of the McGeachy Building. The seeds of Global Village Project were planted in 2007 by a group of volunteers who came together to support and tutor five teenaged Afghani girls in Clarkston, Georgia. By 2009, they'd founded Global Village Project, the only school in the country dedicated to meeting the educational needs of refugee young women and preparing them for high school. The curriculum focuses on STEAM (science, tech, engineering, art and math) with a deep dive into social emotional learning, ELA (english language arts), and trauma informed support. GVP has grown over the last 14 years, thanks to the hospitality of the Decatur Presbyterian Church.

Global Village Project is proud to announce their **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Welcome Walk** presented by Delta Air Lines which takes place on **Saturday, November 5, 2022 at 10 a.m. at Refuge Coffee** (4170 E Ponce de Leon Ave, Clarkston, GA 30021).

The Welcome Walk brings together about 300 people including: students, teachers, parents, volunteers, donors and friends of GVP. The purpose is to celebrate Global Village Project's commitment of welcoming refugees and immigrants into the community. The five mile walk along the PATH trail begins at Refuge Coffee and ends at Global Village Project, housed in Decatur Presbyterian Church. Following the walk, there are fun festivities including: henna making, vendor shopping, music and more! Scan the code to join DPC's walking team or support the Welcome Walk!



## All Hands on Deck!

Calling All Hands on Deck! 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 “learning and growing” and/or “giving and serving” opportunities available will you offer your time and commitment? Have you seen the booklet with the opportunities available listed? Look for the booklet with the All Hands on Deck logo for a listing many of the areas you can engage beyond attending worship at DPC, with an attached card where you can request more information. Look for the ‘hands’ basket, take a cut out hand, write your name and at least one of our ministries where you are engaged beyond worship at DPC, and drop it in the offering plate. We will attach your ‘hands’ to our All Hands on Deck board and fill our ‘deck’!



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### All Hands on Deck “Empowered to Serve” Highlight

Got an empowered volunteer to highlight? Email [dhowell@dpchurch.org](mailto:dhowell@dpchurch.org).

Thanks be to God! for **Sue Bingeman!** Sue is co-chair of the Memorial Reception Committee (who have done an amazing job with a heavy load this season!) She also shares her sewing talent with our Prayer Quilt Ministry and chairs Pastors' Aides Committee, providing delicious treats for meetings and coming up with creative ideas for seasonal gifts for the folks they visit. She is great at communicating congregational needs discovered during Pastors' Aides visits to our pastoral staff. And she's so much fun!

## 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)):

**October 9, 11, & 13–Women's Ministry Gatherings**

**October 11–HOI's (Honduras Outreach International) 2022 Inspire Gala**, 7 to 9 pm, The Metropolitan Club in Alpharetta, with guest speaker Mark Richt

**October 15–Blessing of the Pets Service**, 10:00 am in the Terrace Garden

**October 16–Guest Preacher Victor Aloyo, new President of Columbia Theological Seminary**

**October 16–Supervised Ministry Team Training**, 6:00 pm in the Session Room, come learn how easy (and important!) it is to support and encourage our Supervised Ministry Intern this program year!

**October 23–Threshold Winter Coat Drive**, collection bins available Oct. 16-23, drive thru on October 23 from 11:30 to 1 pm

**October 24–SAM (Senior Adult Ministry) Trip to Blue Ridge** to ride the leaf viewing train!

**October 28–Trunk-n-Treat**, 5 to 7 pm in the DPC main parking lot

**October 30–Kirkin' o' the Tartan Service**, Scone Contest and light lunch after worship!

**July 8–15, 2023–Honduras Mission Trip for High School Youth and Adults**; mark your calendars and get your passports renewed now! Registration is open!

### 'Follow Me' Sermon Series; October Theme is “Practicing Generosity”

October 16 – Rev. Dr. Victor Aloyo, Jr.

*New President of Columbia Theological Seminary*

October 23 – Todd Speed

*“Share Power”*

Leviticus 25:1–17; Luke 18:18–30

### November Theme is “Forgive”

October 30 – Tully Fletcher

*“Recognize Sin”*

Luke 15:11–32

November 6 – Todd Speed

*“Receive Forgiveness”*

Psalms 32; 51; Luke 15:20–24

November 13 – Todd Speed

*“Forgive Others”*

Matthew 18:21–35; Luke 15:25–32

November 20 – Todd Speed

*“Build a Bridge to the Future”*

Genesis 50:15–21; Luke 15:25–32



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