



DECATUR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Presbyterian Church (USA)

Every child of God ~ belonging, engaging, being transformed

October 16, 2022

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

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

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prelude to a Te Deum

Marc-Antoine Charpentier

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nicole Jiskoot

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP (from Micah 6:8)*

Nicole Jiskoot

Leader: With what shall we come before the Lord, and bow ourselves before God on high?

People: **Shall we come before the Lord with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil?**

Leader: Shall we give our firstborn for our transgressions, the fruit of our bodies for the sins of our souls?

People: **The Lord has told us mortals what is good; and what does the Lord require of us but to do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with our God?**

Leader: Praise the Lord!

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

**HYMN 463*

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Tully M. Fletcher IV

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all good gifts, you have provided us with a world filled with plenty, where all should be able to have enough; but we have used our planet's resources wantonly and without regard to future generations. Some have much, others have enough, and many struggle with very little. The disparity is too great. Forgive us for our inability to share that which we have in excess, whether it is wealth, resources, access, time, or power. Forgive us for being lax to deal with systems that perpetuate poverty and oppression, limiting access to resources and decision-making...

(personal prayers of confession)

Merciful God, hear our prayer. Make us more attuned to the needs of others and more willing to work for justice. Be with us in our individual struggles and our struggle as a community of faith working together to bring about your household here on earth; 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 3rd 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: Susan and Gerry Boudreau and Lori McMahan

INTER-GENERATIONAL MOMENT

Rev. Dr. Todd Speed

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

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST PREACHER

Dr. Speed

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Dr. Victor Aloyo, Jr.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 58:1-12
(pew Bible, page 688, OT)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 4:16-19
(pew Bible, page 61, NT)

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

Follow Me: Biblical Practices For Faithful Living

SERMON

“Practice Generosity: Today–Day of Justice and Fulfillment”

Dr. Aloyo

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *The Confession of Belhar, 1986, PC(USA) Book of Confessions*)

Dr. Speed

We believe that God has revealed God’s self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged that God calls the church to follow God in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry; that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind; that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly; that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering; that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right; that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, Amen.

HYMN 287 (verse 1, sing refrain twice) *Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading*

Njoo Kwetu, Roho Mwema

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

Dr. Speed

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.

‘ALL HANDS ON DECK’ CAMPAIGN and FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT Steve Crow and Elizabeth Webb

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP and INTRODUCTION TO OFFERING

Rev. Fletcher

(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

Thine, Lord, is Wisdom, Thine Alone

Dayton F. Tynan, Jr.

Thine, Lord, is wisdom, thine alone, Justice and truth before thee stand; Yet nearer to thy sacred throne, Mercy withholds thy lifted hand. Each evening shows thy tender love, Each rising morn thy plenteous grace; Thy wakened wrath doth slowly move, Thy willing mercy flies apace. To thy benign, indulgent care, Father, this light, this breath we owe; And all we have and all we are, From thee, great Source of being, flow. Thrice Holy, thine the kingdom is, The power omnipotent is thine; And when created nature dies, Thy never-ceasing glories shine! [Ernst Lange, translated by John Wesley]

*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!

Rev. Fletcher

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 315

In the Midst of New Dimensions

New Dimensions

*BENEDICTION

Dr. Aloyo

*POSTLUDE

Rigaudon

André Campra

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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
in loving memory of
Pattie and Hal Johnson

by
their children

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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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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 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 **10th 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!

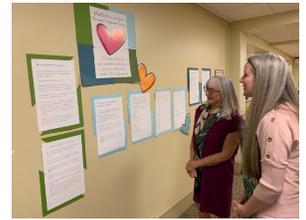


SCAN ME

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What do you love about DPC?!

Thank you for your thoughtful and enthusiastic responses when we celebrated the 15 years Rev. Dr. Todd Speed has devoted to this congregation. Your quotes have been organized into categories and posted in the hallway to the sanctuary. Look for your comments, and those of your friends. You love your pastors and worship services, the music and sense of community, our programs for all ages and support of Threshold.



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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.

Thanks be to God! for **Mimi Thurman!** Mimi is an ordained elder, a long time member of our Chancel Choir, heads up the SAM (Senior Adult Ministry) group, and volunteers with Memorial Receptions, the Flower Guild and Phone Guild.

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):

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 20–Fellowship Sunday School Class’ Third Thursday Fellowship Gathering at Twain’s, 6:00 pm

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

October 23–DPC Youth Escape Woods, sign up now! Meet at 3 pm, return by 8pm, \$45 (scholarships available)

October 28–Trunk-n-Treat, 5 to 7 pm in the DPC main parking lot. We need volunteers! Go to this link to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F084BA9AD28A7FF2-trunk>

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

November 4-6–Fall Middle School Retreat at the Calvin Center, sign up now! Cost is \$125 (all inclusive)

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 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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Actively Engaged in the World

A Bold Vision and Invitation:

- Building Congregational Vitality
- Dismantling Structural Racism
- Eradicating Systemic Poverty

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