



October 23, 2022

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

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

CHORAL INTROIT

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

Richard W. Dirksen

Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing! Your festal banner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King. Hosanna, Hosanna! Rejoice, give thanks and sing! Yes, on through life's long path, Still chanting as ye go; From youth to age, by night and day, In gladness and in woe. Hosanna, Hosanna! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Tully M. Fletcher IV

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (by Beth Merrill Neel, www.holdfasttowhatisgood.com)

Leader: Friends, we know what God desires of us;

People: That we do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.

Leader: We gather this morning to remind each other that now is always the right time to do what God desires.
So, with thanks in our hearts,

People: Let us worship God with all of who we are.

*HYMN 715

The Earth Belongs to God Alone

Land of Rest

1. **The earth belongs to God alone; hard clay, rich soil, fine sand.
Give thanks wherever food is grown on borrowed holy land.**
2. **The fertile ground through years of toil has cried for Sabbath rest—
a time of peace for worn-out soil so land can be refreshed.**
3. **All life belongs to God alone, in wilderness and fields.
From fallow land, or plowed and sown, God gives the good it yields.**
4. **Till God endows the earth once more with Eden's state of grace,
may we endeavor to restore all land as sacred space.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Emily Wilmesherr

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (from the Book of Common Worship, 1993)

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed....

(personal prayers of confession)

In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may recognize your presence among us, choose your will, and obey your commandments; 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: Kathryn & Nick Hecker and Lori McMahan

INTER-GENERATIONAL MOMENT 3rd Grade Bible Presentation

Rev. Wilmesherr

People: Receive the Word of God. Learn its stories and study its words. Its stories belong to us all, and these words speak to us all. They tell us who we are. They tell us that we belong to one another, for we are the people of God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Dr. Todd Speed

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Leviticus 25:1–17
(pew Bible, page 112, OT)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 18:18–30
(pew Bible, page 81, NT)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Follow Me: Biblical Practices For Faithful Living

"Practice Generosity: Share Power"

SERMON

Dr. Speed

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith, PC(USA))*

Rev. Wilmesherr

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" *Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Fletcher

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' REPORT

David Wiley

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP and INTRODUCTION TO OFFERING

Rev. Wilmesherr

*(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

A Clare Benediction

John Rutter

May the Lord show his mercy upon you; May the light of his presence be your guide; May he guard you and uphold you; may his spirit be ever by your side. When you sleep, may his angels watch over you; When you wake, may he fill you with his grace; May you live him and serve him all your days, Then in heaven may you see his face.

**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!*

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

**HYMN 852*

When the Lord Redeems the Very Least

I'll Fly Away

*BENEDICTION

Dr. Speed

*ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fanfare in D

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

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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 our parents,

Roger & Wynelle Bone,
Joseph & Hildegarde Perry
by Connie & Greg Perry

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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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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’!



All Hands on Deck “Empowered to Serve” Highlight

Got an empowered volunteer to highlight? Email dhowell@dpchurch.org.

Thanks be to God! for **Brian Beaubien!** Brian is an elder, currently serving in the Class of 2022. He is the Chair of the Property Ministry—which is a BIG job! He also is a regular volunteer with the youth ministry and an all around great guy!

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 23—Bibles to 3rd Graders presented during worship

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 24—SAM (Senior Adult Ministry) Trip to Blue Ridge for leaf viewing train ride. Group will gather at 9:45 am to leave at 10 am, to return to Decatur around 7 pm.

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)

November 5--10th Annual Global Village Project Welcome Walk presented by Delta Air Lines at **10 a.m. at Refuge Coffee** (4170 E Ponce de Leon Ave, Clarkston, GA 30021). Scan the QR code to join the DPC team or support GVP!

November 6—All Saints’ Sunday, worship with communion and recognition of those who have died since last All Saints’ Sunday. Also, **Daylight Saving Ends**, so set your clocks back Saturday night!

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; Oct/November Theme is “Forgive”

October 30	Tully Fletcher	<i>“Recognize Sin”</i>	Luke 15:11–32
November 6	Todd Speed	<i>“Receive Forgiveness”</i>	Psalms 32; 51; Luke 15:20–24
November 13	Todd Speed	<i>“Forgive Others”</i>	Matthew 18:21–35; Luke 15:25–32
November 20	Todd Speed	<i>“Build a Bridge to the Future”</i>	Genesis 50:15–21; Luke 15:25–32



Advent Theme is “Go Tell”

November 27	Emily Wilmesherr	<i>“The Right Story”</i>	Matthew 25:34-40; Luke 4:16-21, 46-55
December 4	Todd Speed	<i>“Break the Good News”</i>	Luke 1:1–25, 57–80; John 1:1–18
December 11	Todd Speed	<i>“Join the Chorus”</i>	Isaiah 58:6–9a; Acts 8:26–39
December 18	Todd Speed	<i>“Tell of the Hope Within You”</i>	Jeremiah 32:1–44; Luke 2:8–20

A Bold Vision and Invitation:

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

Scan this code with your smart phone to give online!



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