



November 13, 2022

33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m.

*Commitment Sunday*

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

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

*CHORAL INTROIT*

*Gloria Patri*

*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.*

*WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS*

Rev. Dr. Todd Speed

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalms 122 and 133)*

Leader: I was glad when they said unto me,

People: **'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'**

Leader: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,

People: **We will seek the good of our neighbors.**

Leader: For the sake of our relatives and friends,

People: **We will say, 'Peace be with you.'**

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

People: **It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.**

Leader: For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life for evermore. Praise the Lord!

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

*HYMN-ANTHEM*

*A Holy Festival (based on the hymn, Holy, Holy, Holy!)*

*John Ness Beck*

*Combined Covenant and Chancel choirs, congregation will stand to sing 2 stanzas:*

In the midst of the earth will I sing praise unto Thee, I and the children which God hath given me. Unto Thee will I sing, O Thou Holy One of Israel. My lips shall rejoice when I sing unto Thee. The song of the LORD began with trumpets and with instruments, And all the congregation worshiped, and the singers sang and the trumpeters sounded. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up unto the LORD. Let us give thanks unto the LORD. It is meet (proper) and right so to do. It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O LORD, Holy Father Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Thy glorious Name, evermore praise Thee and saying: Holy, holy, holy!...

**\*Holy, holy, holy! LORD God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;**

**Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! LORD God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea;**

**Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

*CALL TO CONFESSION*

Rev. Tully M. Fletcher IV

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION)*

**God of abundant mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We confess that we have sinned against our neighbor, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Though you have greatly loved us, we have not shared the same love with others. Though you have extended forgiveness to us, we have not always forgiven others, holding tightly to old grudges and hurts...**

*(personal prayers of confession)*

**Holy God, grant us grace that we may readily forgive others, just as you have so readily and graciously forgiven us. Enable us by your Spirit to let go of that which separates us from you and others, so that we may live in the newness of life; 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: Gerry Boudreau and Lori McMahan

INTER-GENERATIONAL MOMENT and SPECIAL PRESENTATION FOR LORI & MATT MCMAHAN

Marianne Adams, Personnel Chair; Ron Warren, Chancel Choir President

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 18:21-35  
*(pew Bible, page 20, NT)*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Follow Me: Biblical Practices for Faithful Living

*"Forgive: Forgive Others"*

SERMON

Dr. Speed

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(The Apostles' Creed)*

Rev. Emily Wilmesherr

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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.**

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.)*

'ALL HANDS ON DECK' CAMPAIGN

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Treasures in Heaven*  
Chancel Choir

Allen Pote

Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust corrupt, and where thieves break in and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, for where your treasure is there will your heart be also. Give unto God with cheerfulness, not of necessity or with regret. But give from within your heart.  
*[adapted from Matthew 6:19, I Corinthians 9:7]*

\*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 435

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

*In Babilone*

\*BENEDICTION

Dr. Speed

\*ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Toccata: Now Thank We All Our God*

*Egil Hovland*

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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

*Gayle Bush and Jack Bush*

by

Kristian, Tucker, and Camille Bush

Mandy Blackmon

Jill Joyner

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The flowers are also in honor and in celebration of

*Lori & Matt McMahan*

and their 25 years of

music ministry at Decatur Presbyterian Church

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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](mailto:lteko@dpchurch.org) if interested in participating.

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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](mailto:dhowell@dpchurch.org).

Thanks be to God! for **Kim Campbell!** Kim serves as chair of the Presbyterian Women day circle and co-chair of the Memorial Receptions Committee. She also is a volunteer for the Finance Council Ministry and Prayer Quilt Committee. This busy volunteer also works with the Flower Guild and assists Pastors’ Aides.

“Serving in these different areas is so rewarding,” Kim says. “I feel I’m helping our church family and supporting our congregation, especially in times of need. I’ve also made so many wonderful friends!”

When not serving DPC, Kim also takes care of her elderly mother.

Contact Kim if you might be interested in using your talents for some of the programs she supports.

### 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)):

**November 13–Commitment Sunday and Celebration of 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Matt & Lori McMahan**

**November 13–Peach State Opera “Operatizers”, 3:00 pm, DPC Sanctuary**

**November 17–SAM Card Making Class 10:30 am to noon, \$20 fee includes supplies. Register by calling the church office.**

**November 20–Collection of Thanksgiving Offering for Thornwell during worship**

**November 27–1st Sunday of Advent; Advent Festival 3 tgo 5 pm**

**December 3–Decorate the Church for Christmas Season, gather at 9 am in the sanctuary**

**December 4–2nd Sunday of Advent; New Member/Visitor Gathering after worship**

**December 21–Longest Night Service at 5:30 pm, Dinner at 6:15 pm**

**December 24–Christmas Eve Services at 3:30 pm (“Come as You Are” pageant for families with young children), 5:30 pm (child-led with communion), and 8:30 pm (candle-lit service of Lesson & Carols with communion)**

**December 25–Christmas Day service at 4:30 pm, church-wide potluck dinner at 5:30 pm**

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**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; November Theme is “Forgive”

November 20 Todd Speed

*“Build a Bridge to the Future”* Genesis 50:15–21; Luke 15:25–32

#### “Follow Me’ Advent Theme is “Go Tell”

November 27 Emily Wilmesherr

*“The Right Story”* Matthew 25:34-40; Luke 4:16-21, 46-55

December 4 Todd Speed

*“Break the Good News”* Luke 1:1–25, 57–80; John 1:1–18

December 11 Todd Speed

*“Join the Chorus”* Isaiah 58:6–9a; Acts 8:26–39

December 18 Todd Speed

*“Tell of the Hope Within You”* Jeremiah 32:1–44; Luke 2:8–20



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