



DECATUR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Presbyterian Church (USA)

Every child of God ~ belonging, engaging, being transformed

November 20, 2022

Christ the King Sunday

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

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

CHORAL INTROIT

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

arr. James Mulholland

Chancel Choir

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all! *Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Tully M. Fletcher IV

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 103)

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: **The Lord will not always accuse, nor will God keep his anger forever.**

Leader: The Lord does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

People: **For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love toward those who fear him;**

Leader: As far as the east is from the west, so far does God remove our transgressions from us.

People: **As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.**

Leader: Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers that do his will.

People: **Bless the Lord, O my soul.**

*HYMN 363

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Darwall's 148th

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Fletcher

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength...

(personal prayers of confession)

Forgiving God, set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. 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: Emily Wilmesherr, Lucia Sizemore, and Lori McMahan

INTER-GENERATIONAL MOMENT

Rev. Emily Wilmesherr

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Rev. Dr. Todd Speed, Brian Beaubien, *Elder*, Rev. Fletcher, Rev. Wlmesherr

Eleanor Quinn Fletcher

daughter of Tully Fletcher and Natalia Winberry, born March 9, 2019

Leader: We now go our separate ways.

Adults: **May God be with you there.**

Children: **May God be with you here.**

BAPTISM HYMN 482 (stanza 1)

Baptized in Water

Bunessan

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
heirs of salvation, trusting the promise, faithfully now God's praises we sing.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dr. Speed

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 50:13-21
(*pew Bible, page 48, OT*)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Follow Me: Biblical Practices for Faithful Living

“Forgive: Build a Bridge to the Future”

SERMON

Dr. Speed

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

Nicole Jiskoot

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

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

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP and INTRODUCTION TO OFFERING

Nicole Jiskoot

(*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

My Eternal King
Chancel Choir

Jane M. Marshall

My God, I love thee; not because I hope for heaven thereby, nor yet because who love thee not must die eternally. Thou, O my Jesus, thou didst me upon the cross embrace: For me didst bear the nails and spear and manifold disgrace. Why then, why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love thee well? Not for the hope of winning heaven, or of escaping hell; Not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward; But as thyself hast love me, O ever-loving Lord! E'en so I love thee, and will love and in thy praise will sing: Solely because thou art my God and my Eternal King.

[anonymous 17th-century Latin, transcribed by Rev. Edward Caswall]

*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 367

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

St. George's Windsor

*BENEDICTION

Dr. Speed

*ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Organ Symphony I: Final

Louis Vierne

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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 <i>Gene M. and Nell W. Drake</i> and <i>Alan Stephen Cucich</i> by Dona Drake Cucich	and in loving memory of <i>Angeline McCaskill "Angie" Smith</i> by her family
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*The fruits and vegetables in the floral display will be distributed this week
to the guests of our Threshold Ministry*

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Christmas Decorations & Music Fund (and Last Call for Youth Poinsettias and Chancel Choir Wreaths)

If you would like to contribute to a fund that will used to beautify the Sanctuary and church and provide special Christmas Music, please complete the form below, attach payment and place it in the offering plate, in Financial Administrator's mailbox in the Mail Room, or mail it to the Decatur Presbyterian Church Office, Attn: Christmas Decorations & Music Fund, 205 Sycamore Street, Decatur, GA 30030. **You may also complete the form and pay online by scanning this QR Code (where you may also purchase poinsettias for Youth Fund raiser and wreaths for Chancel Choir Fundraiser before their Monday deadline).**



Please note that the scope of the drive has been expanded to cover special music as well as refurbishing & re-purposing our sanctuary decorations, so please be generous. **All gifts received by December 11 will be acknowledged in the bulletin (in the format below) on Sunday, December 18.**

Donation given in *(please check one)*



Honor

Memory

Name of person honored/remembered

by

Donor Name

OR—I would simply like to donate to the Christmas Decorations & Music Fund **with no dedication:**

Donor Name

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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 Iteko@dpchurch.org if interested in participating.

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 **Donna Stroup**! Donna has sung with the Chancel Choir since 2005. Each year she bravely helps the choir with Christmas decorations, including hanging upside down to secure the balcony garland! She served as the second Coordinator for our Threshold Ministry, and continues to serve on its steering committee. Today, Donna enjoys serving on the Flower Guild and Phone Guild. When not at DPC, she works with A Home for Everyone in DeKalb and is in the violin section of the DeKalb Symphony Orchestra.

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):

- November 27–1st Sunday of Advent; Advent Festival 3 to 5 pm** in Slack Fellowship Hall
- December 3–Decorate the Church for Christmas Season**, gather at 9 am in the sanctuary
- December 3–Pick Up for Poinsettias and Wreaths from Fund Raisers**. 9 to 11 am at Fellowship Hall drive thru
- December 4–2nd Sunday of Advent; New Member/Visitor Gathering** after worship
- December 10–Decatur Presbyterian Children’s Community Breakfast with Santa** in the Keith Parlor, 9 am to noon
- December 21–Longest Night Service** at 5:30 pm in Scott Chapel, 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
- February 16-20, 2023–Inter-Generational Hurricane Relief Mission Trip**. DPC has begun planning an inter-generational mission trip to Hurricane Ian ravaged areas in Florida with other churches from our Presbytery for February. All ages and families are welcome. Contact Lana at Iteko@dpchurch.org if interested in participating
- 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’ 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



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