



DECATUR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Presbyterian Church (USA)

Every child of God ~ belonging, engaging, being transformed

January 15, 2023

Second 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

The Peace May Be Exchanged (from RUBRICS)

Dan Locklair

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Tully M. Fletcher IV

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 131)

Leader: O Lord, my heart is not lifted up, my eyes are not raised too high;
I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.

People: **But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother;
my soul within me is like a weaned child.**

Leader: O Israel, hope in the Lord from this time on and for evermore.
Praise the Lord!

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

*HYMN 82

It Is Good to Sing Your Praises

Ellesdie

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Emily Wilmesherr

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you have given us the gift of Sabbath rest in order to live healthy, whole and ordered lives, but our contemporary lives are not lived according to natural laws, but with 24/7 opportunities for activity, work, and entertainments. Instead of regulating our breathing in and our breathing out, we pack our schedules with worthy commitments and frivolous pursuits, ignoring your command to care for our bodies, our minds, and our spirits...

(silence is kept for personal prayers of confession)

Loving God, forgive our misguided ways; renew within us gratitude for your sacred command to rest; and grant us the courage and wisdom to honor Sabbath time in the midst of a harried and unhealthy world. In the name of Christ we pray, 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: Jason Craw, Natalia Winberry, and Lori McMahan

INTER-GENERATIONAL MOMENT

Barbara Morris

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

Exodus 20:8–11
(*pew Bible, page 66, OT*)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 4:14-16;31-32
(*pew Bible, page 61, NT*)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Follow Me: Biblical Practices for Faithful Living

“Honor Sabbath: Live in Holy Rhythm”

SERMON

Dr. Speed

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from A Brief Statement of Faith, Book of Confessions, PC(USA) 2004 Rev. Wilmesherr

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments. we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

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.

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

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’ FINANCIAL UPDATE

Steve Craw and Elizabeth Webb

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Rev. Wilmesherr

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Claude L. Bass

Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts, thou fount of life, thou light of man, From the best bliss that earth imparts, we turn, unfilled to thee again. Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; thou safest those that on thee call; To those who seek thee, thou art good, to those who find thee, all in all. Our restless spirits yearn for thee, where’er our changeful lot is cast, Glad when thy gracious smile we see, blest when our faith can hold thee fast. O Jesus, ever with us stay; make all our moments calm and bright. O chase the night of sin away; shed o’er the world thy holy light.

text: Latin, 12th century, translated by Ray Palmer]

**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 767*

Together We Serve

San Anselmo

**BENEDICTION*

Dr. Speed

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY*

Toccata in D minor

Gordon Balch Nevin

Music

Matthew McMahan, *Organist & Choirmaster*
Chancel Choir

† † †

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God
by
Elizabeth Beitel

† † †

All Hands on Deck “Empowered to Serve” Highlight

Thanks be to God! For **Joel Drew!** Joel helped clean our the boiler room after the recent flooding and regularly helps Juan Hernandez and RG Evans with jobs around the campus.

† † †

Take the Caterer Survey!

Please scan the QR Code and fill out a 3 minute survey to help us as we search for a new caterer to provide church meals on Wednesday nights, PW meals, SAM lunches, and session dinners.



† † †

SAM Piano & Flute Concert on January 19

Your Senior Adult Ministry (SAM) invites you to a very special “Duet Together!” piano and flute concert on Thursday, January 19, in the sanctuary. Our own Mary Lynn Darden (Chancel Choir) will be joined by Farris Goodrum on the piano and Rev. Betsy Stow on flute. We’ll gather in the sanctuary at 11 a.m. for solo and duet performances of favorite hymns and gospels. Selections range from “This Little Light of Mine” and “Blessed Assurance” to “Fascination” and “The Banjo Rag.” The half-hour program will be followed by a reception with light refreshments in Keith Parlor. The event is free and open to the public, so please invite your friends and neighbors. No reservation is necessary. We will accept donations in support of the 2024 Chancel Choir trip to New York and concert in Carnegie Hall.

† † †

Grief Support Group Luncheon on January 22

Luncheon in the church parlor for all those who may be interested in participating in a grief support group in the coming months. Jill Joyner will be our speaker. Members and friends of members are welcome to attend.

† † †

Information Meeting TODAY, January 15, for February Florida Hurricane Relief Mission Trip

Join Todd Speed in the Session Room after worship Sunday, January 15, for an information meeting regarding the planned mission trip next month to the hurricane-ravaged area of Florida.

† † †

DEAM Position Available

- Job Title:** Assistant Office Manager
- Job Description:** The Decatur-Area Emergency Assistance Ministry's (DEAM) Assistant Office Manager oversees the operation of DEAM two days a week. Activities of the Assistant Office Manager include but are not limited to: supervising volunteers, completing required office reports, assisting volunteers in entering data into the computer system, and writing checks/paying utility bills as needed. (See DEAM Operational Manual for a complete list of job responsibilities)
- Days and Hours:** The DEAM Office Manager works 2 days a week, 4 hours per day.
- Pay:** \$75.00 per day. Paychecks are issued monthly.
- How to Apply:** Contact Rick Gillig at: gilligrick@gmail.com

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!):

January 15–Information Meeting for the Hurricane Relief Mission Trip to Florida, after worship in the Session Room

January 15–Women's Ministry Lunch Group, meet in the Parlor after worship to walk to Twain's

January 16–DPC Office Closed for MLK Holiday

January 19–SAM (Senior Adult Ministry) Piano Concert featuring Mary Lynn Darden and Farris Goodrum, with Rev. Elizabeth "Betsy" Stow on the flute at 11:00 am in the sanctuary, reception to follow in the Keith Parlor

January 20–21–Elder Retreat at Columbia Theological Seminary and DPC

January 22–Grief Support Group, Luncheon in the church parlor for all those who may be interested in participating in a grief support group in the coming months. Jill Joyner will be our speaker. Members and friends of members are welcome to attend.

January 29–Milestone Workshop for 1st Graders on Baptism, 11:45 to 12:45 pm, large Children's Ministry Room

January 30–Staff Retreat at Columbia Theological Seminary (church office will be open)

February 12–Souper Bowl of Caring, youth collecting donations, soup lunch after worship

February 15–19–Inter-Generational Hurricane Relief Mission Trip. DPC is 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 Todd Speed at tspeed@dpchurch.org if interested in participating

February 22–Ash Wednesday, service at 5:30 pm led by Nicole Jiskoot, dinner at 6:15 pm

February 26–Annual Congregational Meeting, presentation of the Annual Report

February 26–Lenten Workshop for all ages, 3 to 5 pm in Slack Fellowship Hall

"Follow Me' Theme "Honor Sabbath"

January 22 Emily Wilmesherr *"Return with Gladness"* Luke 13:10–17

"Follow Me' Theme "Sing a New Song"

January 29	Todd Speed	<i>"Sing Liberation"</i>	Exodus 15:1-21
February 5	Todd Speed	<i>"Sing Tribulation"</i>	Psalms 22
February 12	Todd Speed	<i>"Sing Transformation"</i>	1 Samuel 2:1–10; Luke 1:46–56
February 19	Todd Speed	<i>"Sing New Creation"</i>	Revelation 7:9–17



WE ARE A
MATTHEW 25 Church

Actively Engaged in the World

A Bold Vision and Invitation:

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



DECATUR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 Sycamore Street, Decatur, GA 30030 / www.dpchurch.org / 404-378-1777

Scan this code
with your smart
phone to give
online!

