



# DECATUR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Presbyterian Church (USA)

*Every child of God ~ belonging, engaging, being transformed*

January 22, 2023

Third 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

*Make a Joyful Noise to God*  
Covenant Choir

Jane Marshall

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of God's name, all the earth; Give to God praise! O make a joyful noise to God!  
[from Psalm 66]

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Emily Wilmesherr

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather in this quiet place to hear the words God would speak into our hearts.

**People: Let us listen in the silence.**

Leader: Let our bodies know rest.

**People: Let the worries of our minds cease.**

Leader: Let the doubts of our hearts be stilled.

**People: Let us walk into the mystery of God's presence.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

### \*HYMN 393

*O Day of Rest and Gladness*

*Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvögelein*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Todd Speed

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, you created the Sabbath for us as a day of rest, and commanded us to keep it holy. Your son, Jesus, reminded us that the Sabbath was made for us, a gift from you. But too often, even though we are inside the church building, our minds are elsewhere. Sometimes we turn our thoughts to our busy calendars rather than to you.**

**Forgive us, God! Help us to be attentive to your loving presence now as we worship, and in every moment of our lives. Help us to remember that our time and our very lives belong to you, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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.*

*If you need assistance finding this space, please ask an usher.*

Today's Children's Chapel Leaders: Susan Boudreau, Margaret Sheets, and Lori McMahan

### INTER-GENERATIONAL MOMENT: BAPTISM

Rev. Wilmesherr and Dr. Speed

### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Asher James McHugh

son of Michael & Morgan McHugh, born June 11, 2020

Leader: We now go our separate ways.

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

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

BAPTISM HYMN 486 (stanzas 1 & 4) *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

Kingdom

**Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign,  
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.**

**Child of God, your loving Parent, learn to listen for God's call.  
Grow to laugh and sing and worship; trust and love God more than all.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eli Hooker

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 13:10–17  
(*pew Bible, page 76, NT*)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Follow Me: Biblical Practices for Faithful Living**

*"Honor Sabbath: Return with Gladness"*

SERMON

Rev. Wilmesherr

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *A Brief Statement of Faith, Book of Confessions, PC(USA) 2004*) Dr. Speed

**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

**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 PRESENTATION OF THE 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

*O For a Closer Walk With God*

*Scottish Psalter*

Chancel Choir

*arr. Charles V. Stanford*

O for a closer walk with God, A calm and heav'nly frame; A light to shine upon the road That leads me to the Lamb! Return, O holy Dove; Return sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made Thee mourn, And drove Thee from my breast. So shall my walk be close with God, Calm and serene my frame; So purer light shall mark the road That leads me to the Lamb.

[*text: William Cowper*]

\*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 543

*God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

*Green Tyler*

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Wilmesherr

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Trumpet Tune in B-flat*

*Robert W. Powell*

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**Music**

Matthew McMahan, *Organist & Choirmaster*

Chancel Choir

Covenant Choir

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**Sanctuary Flowers**

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God  
in honor of our children,

*Chet Allen and Liz and Eric McCaslin*

by Mary Ann & Hokie Allen

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**Grief Support Group Luncheon after Worship Today**

Luncheon in the Session Room 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.

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**All Hands on Deck “Empowered to Serve” Highlight**

Thanks be to God for **Karen Jackson!** This creative, artistic new member shared her talents with DPC children at last summer’s Compassion Camp. She also painted the “All Hands On Deck” mural when that program began last fall. She often wears jewelry she created and clothing she embellishes with fabric paints. Karen and her husband Doug moved to Avondale Estates from Roanoke, Virginia, to be near children and grandchildren. Her next goal is to help those struggling with literacy.

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**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.



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**Rev. Fletcher Serving the :Larger Church**

Rev. Tully Fletcher is away today moderating the annual Congregational Meeting of Kelley Presbyterian Church in McDonough, GA. He has served as the Moderator of their Session for the last 18 months.

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**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](mailto:gilligrick@gmail.com)

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**SAM (Senior Adult Ministry) Lunch & Learn on February 2**

Join your Senior Adult Ministry (SAM) for a Lunch & Learn event featuring former WSB-TV anchor **John Pruitt** as he discusses his debut novel *Tell It True*, a historical fiction of the challenges faced by journalists covering the Civil Rights Era. More details coming soon!

## 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)!):

**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. All are welcome!.

**January 29–Milestone Workshop for 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2–SAM (Senior Adult Ministry) Lunch & Learn with John Pruitt**

**February 9–Women's Ministry Night Circle**, 6:30 pm, dinner & lesson in the Keith Parlor

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

**February 12–Women's Ministry**, meet in the Parlor after worship to walk to lunch at Twain's

**February 14–Women's Ministry Day Circle**, 10 am in the Keith Parlor, lesson & lunch

**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](mailto: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 '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	Tully Fletcher	<i>"Sing New Creation"</i>	Revelation 7:9-17

### "Follow Me" Theme 'Love God, Neighbor, Enemy'

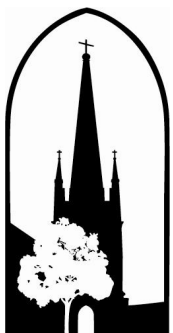
February 26	Todd Speed	<i>"Love Extravagantly"</i>	Luke 6:27-42
March 5	Nicole Jiskoot	<i>"Serve a Stranger"</i>	1 Kings 17:8-16
March 12	Todd Speed	<i>"Show Mercy"</i>	1 Samuel 24; Luke 23:32-43
March 19	Emily Wilmesherr	<i>"Wash Other's Feet"</i>	John 13:1-20
Mach 26	Todd Speed	<i>"Be Courageous"</i>	Acts 6:8-7:2, 51-60
April 2	Tully Fletcher	<i>"Live Peaceably"</i>	Romans 12:9-21 (Palm Sunday)
April 9	Todd Speed		Easter Sunday



*Actively Engaged in the World*

**A Bold Vision and Invitation:**

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



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