



DECATUR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Presbyterian Church (USA)

Every child of God ~ belonging, engaging, being transformed

January 29, 2023

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Chant Donn 

Maurice Durufl 

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Todd Speed

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP, HYMN 611 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* (1st stanza)

Hymn to Joy

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN 234

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

St. Kervin

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Emily Wilmesherr

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, our Strong Deliverer, it is easy for us to forget all you have done for us, both in our individual lives and in the history of humankind. We do not live as liberated people. We do not sing as though we have been freed from sin and death. Trusting in ourselves alone, we have become blind to your works. Indifferent to your salvation, we forget that you are the one who has saved us and will be called upon to save us again...

(Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession)

As we worship you today, remind us of your stories of salvation. May we turn once again to you for help and for hope, for you are the one whose compassion and faithfulness give us the gift of new life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO PARDON HYMN 804 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* (1st stanza)

Marion

**Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

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

Today's Children's Chapel Leaders: Jan Bedol, Kris Taylor, and Lori McMahan

INTER-GENERATIONAL MOMENT

Donna Stroup

Leader: We now go our separate ways.

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

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

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION, 451 *Open My Eyes, That I May See* (1st stanza)

Open My Eyes

**Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 15:1-21
(pew Bible, page 61, OT)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 5:15-20
(pew Bible, page 194, NT)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Follow Me: Biblical Practices for Faithful Living

“Sing a New Song: Sing Liberation”

SERMON

Dr. Speed

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

Rev. Tully M. Fletcher IV

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!”

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Wilmesherr

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’ FINANCIAL UPDATE

Steve Crow

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP and PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Rev. Fletcher

*(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

God, Beyond All Names

Bernadette Farrell

God, beyond all names, you have made us in your image; We are like you, we reflect you; we are woman, we are man. *(Refrain)*. God, beyond all words, all creation tells your story; You have shaken with our laughter, you have trembled with our tears. *(Refrain)*. God, beyond all time, you are laboring within us; We are moving, we are changing in your spirit ever new. *(Refrain)*. God of tender care, you have cradled us in goodness, You have mothered us in wholeness, you have loved us into birth. *(Refrain)*.
text: Bernadette Farrell]

*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 620

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Lauda Anima

*BENEDICTION

Dr. Speed

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Hyfrydol

Gordon Young

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 recognition and appreciation of the families of our church staff
for the important role they play as partners in ministry
by Marianne Adams

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All Hands on Deck “Empowered to Serve” Highlight

Thanks be to God for **LeAnn Hallford**! This 70-year member of DPC has used her time and talent for the support of the congregation. She is on the team creating prayer quilts and makes prayer squares. For every memorial reception, LeAnn works tirelessly plating food and cleaning up. As an Elder, she served on the pre-school council and volunteers for summer camps. She is a member of the Crusaders Sunday School Class and attends Presbyterian Woman circle meetings each month.

Outside of DPC, LeAnn has been a hostess at the Governor’s Mansion, belongs to her neighborhood garden club, and is involved in her college sorority and Colonial Dames organization.

“I can honestly say I’ve enjoyed every opportunity I have had to serve the church,” says LeAnn. “I especially enjoyed the Congregational Care Council and bringing comfort to church members who are ill or grieving.”

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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

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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 retired WSB-TV anchor **John Pruitt** as he discusses his recently published debut novel *Tell It True*, a historical fiction of the challenges faced by journalists covering the Civil Rights Era. Eagle Eye Books will be on hand to sell copies of the book, which the author will be happy to autograph for you. Gather in the **Parlor Classroom at 11:00 am** for the discussion, then move to the Keith Parlor for lunch. Lunch is \$10 per person. The event is free and open to the public, so please invite your family and friends. Reservations are appreciated as space is limited. Be aware of parking challenges, so arrive early if you need to look for space at a nearby pay lot. Carpooling is encouraged.

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StoryCorps in Decatur Next Week

StoryCorps have partnered with the City of Decatur to record, uplift, and archive our community’s stories, in honor of Decatur’s 200th anniversary. You are invited to take part. They will be recording at the Decatur Recreation Center **January 31st- February 3rd from 9:30am - 3:30pm** and would love to have folks from our congregation record with them. Scan the QR Code for more information.



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 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 2–SAM (Senior Adult Ministry) Lunch & Learn with John Pruitt, 11 am in the Parlor classroom, lunch following

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 members & friends are participating in an inter-generational mission trip to Hurricane Ian ravaged areas in Fort Myers, Florida. All ages and families are welcome. Contact Todd Speed at tspeed@dpchurch.org if interested in participating—it's not too late!

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

June 5-9–Bible & Music Camp, registration is now open! Visit <https://decatur-presbyterian-church.square.site/bam>

"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>	Psalm 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



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- **Dismantling Structural Racism**
- **Eradicating Systemic Poverty**

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