



Every child of God ~ belonging, engaging, being transformed

February 5, 2023

5th 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

Andante, from Thirty -five Miniatures

Flor Peeters

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Tully M. Fletcher IV

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP, HYMN 65 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (1st stanza)*

CWM Rhondda

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.

I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand.

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.

*HYMN 791

For You, My God, I Wait

Springtime

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Fletcher

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, how easily we can lose sight of your love, though you have promised to be with us always. How easily we can find ourselves feeling alone and abandoned, though you have been there in the highest of highs as well as the lowest of lows. How quickly we can succumb to fear, and how awful the consequences when we act not according to your will, but from our hurt and pain, disregarding how others may be in pain as well...

(Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession)

KYRE 575

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Kyrie Eleison (Pardini)

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

God, you remain with us in our triumphs and our failures. By the power of your Spirit, forgive us and renew us. Knit us together as your holy body, so that we may lovingly support one another, and act with compassion for the sake of this good world and all of its people; 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 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: Kathryn & Nick Hecker, and Lori McMahan

INTER-GENERATIONAL MOMENT: *Souper Bowl of Caring, Threshold Ministry*

Linda Huffine and Joe Mehlhop

Leader: We now go our separate ways.

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

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Dr. Todd Speed

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Follow Me: Biblical Practices For Faithful Living

“Sing a New Song: Sing Tribulation”

SERMON

Dr. Speed

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *A Declaration of Faith, PC(USA) 1991*)

Nicole Jiskoot

In his lonely agony on the cross Jesus felt forsaken by God and thus experienced hell itself for us. Yet the Son was never more in accord with the Father’s will. He was acting on behalf of God, manifesting the Father’s love that takes on itself the loneliness, pain, and death that result from our waywardness.

In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not holding our sins against us. Each of us beholds on the cross the Savior who died in our place, so that we may no longer live for ourselves, but for him. In him is our only hope of salvation.

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP and PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

*(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

I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes

Leo Sowerby

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; He that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD is thy keeper; thy shade upon thy righthand. The sun shall not smite thee by day nor the moon by night. The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil, he shall preserve thy soul. The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore. *Amen.*

[Psalm 121]

*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!*

Nicole Jiskoot

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Dr. Speed

Responding with Thanksgiving

Rev. Fletcher

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: All honor and praise and glory be to God.

People: **The Lord’s name be praised forever.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sanctus 552 (choir and congregation)

arr. Richard Proulx

Holy, Holy, Holy LORD God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

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.

Breaking the Bread and Pouring the Cup

Dr. Speed and Rev. Fletcher

Agnus Dei (choir and congregation)

arr. Richard Proulx

O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us Lamb of God, and grant us Your peace.

The Sharing of the Joyful Feast with the Community of Faith

(Please exit your pew to the right to come forward to receive the elements. Wait until you return to your seat to partake of the elements. Raise your hand if you are unable to come forward and we will bring the elements to you.)

1. (All): **In remembrance of me, eat this bread; In remembrance of me, drink this wine.
In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is done.**
2. (All): **In remembrance of me, heal the sick; In remembrance of me, feed the poor.
In remembrance of me, open the door and let your neighbors in. let them in.**
(Choir): Take, eat, and be comforted; Drink and remember too
That this is my body and precious blood shed for you.
3. (All): **In remembrance of me, search for truth; In remembrance of me, always love.
In remembrance of me, don't look above, but in your heart, look for God.
Do this in remembrance of me.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Dr. Speed

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 215

*What Wondrous Love Is This**Wondrous Love*

*BENEDICTION

Dr. Speed

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*Deep Peace**Ron Alexander/John Bell*

Deep peace of the running wave to you; Deep peace of the flowing air to you; Deep peace of the quiet earth to you; Deep peace of the shining stars to you; Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you.

[ancient Gaelic rune]

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Allegro con moto, from Thirty-five Miniatures**Flor Peeters*

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MusicMatthew 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

Joe Weingartner

by his family

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All Hands on Deck “Empowered to Serve” Highlight

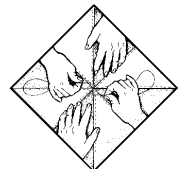
Thanks be to God for **Anne Fayssoux-Leaf and Mike Leaf!** After growing up at DPC, Anne returned after an absence bringing Mike with her. They were married in the Scott Chapel at DPC in 2011. Mike serves on the Property Committee and its Sanctuary Refresh Task Force. Anne is a member of the Elder Class of 2024, leading the Engage Team and serving on the Worship Council, Flower Guild and Memorial Receptions Committee. She teaches pre-schoolers on Wednesday nights, and previously served on Pastors’ Aides. With other volunteers, they prepare and serve communion. Anne says, “We feel blessed to be a part of the vibrant DPC family, and feel challenged to live the DPC commitment to being a Mathew 25 Church!”

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Prayer Quilt

You are invited to stop in the Philips Foyer today before/after this morning’s worship service to tie a knot—which represents a prayer—on a **prayer quilt**. The quilt is for **Alberta Miller**. Please come add your prayer for this member of our church family

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**Rev. Emily Wilmesherr Leading Retreat in Tennessee**

Emily Wilmesherr is away today serving as leader of the Women’s Retreat at her parent’s church in Tennessee.

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Open Dates on DPC’s Flower Calendar

We have open dates on the Flower Calendar! February 19, July 2, and Christmas Eve-December 24. The Flower Guild is available to design your preferred flowers without charging you design or delivery fees. The amount you pay is considered a donation to Decatur Presbyterian Church. Contact Lee Smith at smithle@bellsouth.net if interested.

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):

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. 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

April 2—Palm Sunday, palm processional and communion

April 6—Maundy Thursday Service with communion at 5:30 pm, dinner on lawn at 6:15 pm

April 7—Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 8:00 pm

April 9—Easter Sunday, decorate the cross on the lawn, worship at 10:30 am

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'

February 12 Todd Speed

"Sing New Creation" Revelation 7:9-17

February 19 Nicole Jiskoot

"Sing Transformation" 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Luke 1:46-56

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

February 26 Todd Speed

"Love Extravagantly" Luke 6:27-42

March 5 Tully Fletcher

"Serve a Stranger" 1 Kings 17:8-16

March 12 Todd Speed

"Show Mercy" 1 Samuel 24; Luke 23:32-43

March 19 Emily Wilmesherr

"Wash Other's Feet" John 13:1-20

Mach 26 Todd Speed

"Be Courageous" Acts 6:8-7:2, 51-60

April 2 Tully Fletcher

"Live Peaceably" Romans 12:9-21 (Palm Sunday)

April 9 Todd Speed

Easter Sunday

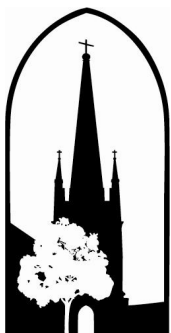


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- **Building Congregational Vitality**
- **Dismantling Structural Racism**
- **Eradicating Systemic Poverty**



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