



DECATUR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Presbyterian Church (USA)

Every child of God ~ belonging, engaging, being transformed

February 12, 2023

6th 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

This is the Feast of Victory

Richard Hillert

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia! Worthy is Christ, the Lamb Who was slain, Whose blood set us free to be people of God. *[text: John W. Arthur]*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Todd Speed, Abby Bennett, Robbie Eldridge

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP, HYMN 412

God, Reveal Your Presence (1st stanza)

Arnsberg

God, reveal your presence: gladly we adore you, and with awe appear before you.

Holy is your temple: all within keep silence, Humbly bow with deepest reverence.

You alone now we own as our God and Savior. Praise your name forever!

*HYMN 369

Blessing and Honor

O Quanta Qualia

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Emily Wilmesherr

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we are caught between the now and the not yet. We stand in the space between current reality and the new creation that you are bringing into being. We confess that we are filled with doubt about your coming reign, for we face daily hardships of illness, grief, and suffering. We worry for those whom we love as we witness tragedies both local and global. We so easily forget your vision of a new humanity to which you have called us to work...

(Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession)

By the renewing wind of your Spirit, enable us to sing of the vision you have set before us. Strengthen us in body, mind, and spirit so that we yearn once again for your good intentions. And grant us patience and perseverance in our current realities and relationships, for Christ's sake; *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: Emily Wilmesherr, Margaret Sheets, and Lori McMahan

INTER-GENERATIONAL MOMENT: Commissioning of Mission Trip Rev. Tully M. Fletcher IV and Amy Pelissero

Disaster Relief Mission Trip Participants: Heather Beaubien, Walter Beaubien, Jack Brooks, Jim Hudgins, Jim Keith, Mark Keith, Leslie Miller, Aaron McClennen, Kathy Smith, Todd Speed, Mimi Thurman

Questions to the Participants

Pastor: Will you be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, obey his words, and show his love, will you?

Participants: *We will.*

Pastor: Do you promise to go forth as Christ's ambassadors to a world in need, allowing the Holy Spirit to make you a light to the world, do you?

Participants: *We do.*

Question to the Congregation

Elder: Do you, the members of Decatur Presbyterian, accept these missionaries as chosen by God, and do you promise to support, encourage, and pray for them as they do the work of God, do you?

People: **We do.**

Blessing of Parting

Leader: We now go our separate ways.

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

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ellington Brooks-Lytle

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 49:8-13
(pew Bible, page 679, OT)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Dr. Speed
Revelation 7:9-17
(pew Bible, page 249, NT)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Follow Me: Biblical Practices For Faithful Living

“Sing a New Song: Sing New Creation”

SERMON

Dr. Speed

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

Rev. Fletcher

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

Nicole Jiskoot

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. 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

Give Us the Wings of Faith

Howard Helvey

Give us the wings of faith to rise within the veil, and see the saints above, how great their joys, how bright their glories be. We ask them whence their victory came: the, with united breath, ascribe their conquest to the Lamb, their triumph to his death. They marked the footsteps that he trod, his zeal inspired their quest; and following their incarnate God, possess the promised rest.

[Isaac Watts]

**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 819*

Be Still, My Soul

Finlandia

**BENEDICTION*

Dr. Speed

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY*

Final (from Organ Symphony 6)

Charles-Marie Widor

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Music

Matthew McMahan, Organist & Choirmaster; Chancel Choir

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of
Kelly Marie McMahon

by her parents, Teri and Kevin McMahon

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Open Dates on DPC’s Flower Calendar

We have open dates on the Flower Calendar! February 19 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.

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Nominations for Those to Serve on the Nominations Ministry

The Nominations Ministry is comprised of nine active members elected by the congregation (three classes of three members), and two elders elected by the Session.

The Nominations Ministry’s purpose is

- 1) to make recommendations for elders to serve on the Session
- 2) to make recommendations for Trustees for the Church - one each year for a total of three Trustees at any time who are called into service when legal documents need to be signed, etc., from those nominated by the congregation
- 3) to make recommendations for persons to serve on any Pastor Nominating Committees; and
- 4) to make recommendations for persons to serve on the Nominations Ministry itself

The nominees will be presented for election at the Annual Congregational Meeting to be held February 26, 2023.

Nominations Ministry Members
Jan Bedol and Lee Danielson, *elders*

Class of 2023 Chet Allen, Kathryn Hecker, Lynda Kenton	Class of 2024 Trish Allen, Wick Campbell, Ken Graff
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I nominate _____

to serve on the **Nominations Council** (*Class of 2025*).

*Please submit your nomination by putting the completed form in the offering plate, mailing it to the Church Office, or placing it in the “Nominations” bin in the mail room by **February 19, 2023**.*

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Souper Bowl of Caring

In 1990, Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: “Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat.” Since then, more than \$170 million has been generated for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that transforms the time around the Big Game into the nation’s largest celebration of giving and caring for those in need. Through this mission, people learn they can make a positive difference in the world as they collect food, raise money and serve at hunger-relief charities and show caring and compassion in local communities across the country. Share in God’s love for our neighbors in need and give generously on Souper Bowl Sunday. All of the donations collected will go directly to our Tackle Hunger Charity of DPC’s Threshold Ministry’s grocery card program. To learn more, visit: TackleHunger.org

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See church emails for opportunities to help with disaster relief for Turkey and Syria through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). Also, flyer with info at bulletin table outside sanctuary.

All Hands on Deck “Empowered to Serve” Highlight

Thanks be to God for **Trish Allen**! She gives her time and talent to this church in gratitude for the support she and her father received in his final years. Trish is like so many of DPC’s volunteers who work behind the scenes for all of us. She heads up the Sanctuary Guild restocking pews and tidying up the sanctuary so it is a welcoming space for worshipers. She delivers flowers repurposed from Sunday’s arrangements, and supports grieving families on the Memorial Receptions Committee. She enjoys the Women’s Ministry night circle meetings, and served the Worship Council when an elder. Outside of the church, Trish has volunteered for many festivals in Decatur and for a dachshund rescue group.



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 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 (A Service of Darkness) 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’

“Sing Transformation” 1 Samuel 2:1–10; Luke 1:46–56

February 19 Nicole Jiskoot

“Follow Me” Lenten Theme ‘Love God, Neighbor, Enemy’

“Love Extravagantly” Luke 6:27–42

“Serve a Stranger” 1 Kings 17:8–16

“Show Mercy” 1 Samuel 24; Luke 23:32–43

“Wash Other’s Feet” John 13:1–20

“Be Courageous” Acts 6:8–7:2, 51–60

“Live Peaceably” Romans 12:9–21 (Palm Sunday)

Easter Sunday

February 26 Todd Speed

March 5 Tully Fletcher

March 12 Todd Speed

March 19 Emily Wilmesherr

Mach 26 Todd Speed

April 2 Tully Fletcher

April 9 Todd Speed



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

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