



DECATUR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Presbyterian Church (USA)

Every child of God ~ belonging, engaging, being transformed

February 19, 2023

Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

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

CHORAL INTROIT

O God, My Heart is Ready

Philip Radcliffe

O God, my heart is ready: I will sing and give praise with the best glory that I have.
[Psalm 108:1]

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Tully M. Fletcher IV

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP, HYMN 190 *Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory* (3rd stanza)

Geneva

**Lord, transfigure our perception with the purest light that shines,
and recast our life's intentions to the shape of your designs,
till we seek no other glory than what lies past Calvary's hill
and our living and our dying and our rising by your will.**

*HYMN

Sing Liberation! God Is Our Savior

Benessan

**Sing liberation! God is our savior. To our redeemer we all belong.
Blessing and honor, glory and power. God is our savior! Sing a new song.
Sing tribulation! God will deliver. Cry out in sorrow; name what is wrong.
Blessing and honor, glory and power. God will deliver! Sing a new song.
Sing new creation! God reigns forever. We have been hoping, praying so long.
Blessing and honor, glory and power. God reigns forever! Sing a new song.
Sing transformation! God does a new thing. Lift up the lowly, humble the strong.
Blessing and honor, glory and power. God does a new thing! Sing a new song.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Emily Wilmesherr

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like disobedient children. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. Gracious Parent, have mercy on us and forgive those who confess their faults. (Congregation will join leader in the responses in bold.)

For failing to love others as you have loved us...*(leader continues)* God of grace, **forgive us.**

For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods...*(leader continues)* God of grace, **forgive us.**

For fearing those who are strange to us and ignoring those in need...*(leader continues)* God of grace, **forgive us.**

For losing heart and abandoning hope...*(leader continues)* God of grace, **forgive us.**

For all the ways we turn from you...*(leader continues)* God of grace, **forgive us.**

KYRIE 575

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Kyrie Eleison (Pardini)

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

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: Lisa Nye, Catherine Carter, and Lori McMahan

INTER-GENERATIONAL MOMENT

Lynn Evans

Leader: We now go our separate ways.
Adults: **May God be with you there.**
Children: **May God be with you here.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Karen Jackson

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Samuel 2:1-10
(pew Bible, page 245, OT)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Nicole Jiskoot
Luke 1:46-56
(pew Bible, page 57, NT)

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

Follow Me: Biblical Practices For Faithful Living

“Sing a New Song: Sing Transformation”

SERMON

Nicole Jiskoot

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *The Confession of 1967*, using inclusive language)

Rev. Fletcher

God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals God’s love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God’s love...

God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in humanity... In this experience the Spirit brings God’s forgiveness to humanity, moves them to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

The new life takes shape in a community in which human beings know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no person has any ground on which to stand, except God’s grace.

MINUTE FOR MISSION: ‘Just Creation’ Conference

Mark Douglas

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Fletcher

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.)*

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Magnificat in E

John Rutter

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior: For He hath regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden. For behold from henceforth, all generations shall call me blessed. For He that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is His Name. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He hath sent empty away. He, remembering His mercy hath holpen His servant, Israel. As He promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen. *[Luke 1:46-55]*

*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 100

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

Canticle of the Turning

*BENEDICTION

Nicole Jiskoot

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Andante con moto e maestoso

Flor Peeters

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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

Catherine and "Hooley" Wilburn, parents

Joe, Ross, and Tommy Wilburn, brothers

George W. Carter, husband

by Catherine Carter

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Annual Congregational Meeting Next Sunday, February 26

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation is next Sunday, February 26, and will take place during the service of worship. We will hear from our five Session Teams, receive the Annual Report and 2023 Budget, elect new members to the Nominations Ministry for the Class of 2025, and approve the Pastor's terms of Call. **Members are encouraged to attend—either in person or by Zoom, to be sure we have a quorum for the meeting.** If attending virtually, you will need to join the Zoom meeting at 10:30am for the business portion and voting, and then you may go to YouTube to continue worshipping. **The Zoom link is <https://tinyurl.com/dpcmeeting2023>**

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Nominations for Those to Serve on the Nominations Ministry Due TODAY

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 **Nominations** (*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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Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

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. For more info, visit <https://pda.pcusa.org/>

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All Hands on Deck "Empowered to Serve" Highlight

Thanks be to God for **Lucia and Tom Sizemore!** This couple met at DPC through Westminster Fellowship for college students. They were married here in 1966, and their first child was baptized here. Lucia is an ordained Elder and former Clerk of Session at DPC. She enjoys serving on the Retreat Center Ministry Council, the Threshold Steering Committee, and helps with Memorial Receptions. Tom serves on the Financial Ministry, co-chairs the Investment Committee, and recently was named assistant treasurer. He is an ordained minister who has served churches in Florida, South Carolina as well as Georgia. Both have taught Sunday school classes and attend the Cornerstone Class. They have given their time as mentors for confirmation classes and helped supervise student interns. They are members of Pastors' Aides, visiting those who cannot attend church regularly.



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 22–Ash Wednesday**, service at 5:30 pm in the sanctuary, led by Nicole Jiskoot, dinner at 6:15 pm, Fellowship Hall
- February 26–Annual Congregational Meeting**, presentation of the Annual Report and 2023 Budget; election of new members to the Nominations Ministry, and approve Pastor's Terms of Call
- February 26–Lenten Workshop** for all ages, 3 to 5 pm in Slack Fellowship Hall
- March 12–Spring Mix & Mingle** inter-generational event, 4 to 6 pm in Fellowship Hall
- March 19–Spring Milestone Workshop** for 4th graders on Worship
- March 25–SAM (Senior Adult Ministry) trip to Gibbs Gardens** in Ball Ground, GA
- March 26–Spring Milestone Workshop** for 5th graders on Service
- 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
- April 27–SAM (Senior Adult Ministry) trip to explore the Illuminarium**, one of Atlanta's newest multi-sensory experiences
- April 30–Festival of Praise–All choirs Sing** during worship; **Youth BBQ Competition & Fund Raiser**, after worship
- June 5-9–Bible & Music Camp**, registration is now open! Visit <https://decatur-presbyterian-church.square.site/bam>

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

February 26	Todd Speed
March 5	Tully Fletcher
March 12	Todd Speed
March 19	Emily Wilmesherr
March 26	Todd Speed
April 2	Tully Fletcher
April 9	Todd Speed

"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	



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