



# DECATUR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Presbyterian Church (USA)

Every child of God ~ belonging, engaging, being transformed

February 26, 2023

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday n Lent

10:30 a.m.

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

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

#### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Todd Speed

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

#### CHORAL INTROIT

*Come! Come! Everybody Worship!*

Natalie Sleeth

Covenant Choir

Come! Come! Everybody worship with a prayer or song of praise! Come! Come! Everybody worship! Worship God always! Worship and remember to keep the Sabbath day. Take a rest and think of God; Put your work away!

#### BELONGING TEAM REPORT and CALL TO WORSHIP (from Deuteronomy 6)

Lee Danielson

Leader: Hear, O people: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

**People: We shall love the Lord our God with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our might.**

Leader: Let us keep these words that God commands us today in our hearts.

**People: Let us recite them to our children and talk about them when we are at home and when we are away, when we lie down and when we rise.**

Leader: Let us bind them as a sign upon our hands, and write them on the doorposts of our homes and on our gates. Praise the Lord!

**People: The Lord's name be praised!**

#### \*HYMN 301

*Let Us Build a House (All Are Welcome)*

Two Oaks

#### ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM AND OPENING OF THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Hikie Allen IV, Clerk of Session, and Dr. Speed

#### MOTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION

- 1) Receive the Annual Report
- 2) Receive the 2023 Budget
- 3) Approve Changes in Terms of Call for Pastor
- 4) Elect Members to Nominations, Class of 2025

*Nominees: Susan Rose, Clark Simmons, Dave Williams*

Hikie Allen IV

Steve Crow, Finance Ministry

Steve Crow, for Personnel Ministry

Jan Bedol, Nominations

#### \*HYMN 203

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

Chereponi

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Emily Wilmesherr

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we know that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. For we have failed to love as you have so greatly loved us. We have failed to love you with our whole heart and mind and soul and strength; we have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves; and instead of loving our enemies, we have contributed to the divisions that plague humanity...**

*(silent prayers of confession)*

**Forgive us, O God. Renew us with your extravagant love and mercy, so that we may turn our hearts toward others, act in loving ways towards all, and live as your faithful ambassadors, offering your mercy and compassion to all whom we meet; through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*HYMN 205

*Live in Charity*

*Ubi Caritas*

## 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 & Gerry Boudreau, and Lori McMahan

INTER-GENERATIONAL MOMENT: 2022 Slideshow Video Presentation

Nicole Jiskoot, Dudley Larus, Frank Mastrogiacomio

Leader: We now go our separate ways.

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

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

ENGAGE TEAM REPORT and PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jan Bedol

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Dr. Speed

Luke 6:27-42

*(pew Bible, page 64, NT)*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

SERMON

*"Love God, Neighbor, Enemy: Love Extravagantly"*

Dr. Speed

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CARING TEAM REPORT, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Alice Wichmann

**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. Tully M. Fletcher IV

*(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.)*

RESOURCES TEAM REPORT and PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Steve Crow

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Ubi Caritas*

*Maurice Durufle*

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen.*

*Where charity and love are, God is there. Christ's love has gathered us into one body. Let us rejoice and be glad. Let us fear, and let us love the living God. And may we love each other with a sincere heart. Amen. [Lenten Eucharistic Antiphon]*

\*DOXOLOGY 708 (stanza 1)

**We Give Thee but Thine Own**

*Schumann*

**We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION *Scan the QR Code on the back of the bulletin to give online!*

Rev. Fletcher

## FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN 547

**Go, My Children, with My Blessing**

*Ar Hyd Y Nos*

\*OUTREACH TEAM REPORT and BENEDECTION

Dudley Larus and Dr. Speed

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Organ Sonata I: Final*

*Felix Mendelssohn*

## Music

Matthew McMahan, *Organist & Choirmaster*; Chancel Choir; Children's Covenant Choir

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## Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God

in loving memory of

*Charles A. Hicks*

by John & Mary Kline

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## Presnytertian 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 **Lucas Smith!** This 3<sup>rd</sup> grader at Fernbank Elementary (the grandson of Roslynn Hight) who helps collect dinner fees and process credit cards on Wednesday nights. "He has a strong sense ownership in the role, and takes pride in how quickly he can do it," says Rev. Tully Fletcher! Roslynn reports Lucas is a choir member and has attended Bible and Music Camp and Compassion Camp in recent years. He loves baseball and just joined the chess club at Fernbank. Roslyn and Tully would be grateful for more volunteers like Lucas helping who can help out on Wednesday nights in Slack Fellowship Hall.

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## Flower Workshop on March 4

The Flower Guild is hosting a workshop. Have you been intimidated to create a large arrangement for the sanctuary? Want to refine your church flower skills? Don't want to be a part of the Flower Guild, but want to learn about flower arranging? Want to hang out with fun church folk? You are invited to attend!!! **Saturday, March 4, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.** at Decatur Presbyterian Church. Cost is \$50 per person and that covers the cost of the flowers. You get to take your arrangement home to enjoy or divide into smaller arrangements to share. Jill Joyner, florist, and Lynn Evans, retired florist will be the instructors and guide you to making a beautiful and sacred arrangement.

**Please RSVP to Jill, [jilljoyner@gmail.com](mailto:jilljoyner@gmail.com), 404-664-3356 by February 26**, so she can get the flowers ordered. If you have any questions, also contact Jill.

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## A Picture is Worth A Thousand Words!

Do you know we have an extensive PHOTO GALLERY of DPC events on our website ([dpchurch.org](http://dpchurch.org))? You might enjoy checking it out after a special service or event you were part of... or missed. And if you like to take photos, remember to submit them so they can be shared with the congregation as well as visitors who may be looking for a church home. Be sure to follow DPC on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter for more great photos. Please remember privacy concerns if children or youth are included.

Check out the photo gallery for these activities:

- Senior Adult Ministry piano concert and John Pruitt Lunch and Learn
- New members
- Officer Retreat for members of the Session
- Flower Guild arrangements each week listing the donors
- Epiphany Brunch
- Decatur Tree Lighting and hot chocolate booth
- Decorating the sanctuary and Advent Festival

And much more! Want to submit photos? Send them, and a brief description to web master Dudley Larus at [dudleylarus@gmail.com](mailto:dudleylarus@gmail.com) or to any staff member.

## 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))

- February 26–Lenten Workshop** for all ages, 3 to 5 pm in Slack Fellowship Hall
- March 4–Flower Workshop**, 9 to noon in the Session Room. RSVP to Jill Joyner TODAY
- March 11–Service of Ordination for Sarah Lane** in DPC sanctuary at 2:00 pm followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall
- March 12–Spring Mix & Mingle** inter-generational event, 4 to 6 pm in Fellowship Hall
- March 16-18–'Just Creation' Conference at Columbia Theological Seminary**, visit [ctsnet.edu](http://ctsnet.edu) to reregister
- March 19–Spring Milestone Workshop** for 4<sup>th</sup> graders on Worship
- March 25–Ordination Service for Drew Wilmesherr**, DPC sanctuary
- March 26–Spring Milestone Workshop** for 5<sup>th</sup> 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 at 9 am, 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://decaturn-presbyterian-church.square.site/bam>

		<b><u>"Follow Me" Lenten Theme 'Love God, Neighbor, Enemy'</u></b>	
March 5	Tully Fletcher	<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 Another's Feet"</i>	John 13:1–20
March 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	<b>Easter Sunday</b>	





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