



DECATUR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Presbyterian Church (USA)

Every child of God ~ belonging, engaging, being transformed

March 19, 2023

4th Sunday in Lent

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

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

CHORAL INTROIT

Hide Me Under the Shadow of Thy Wings

John E. West

Hide me under the shadow of Thy wings, O LORD, and give Thine angels charge concerning me, that I may lie down in peace and take my rest: For it is Thou, LORD, only, that makest me to dwell in safety. *[Psalms 17:8;91:11;4:9]*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Todd Speed

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We love God with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind

People: when we wash another's feet.

Leader: We love our neighbor as ourselves

People: when we wash another's feet.

Leader: We love our enemies

People: when we wash another's feet.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: may we wash another's feet.

*HYMN 697

Take My Life

Hendon

CALL TO CONFESSION

Nicole Jiskoot

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who embraces us in mercy and acceptance, as we walk our earthly way, we find ourselves dirty and weary from the road we travel and the sorrow we bear. You who walk alongside us have said to come to you with our burdens. So we bring them to you, knowing that you will carry them, and that at the cross you redeemed them even as you redeemed all humanity. We bear the weight of hurt and rejection, and we feel the burden of the memory of hurting and rejecting others. We carry the sorrow and regret of actions left undone. We have not been humble; we have not put others first; we have not loved you, or our neighbors, or one another. Forgive us! Wash us clean and guide our feet in the way of love. We pray in the name of Jesus. 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: Lisa Nye, Catherine Carter, and Lori McMahan

INTER-GENERATIONAL MOMENT

Rev. Emily Wilmesherr

Leader: We now go our separate ways.

Adults: May God be with you there.

Children: May God be with you here.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Charlene Kalka

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 13:1-17
(pew Bible, page 107, NT)

Scripture Skit: Barbara Morris, Jim Hudgins, Charlene Kalka

Follow Me: Biblical Practices For Faithful Living

SERMON

“Love God, Neighbor, Enemy – Wash Another’s Feet”

Rev. Wilmesherr

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Belhar Confession)

Dr. Speed

We believe that

unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God’s Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain; this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways;

- **in that we love one another;**
- **that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another;**
- **that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another;**
- **that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind;**
- **have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope;**
- **together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ;**
- **together are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity;**
- **together know and bear one another’s burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ;**
- **that we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another;**
- **that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; pray together; together serve God in this world; and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Jubilee House Community, Inc., Center for Development in Central America

Sarah Junkin Woodard, <http://www.jhc-cdca.org/>

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

Dr. Speed

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

Nicole Jiskoot

(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

A Lenten Meditation

Douglas E. Wagner

Jesus, in thy dying woes, even while Thy lifeblood flows, craving pardon for Thy foes: Hear us, Holy Jesus. May our hearts to Thee incline, looking from our cross to Thine; cheer our souls with hope divine: Hear us, Holy Jesus. When we seem in vain to pray, and our hope seems far away, In the darkness be our stay: Hear us, Holy Jesus. May we thirst Thy love to know; Lead us in our sin and woe where the healing waters flow: Hear us, Holy Jesus. Brighten all our heavenward way with an ever holier ray till we pass to perfect day: Hear us, Holy Jesus. May Thy life and death supply grace to live and grace to die, grace to reach our home on high: Hear us, Holy Jesus.

[Thomas B. Pollock]

*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!

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 300

We Are One in the Spirit

They'll Know We Are Christians

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Wilmesherr

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Psalm XX

Benedetto Marcello

† † †

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 loving memory of my parents

George and Phyllis Kelly

by Trish Kelly Allen

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Staff Birthdays and Anniversaries in March

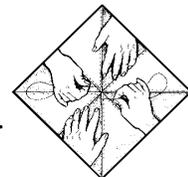
Congratulations to **Linda Huffine** on her 2 year anniversary as our Threshold Ministry Assistant. We also celebrate the birthdays of **RG Evans** on March 8 and **Leslie Raymer** on March 9. (We missed our intern **Nicole Jiskoot's** birthday on February 28—happy belated!)

† † †

Prayer Quilt Today

Be sure to stop in the Philips Foyer outside the sanctuary and tie a knot—which represents a prayer—on the Prayer Quilt for **Margaret Newsome**. Please come add your prayer for this member of our church family.

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Celebrate with the Wilmesherr's March 25 and 26: Ordination and Baby Shower

Ordination for Drew Wilmesherr:

Our college campus ministry director Drew Wilmesherr will be ordained on Saturday, March 25 at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The service will be followed by a reception by church members in Keith Parlor.

Baby Shower for the Wilmesherr Family:

Join Emily, Drew and their daughter Evie for a baby shower to celebrate the anticipated May birth of baby Juliette after the worship service the following day, March 26. A complementary lunch will be served in Keith Parlor, to include a variety of salads and a make-your-own sandwich bar. This will be followed by cake and the presentation of a special gift. Evie will help open a few items, but volunteers will open and display most gifts in the interest of time.

Please RSVP for the luncheon so that enough food is prepared. Call the church office or respond to church emails to RSVP. Couples, singles, all age are invited. RSVP online at <https://forms.gle/QSjye4NzNkqkdKU89>

Emily has registered their wish list at the QR code on the right. They especially appreciate the flexibility of gift cards to Amazon or Target. One major goal is to purchase a comfortable chair for the nursery.

Can't attend but still want to show your support? Cards and gifts can be dropped off at the church or mailed to Rev. Emily Wilmesherr, Decatur Presbyterian Church, 205 Sycamore Street, Decatur, GA 30030.



Thank You!

On behalf of the ministry staff and Steering Committee of Threshold Ministry, we would like to thank the congregation for packing 200+ hygiene kits for our Threshold Ministry guests at the Intergenerational event held on March 12. We appreciate Nicole Jiskoot's leadership, planning and organization for this event. Contributing to cleanliness and hygiene allows our guests to maintain health, supports relationships & job security, and enables guests to redirect personal income to food. Thank you for supporting this vital outreach to our unhoused neighbors. We are so very grateful for your ongoing support of our ministry.

Threshold Ministry Staff and Steering Committee



Has the Chancel Choir Got a Deal for You!!

Today, and for the next few weeks, look for the Flower Cart display to purchase **12 Months of Flowers for only \$40!** With the Flower Gift Card, you can go to Hall's Garden Center (on Memorial Drive in Stone Mountain) and get a bouquet of flowers each month for a whole year! You'll make someone very happy, and help the Chancel Choir raise money for their (eventual) trip to perform in Carnegie Hall, which was cancelled in 2020.



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)

- March 19—Spring Milestone Workshop** for 4th graders on Worship
- March 25—Ordination Service for Drew Wilmesherr**, DPC sanctuary
- March 26—Wilmesherr Baby Shower** after worship in the Parlor (DPC family is invited—not just the ladies!)
- 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 (weather permitting)
- April 7—Good Friday Tenebrae Service** (A Service of Darkness) at 8:00 pm
- April 9—Easter Sunday**, enjoy cookies & decorate the cross on the lawn at 9 am, worship at 10:30 am
- April 16—Pre-K Milestone Workshop**, after worship, light lunch for pre-ks and their families, RSVP by April 12
- April 28—SAM (Senior Adult Ministry) trip to see the “Waking Wonderland” exhibit at the Illuminarium** in midtown Atlanta, followed by lunch. (Note the new date.)
- 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://deatur-presbyterian-church.square.site/bam>

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

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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