



DECATUR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Presbyterian Church (USA)

Every child of God ~ belonging, engaging, being transformed



November 5, 2023

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 a.m.

All Saints' Sunday

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

PREPARATION MEDITATION

Since Pope Gregory III dedicated a chapel in the basilica of St. Peter on November 1, 741, the western church has observed All Saints' Day on November 1. We celebrate all Christian saints, known or unknown, from all times and through eternity. On this Sunday, we remember all Christians, especially those saints from this congregation, who have died in the past year, and this year recognize those saints who have been baptized and added to the holy, catholic church between November 6, 2022 and November 5, 2023.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Sonata I (opus 65): Adagio

Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Todd Speed

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 107)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

People: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town; hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

People: **Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and God delivered them from their distress; God led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town.**

Leader: Some sat in darkness and in gloom, prisoners in misery and in irons, for they had rebelled against the words of God, and spurned the counsel of the Most High. Their hearts were bowed down with hard labor; they fell down, with no one to help.

People: **Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and God saved them from their distress; God brought them out of darkness and gloom, and broke their bonds asunder.**

Leader: Some were sick through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities endured affliction; they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death.

People: **Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and God saved them from their distress; God sent out God's word and healed them, and delivered them from destruction.**

Leader: Let us thank the Lord for God's steadfast love, for God's wonderful works to humankind.

People: **And let us offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of God's deeds with songs of joy.**

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

People: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

*HYMN 730

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

Grand Isle

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Emily Wilmesherr

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you, so we humbly confess our sins and ask for your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.

We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God...

(personal prayers of confession)

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain in us a willing spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

(Please turn to your neighbor, introduce yourself, and pass the peace of Christ.)

RESPONSE TO PARDON HYMN 507*Come to the Table of Grace**

Table of Grace

Children are invited forward for the Inter-Generational Moment during the last stanza of the hymn.

Kids Connected is a new faith formation program for children to engage with the Bible, connect with God and one another. Children PreK-5th grade are invited to leave the sanctuary with their teachers, after the inter-generational moment. After worship, children can be picked up in the room next to the nursery. All children are also welcome to remain in worship with their families. There are worship materials located in the Foyer to assist children in their exploration of worship.

Today's Kids Connected Leaders: Kris Taylor, Lisa Nye, and Lori McMahan

PROCLAIMING THE WORD*INTER-GENERATIONAL MOMENT: Prayer-Adoration*

Rev. Tully M. Fletcher IV

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 23:1-12
(pew Bible, page 25, NT)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Every Day's a School Day"

Dr. Speed

RESPONDING TO THE WORD***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(The Apostles' Creed)*

Amazing Grace Ayegbayo

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.

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

*(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

Rev. Fletcher

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Sing Me To Heaven
Chancel Choir

Daniel E. Gawthrop

In my heart's sequestered chambers lie truths stripped of poet's gloss. Words alone are vain and vacant and my heart is mute. In response to aching silence memory summons half-heard voices, and my soul finds primal eloquence and wraps me in song. If you would comfort me, sing me a lullaby. If you would win my heart, sing me a love song. If you would mourn me and bring me to God, sing me a requiem, sing me to heaven. Touch in me all love and passion, pain and pleasure, grief and comfort. Sing me a lullaby, a love song, a requiem. Love me, comfort me, bring me to God: Sing me a love song, Sing me to heaven.
[Jane Griner]

***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*

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Wilmesherr

Responding with Thanksgiving

Dr. Speed

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.

Thanksgiving for the Saints

Dr. Speed and Rev. Wilmesherr

Baptisms Since All Saints' Sunday 2022

Eleanor Quinn Fletcher, November 20, 2022

Leela Kirti Candler, October 8, 2023

Asher James McHugh, January 22, 2023

Juliette Shea Wilmesherr, October 22, 2023

Necrology Since All Saints' Sunday 2022

Benjamin Boyd Okel

April 18, 1929 ~ November 30, 2022

Candler Murphey Broom

June 22, 1940 ~ December 4, 2022

Charlotte Lowe Watts

November 5, 1931 ~ January 2, 2023

H. G. "Pat" Pattillo

September 20, 1926 ~ February 18, 2023

Margaret Hersh Newsome

April 30, 1939 ~ April 29, 2023

Elizabeth Jane Boswell

August 30, 1932 ~ May 1, 2023

Maureen Turner Vandiver

August 20, 1939 ~ June 1, 2023

Alberta Miller

May 25, 1938 ~ June 5, 2023

John Harrison Guess

September 10, 1930 ~ June 10, 2023

Suzanne McGregor Dowd

April 11, 1935 ~ June 16, 2023

Edward Addison Berberick

June 12, 1993 ~ June 20, 2023

Vera Gloria Folasade Lewis

August 27, 1957 ~ August 1, 2023

Elaine Timms Weingartner

August 15, 1932 ~ August 9, 2023

Carolyn Elizabeth McCleskey

August 18, 1928 ~ August 15, 2023

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

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.

Breaking the Bread and Pouring the Cup

Rev. Wilmesherr and Dr. Speed

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. Raise your hand if you are unable to come forward and we will bring the elements to you. As a symbol of our communal and corporate faith, we will hold the cup and drink together.

Communion Hymn 508

Come to the Table

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**A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING*

Rev. Wilmesherr

Leader: The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is God's victory over death.

People: In Christ's resurrection is the promise and hope of our resurrection.

Leader: So, we treat death as a broken power.

People: Its ultimate defeat is certain!

Leader: In the face of death, we celebrate life, eternal life.

People: Nothing, not even death, can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Jesus is Lord! Jesus has been Lord from the beginning. Jesus will be Lord at the end. Even now, Jesus Christ is Lord!

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN 326*

For All the Saints

Sine Nomine

**BENEDICTION*

Dr. Speed

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Deep Peace
Chancel Choir

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]*

*ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Sonata I (opus 65): Allegro assai vivace

Felix Mendelssohn

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Deacons' Fund Offering

On communion Sundays we collect an offering for a fund available to help members of our church family in times of financial crisis. Envelopes are available in the pew pockets.

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Sanctuary Flowers

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

Gayle Bush and Jack Bush

by Kristian, Tucker, and Camille Bush

Jill Joyner

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Rev. Tully Fletcher Serving the Larger Church

Pastor Tully as part of being a Presbyterian Pastor and serving the larger Denomination, is appointed to be the Moderator of Trinity Decatur Presbyterian Church. This small congregation has a non-Presbyterian part time pastor who is not authorized to administer the Sacraments in the PC(USA). Today Tully is helping that congregation by presiding at the communion table, and will be heading over there immediately after the worship service to do so.

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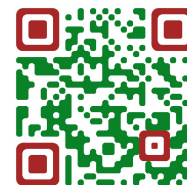
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Support the Youth Group Poinsettia Sale and Christmas Deco Fund

Use the QR Code to purchase Christmas poinsettias and help support the Youth program at Decatur Presbyterian! White, red, and regular or extra large sizes are available. Help the youth participate in summer trips and enjoy beautiful poinsettias this holiday season!

You may also use this QR Code to donate to the **Christmas Decorations and Music Fund** which funds the beautiful decorations at the church for Christmas and the special music of the season. You may give to the Christmas Decoration & Music Fund in honor or memory of someone and that information will be printed in the Christmas Eve Sunday bulletin.



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Refer to the card in the hymnal pew pocket for more information on DPC.

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)

November 16—SAM (Senior Adult Ministry) Trip to Tutankhamun Exhibit at Atlanta Art Center, lunch at 57th Fighter Group. RSVP online or by calling the church office. Meet in DPC parking lot at 9:30 am, return by 3 pm. Seniors \$23.90 & Adults \$29.90. Sign up online by scanning the QR code.

November 29—Advent Festival, DPC Parlor, 6:30—7:30 pm

November 29—Robert Gamble of *This Child Here* Mission in Ukraine visits Wednesday 5:30 pm Bible Study & Dinner



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