



DECATUR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Presbyterian Church (USA)

Every child of God ~ belonging, engaging, being transformed



February 11, 2024

Transfiguration Sunday / Souper Bowl of Caring

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

Paul Manz

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Emily Wilmesherr

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP (from II Corinthians 4:7-18)*

Leader: We have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.

People: **We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair;**

Leader: We are persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed;

People: **We always carry in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies.**

Leader: We believe that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also and will bring us into his presence.

People: **So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day.**

Leader: For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen;

People: **For what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.**

Leader: Praise the Lord!

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

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN 189*

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

Deo Gracias LM)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (adapted from Rose Schrott Taylor, Presbyterian Outlook)

Almighty God, when we encounter beauty, love, and wonder in the world, so often we seek to control it, to contain it. Forgive us for all the ways we seek to pull things under our power, for the ways we fashion the world in order to put ourselves first. We have been selfish, O God. We have pushed aside your command to love our neighbor as we have sought own security and comfort...

(personal prayers of confession)

Holy God, we acknowledge our selfishness and our denial. We lay bare our hearts and minds before you now, trusting in your desire to forgive, to reconcile, and to make all things new; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**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 722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*

Canonbury

Children are invited to come 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: Bekki Poelker, Jen Stewart, and Lori McMahan

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

INTER-GENERATIONAL MOMENT: What is Lent? What is Ash Wednesday?

Rev. 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

Bernice Christy

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 9:2-9

(pew Bible, page 44, NT)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Rev. Dr. Todd Speed

Psalms 50

(pew Bible, page 519, OT)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

'A Time for Prayer' Series

"Listening to God's Son"

SERMON

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.

MOMENT OF GRATITUDE

Rev. Tully M. Fletcher IV

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Amazing Grace Ayegbayo

(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 and SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Bernice Christy and George Christy IV

Scan the QR Code on the back of the bulletin to give online!

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Let There Be Light

Erik Routley

Chancel Choir

Let there be light, LORD God of Hosts; let there be wisdom on the earth; Let broad humanity have birth, let there be deeds instead of boasts. Within our passion'd hearts instill the calm that endeth strain and strife; Make us Thy ministers of life; purge us from lusts that curse and kill. Give us the peace of vision clear to see in others' good our own, To joy and suffer not alone the love that casteth out all fear. Let woe and waste of warfare cease, that useful labour yet may build Its homes with love and laughter filled; God, give Your wayward children peace.

[William Merrill Vories, 1908]

**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*

George Christy IV

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN 190

Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

Geneva

*BENEDICTION

Dr. Speed

*CHORAL AMEN

Seven-fold, in A

John Stainer

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

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Music

Matthew McMahan, *Minister of Music, Choirmaster & Organist*; Chancel Choir

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Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God
in n loving memory of
Elaine and Joe Weingartner
by their family

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February is DEAM Month at DPC

Did You Know . . . that DEAM (Decatur-area Emergency Assistance Ministry) distributed over 122,000 lbs. of food to their clients during 2023? WOW!! Throughout the month of February, DPC will again be collecting most needed food and hygiene items to help re-stock DEAM's always busy food pantry. Some of the most needed items are listed below. Lists of "Ongoing" and "Most Needed" items will also be in e-communications throughout February. Let's help DEAM surpass last year's collection of 122,000 lbs.!!

Items for February: Jelly (Strawberry or Grape), one lb. packages of yellow rice, tuna packets, Vienna sausage, tea bags (regular sized), canned collard greens, peanut butter crackers, corn muffin mix (small boxes), Saltine crackers, canned fruit, hearty soups and condensed soups (chicken noodle, cream of chicken, cream of mushroom), full sized hygiene products – toothpaste, deodorant and soap, reusable cloth bags and toilet tissue.

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Annual Congregational Meeting on March 3

Join us in worship on March 3rd for the Annual Congregational Meeting where we will receive the Annual Report and the 2024 Budget, elect new members to the Nominations Ministry, approve changes to the Pastor's Terms of Call, and kick off the 'Keep DPC Cool' Campaign for critical HVAC replacements.

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Eater Egg Collection

We will have an egg hunt on Palm Sunday, March 24! We need donations of plastic eggs—new and used will be accepted! Bins for collection will be in the Fellowship Hall and the Children's Library. Please drop off your eggs by March 20. Thank you!

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Spread Love to DPC Kids

Did you see the tree decorated with pink lights and hearts? We need volunteers for Bible & Music Camp and the hearts have opportunities for donations and volunteers. Just pick a heart from the tree and write your info on the nearby clipboard list and you will be contacted with more details. Contact Emily Wilmesherr with questions at ewilmesherr@dpchurch.org.

You are a compassionate and generous congregation who is excellent at showing up for others. Let's make it a goal to get to know three new people of different generations in this new year. Let's see how these relationships shape us as individuals, as well as our wider community. Who are you going to show up for this year? Write the names of three new people you would like to get to know on the lines below. Tear out this part of your bulletin and put it up where you will see it often.

DPC Civil Rights Pilgrimage February 16-18, 2023

Join members and friends of Decatur Presbyterian Church for an inter-generational Civil Rights Pilgrimage to Montgomery, Birmingham, and Anniston, Alabama from the morning of Friday, February 16 to late afternoon Sunday, February 18, 2024. We will be visiting significant historical sites and museums and staying overnight at Living River: A Retreat on the Cahaba River near Montevallo, Alabama. All-inclusive total cost will be \$180 for adults; \$125 for youth (6th-12th grade). Shades Valley Lodge has eight bedrooms and four baths. Limited private rooms available for an additional \$150 per room.. Email tspeed@dpchurch.org or tfletcher@dpchurch.org for information and reservations. Sign up link: <https://forms.gle/jwWqd6zYxgQ6cEPKA>

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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)

February is DEAM Month! Help re-stock the Food Pantry at Decatur-area Emergency Assistance Ministry!

February 11—Souper Bowl of Caring, offering collected by DPC youth before & after worship to support DPC's Threshold Ministry quarterly community meals and help combat food insecurity for Threshold guests

February 11—PW Women's Ministry Sunday Gathering, meet in Parlor after worship to walk to Raging Burrito for lunch

February 13—PW Women's Ministry Day Gathering, 10 am, Parlor, Lesson & Lunch

February 14—Memorial Service for Ray Willoch, sanctuary, 1:00 pm, reception to follow in the Parlor

February 14—Ash Wednesday Service with Communion, 5:30 pm in the sanctuary, dinner at 6:15 pm

February 16-18—DPC Civil Rights Pilgrimage to Montgomery, Selma, Birmingham, and Anniston, Alabama

February 25—Agnes Scott/UKirk Sunday

February 28—"Journey to Easter" Lenten Workshop, All ages are invited to the Keith Parlor at explore through prayer stations and activities

March 2—Memorial Service for David Van Buren, 11:00 am in the sanctuary, light reception to follow

March 3—Annual Congregational Meeting, receive Annual Report and 2024 Budget, Elect New Class to the Nominations Ministry, Approve Changes to Pastor's Terms of Call, and Kick Off of the Keep DPC Cool Campaign for critical HVAC replacements

March 17—Mission Partner Sarah Junkin Woodard to Visit DPC

March 24—Palm Sunday; Breakfast & Egg Hunt; Procession of Palms

March 28—Maundy Thursday Service with Communion, 5:30 pm, Sanctuary. Dinner at 6:15 pm

March 29—Good Friday Choral Tenebrae Service, 7:30 pm in the sanctuary

March 31—Easter Sunday! Decorate the cross on the lawn; Festival Service of Easter

A Bold Vision and Invitation:

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



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