

**THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Sunday**  
**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**  
**April 16, 2017**

(\*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

**We Gather in God's Name**

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

In one of his prayers, Walter Brueggemann asks God to “Easter us in joy and strength.” I must admit that as much as I like the language of that prayer, I’m not certain that I’m ready to be Eastered by God, or anyone else for that matter. It sounds like a painful process to me. How exactly does one get Eastered anyway?

– Rev. John Leggett, pastor of Massanutten Presbyterian Church in Penn Laird, VA

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**    *Toccata on Darwall's 148th*                      Gordon Young  
Tune of Hymn #363, “Rejoice, the Lord is King”

**WELCOME**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Beloved church, behold the victory of our God:  
Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.

**P: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

L: Sin and death shall reign no more.

**P: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

L: Let this place resound with joy.

**P: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

Thanks be to God.

**\*HYMN #232**                      “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

## CALL TO CONFESSION

based on Psalm 118:19

L: God has opened to us the gates of righteousness that we may enter through them. Confident in God's love, let us offer our confession.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

based on Colossians 3:1; John 20:11,16

Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit  
we have been raised from the waters of baptism  
to share in your glorious resurrection.

Yet we have not lived as Easter people.

We are unsure of your promise, confused about your will,  
and afraid in the face of danger.

Like Mary, we weep at the tomb, but do not recognize your presence.

Call us by name, risen Lord, that we may know you with confidence.

Whenever we are tempted to fear death,  
give us courage to confess your Easter victory.

Whenever we are distracted by petty conflicts,  
keep our minds on your reconciling love.

Whenever we are overwhelmed by the power of evil,  
reveal again to us your triumph  
over the destructive powers of oppression.

Forgive us our sin and let our lives be a testimony to your salvation  
through the love of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

(time for silent confession)

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE

based on Psalm 118:18

L: Listen, church:

God who raised Jesus from the dead has not given us over to death.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**P: Thanks be to God!**

L: And as God's forgiven people – as *Easter people* – let us greet each other  
with signs of reconciliation and friendship.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**P: And also with you!**

\*GLORIA PATRI #581

*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, amen.*

PARISH LIFE & CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**God's Word Is Proclaimed**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

based on Matthew 28:2

Almighty God, by the power of your Spirit, roll away the stone  
and reveal to us the Word of Life. Amen.

WORD FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

Rowan Near, lovely assistant

BLESSING

based on 1 John 4:4, 7

Little children, you are from God...

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God.

*(Infants and small children are dismissed to the care of the nursery staff.  
Older children are invited to remain and worship.)*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 31:1-6

(OT p.)

L: The word of the Lord. P: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Sing, Rejoice, Clap Your Hands  
words and music by Mark Patterson

Sing, rejoice, clap your hands, sing a song of praise to the Lord.

Sing, rejoice, clap your hands, sing a song of praise,

let your voice be raised, sing a song of praise to the Lord.

Shout from the mountain tops, whisper through the trees,

come every one now rejoice and sing.

The JuveNiles

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 28:1-10

(NT p.)

L: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. P: Glory to you, O Lord.

SERMON

The Intrusion of Heaven

Rev. Mike Wilson

## We Respond to God's Word

\*HYMN #249

“Because You Live, O Christ”

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
& THE LORD'S PRAYER (people read bold)

Let us unite our hearts in prayer, saying,  
God of Resurrection,  
**hear our prayer.**

For the Church throughout the world,  
that as we celebrate the feast of Jesus's resurrection,  
we may renew our faith and strengthen our witness in Jesus's name.  
God of Resurrection,  
**hear our prayer.**

For our pastor, ruling elders, staff and dedicated volunteers,  
that they be wise in leadership, humble in service,  
and fearless in the face of the many challenges confronting the church;  
God of Resurrection,  
**hear our prayer.**

For the governments of the world and its leaders,  
that they may practice compassion  
and reject the politics that use death and suffering as means of control;  
God of Resurrection,  
**hear our prayer.**

For our planet Earth,  
that people may be good stewards of its resources  
and share in its abundance;  
God of Resurrection,  
**hear our prayer.**

For the poor and the stranger,  
that they may receive a place of refuge, hope, and hospitality;  
God of Resurrection,  
**hear our prayer.**

For the sick and those in distress,  
that they may find healing for their pain  
and be restored to fullness of life;  
God of Resurrection,  
**hear our prayer.**

For our neighbors,  
that together we may dwell in harmony;  
God of Resurrection,  
**hear our prayer.**

For our enemies,  
that we may love them  
and be agents of reconciliation in the name of Jesus;  
God of Resurrection,  
**hear our prayer.**

For all those people or situations  
that weigh heavily on our hearts and minds.  
*[Here you may say aloud your prayers of petition and concern.]*

Almighty God,  
receive these prayers we offer,  
and by the power of your Holy Spirit  
use us for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ,  
who taught us to pray saying,

**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.**

**OPPORTUNITY FOR GENEROUS GIVING**

The Lord is risen indeed! Hallelujah!  
 Now is Christ risen from the dead,  
 And become the first fruit of them that slept.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.  
 And did He rise? Did He rise? Hear it, ye nations! Hear it O ye dead!  
 He rose, He rose, He rose, He rose,  
 He burst the bars of death and triumphed o'er the grave.

Then, then, then I rose,  
 Then first humanity triumphant passed the crystal ports of light,  
 And seized eternal youth.  
 Men all immortal hail, heaven, all lavish of strange gifts to man,  
 Thine's all the glory, man's the boundless bliss.

— from the New Testament and Edward Young's *Night Thoughts*

\*DOXOLOGY #609 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures



high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise



God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it



one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (*unison*)

Almighty God, by your grace, accept the fruit of our labor and the offering of our lives in union with our risen Lord, who lives and reigns with you forever. Amen.

## We Seal God's Word Upon Our Hearts

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: **We lift up our hearts to the Lord.**

L: For Christ is risen!

P: **Yes! Christ is alive!**

L: Yes, Christ is risen and living and moving amongst us!  
Creating and nurturing God,

P: **you bring new life in the midst of  
confusion, fear, grief, violence, and death.**

L: We see you in the budding trees.

P: **We encounter you in the  
resistance, compassion, and creativity  
of communities facing violence.**

L: And we meet You wherever we gather to feed and be fed.

P: **Send your Holy Spirit to shape us into more faithful disciples  
and bind us to all your people across time and space.**

L: On the same day that the women discovered the empty tomb,  
two followers of Jesus walked from Jerusalem to Emmaus.  
As they walked, they talked about Jesus's death  
and the astonishing news of the empty tomb.  
They shared their grief, dashed hopes, and confusion.  
Jesus joined them along the road, but they could not recognize him.  
They continued to talk, and Jesus opened the scriptures for them.  
Yet they still did not recognize him.  
The disciples invited Jesus stay with them for the evening.  
Jesus sat at the table, took bread, broke it, and blessed it.

And suddenly their eyes were opened  
and they recognized Christ in the breaking of bread.

For Jesus had offered them the bread of life just a few days before.  
When they were all gathered in a room together to share the Passover,  
he took the bread...broke it...and blessed it saying,

**P: Take, eat, this is my body, broken for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.**

L: Later, he took the cup and blessed it saying,

**P: Drink from this, all of you.  
This is the cup of the covenant, sealed with my blood.  
Do this in remembrance of me.**

L: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

## THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*Christ is host of this table. Everyone, without exception, is welcome. We will receive the Lord's Supper by coming forward and dipping a piece of bread into the cup. Please eat as you are served.*

### COMMUNION ANTHEM

Myrrh-Bearing Mary

David Hurd

Myrrh-bearing Mary from Magdala came seeking her Jesus, with Spirit aflame;  
He had commanded her sickness depart,  
she now would thank him for newness of heart.

Myrrh-bearing Mary from Bethany came seeking her Jesus  
who'd called her by name;  
There she anointed his feet and his head with precious oils  
that were meant for the dead.

Myrrh-bearing Mary to Calvary came seeking her Jesus who hung there in shame;  
And as the careless and heedless passed by,  
hopeless and helpless she watched her Lord die.

Myrrh-bearing Mary to death's garden came seeking her Jesus  
who'd borne the world's blame;  
Heartsick she stood, till she heard the Lord's voice:  
"Mary!" he said, 'I am risen, rejoice!"

— Text by Rae E. Whitney



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

Risen Lord, thank you for feeding our whole selves with the Bread of Life. Open our eyes to your presence around us. Let our burning hearts lead us to recognize you along every road we travel. In your name we pray. Amen.

**We Bear God's Word Into the World**

\*HYMN #248                      “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

L: Let all God's people say,    P: Alleluia, Amen!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY    Toccata from *Symphony No. 5*    Charles Marie Widor

*Today's communion liturgy was written and led by Sarah Jordan, who has been our Vanderbilt Divinity School field education student for the past two years. Sarah will receive her Master of Divinity degree next month and has been called to the position of Pastoral Resident at Freindship Presbyterian Church in Chicago.*

***Assisting in worship and hospitality today are:***

Michael Arwood – *greeter and refreshments*

Jack Henderson – *liturgist*

Michael Korak and Jack Henderson – *offering counters*

Tom Ashley, piano; Edward Cardona, trombone; Joel Dark, tuba;

Eric Near, trumpet; Justin Near, French horn

***And next week:***

Faye & Jim Dickson – *greeter and refreshments*

Betsy Bahn and Sarah Jordan – *liturgist*

Justin Near and Claire Armbruster – *offering counters*

## **Children and Worship**

The presence of children in worship is a gift to our church. We welcome them, wiggles and all. Families are encouraged to sit together in worship, at least through the children's message. After that, parents may take younger children (5 and under) to our nursery, staffed by loving caregivers. A greeter can direct you to the nursery. For faith development, we value older children (over 5) experiencing the entire worship service. To help, children's bulletins and activities to keep little hands occupied can be found outside in the narthex.

## **Join us every Sunday...**

after worship at the coffee pot in the narthex for interesting conversation and light refreshments. A good way to meet the pastor and make new friends at DPC.

## **DPC Book Group**

The DPC book group will have its next meeting on Tuesday, May 9, at 6:30 at the home of Cary Gibson and Joel Dark. We will be discussing the *The Hidden Life of Trees* by Peter Wohlleben. Please feel free to contact Joel (joelhdark@gmail.com) for more information.

## **Financial Update**

Our finances are solid through the first quarter of 2017. Pledges are currently \$13,982 ahead of budget and our overall revenue is \$24,747 ahead. Committee expenses remain low and no unexpected expenses have occurred. We are currently \$13,444 over in budgeted expenses, but this reflects a number of expenses incurred ahead of schedule. The first draw, \$27,000, from our endowment has been made to cover the semi-annual building insurance payment and make final payment on the new alley door. Donations, totaling \$5875 made in memorial to Senator Douglas Henry will go to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. If you have any questions or would like to see more details, please see DPC Treasurer Jeff Koontz.

## Parking

Parking for Sunday worship is in the Premier lot at **147 4th Ave. N.**

You must come down 4th from Church Street. Parking in this lot is complimentary from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Parking vouchers are necessary to exit the lot without having to pay. To get one, just ask one of our greeters.

### Our Ministries Last Week

#### Saturday Breakfast Ministry

130 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on April 1

#### 11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:64, Children:6

#### Tuesday Noon Bible Study

5 people gathered for lunch, fellowship, and Bible Study.

#### Wednesday Lunch Ministry

226 people enjoyed lunch in a warm and friendly environment.

#### Pastor's Discretionary Fund Assistance

13 people received assistance from the pastor's discretionary fund this week.

#### Visitors and Tourists

8 visitors came to view the sanctuary during the week.

### Schedule of Weekly Events

#### Monday, April 17

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 1

#### Tuesday, April 18

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 1

6:00 Finance, Administration & Personnel and Building & History Committees – The Cookery

#### Wednesday, April 19

Noon Lunch served to Nashville's homeless and urban poor

#### Thursday, April 20

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 1

#### Friday, April 21

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 1

#### Saturday, April 22

8:30 Breakfast served to Nashville's homeless and urban poor

#### Sunday, April 23

9:00 Morning Brew

– Morning Brew Lounge

11:00 Worship – the Sanctuary

## Our Mission

Gathering in the heart of Nashville, we are a community of disciples of Jesus Christ. We seek the welfare of the city as we seek the kingdom of God. We are an historic church working to be a welcoming and inclusive congregation. Together we actively share God's grace and love through worship, education and service, and through being an active voice in promoting justice and peace in our community and the world.

## Our Values and Ethos

We believe that every person is a beloved child of God.

Our welcome extends to everyone, whatever your economic circumstances, your faith background, your racial or ethnic identity, your sexual orientation or gender identity, or your political affiliations.

As a diverse community we seek to intentionally embody God's radically inclusive and transformative love for everyone. With love and grace, we are called as a community to grow together as a voice for justice and peace - each as we are, with our unique human stories of joy and struggle.

## SESSION 2017

Rev. Mike Wilson, Moderator    Betsy Bahn, Clerk    Jeff Koontz, Treasurer

### Class of 2017

Tom Byl  
Michael Arwood  
Ridley Wills II  
Claire Armbruster

### Class of 2018

Cary Gibson  
Michael Korak

### Class of 2019

Chuck Cardona  
Jack Henderson  
Justin Near

## THE CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Mike Wilson, Pastor    Paulino Jarquin, Facilities Manager  
Reginald Hughes, Office Manager    Dr. William Taylor, Organist/Choir Director  
Suzie Lane, Children's Education Director

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