

# THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 3, 2017

(\*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

### We Gather in God's Name

#### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Well, we all have a face that we hide away forever,  
And we take them out and show ourselves when everyone has gone.  
Some are satin, some are steel, some are silk and some are leather,  
They're the faces of a stranger but we'd love to try them on

– from “The Stanger” by Billy Joel, 1977

#### OPENING VOLUNTARY

Trumpet Voluntary

John Travers

#### WELCOME

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 105:1-6

Eric Near, liturgist

L: Give thanks to the LORD;  
call upon God's name;  
make God's deeds known to all people!

P: **Sing to God;**  
**sing praises to the LORD;**  
**dwell upon all God's wondrous works!**

L: Give praise to God's holy name!  
Let the hearts rejoice of all seeking the LORD!

P: **Pursue the Lord and seek God's face always!**  
**Let us worship God!**

#### \*HYMN #54

“Make a Joyful Noise to God!”

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

L: As we prepare to be filled this day - with God's Word and at Christ's table  
- let us empty ourselves of all that obscure or diminish those gifts.  
Let us offer our confession and receive grace in return.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

based on Romans 12:9-21

Patient and persistent God,

We confess that we have been

less than genuine in our love;  
less than tenacious in holding on to what is good;  
less than enthusiastic in our worship and witness;  
less than devoted in our prayer life;  
less than willing to offer blessing;  
less than present with those who suffer.

Strengthen our resolve to be more than what we are  
and to seek inspiration from the One who is everything you are;  
our teacher, our brother, our friend, Jesus the Christ.

Amen.

(time for silent confession)

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING OF THE PEACE based on Romans 12:18

L: The Apostle Paul wrote,

“If possible, to the best of your ability, live at peace with all people.”

By the act of confession and with the assurance of God’s grace,  
we have that ability, fully and completely, right now.

So let us prove it by extending signs of that peace to each other.

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 Psalm 105:5

God of marvelous works,

move in our lives, change our minds, soften our hearts, direct our feet,  
that we may follow you more faithfully.

And may we find inspiration for our journey today in your Word written and proclaimed. Amen.

## WORD FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

### 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.)*

NEW TESTAMENT READING      Romans 12:9-21      (NT p.162)

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING      Exodus 3:1-15      (OT p.50)

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

### SERMON

I AM

Rev. Mike Wilson

## We Respond to God's Word

\*HYMN #50

“Deep in the Shadows of the Past”

vs. 1-choir; vs. 2-4-all

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

*[A time of silence follows each petition. During the silence you may say aloud your own prayers and petitions.]*

Listening God, you heard the prayers of the Israelites.

Hear now these prayers, both spoken and silent:

For peace where there is conflict . . .

For food where there is hunger . . .

For hope where there is despair . . .

For health where there is sickness . . .

For faith where there is fear . . .

For life where there is death . . .

We pray in the name of Jesus,  
who conquers all that would defeat us,  
who gives us new life,  
and who taught us to pray...

**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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM                      This is the Day                      John Rutter

This is the day which the Lord hath made:  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
O praise the Lord of heav'n: praise him in the height.  
Praise him, all ye angels of his: praise him, all his host.  
Praise him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars and light.  
Let them praise the Name of the Lord.  
For he shall give his angels charge over thee: to keep thee in all thy ways.  
The Lord himself is thy keeper:  
the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;  
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day: neither the moon by night.  
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: yea,  
it is even he that shall keep thy soul.  
The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in:  
from this time forth for evermore.  
He shall defend thee under his wings.  
Be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart,  
and put thou thy trust in the Lord.

— Anthem text taken from Psalms 118, 148, 91, 121, and 27

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*)

based on Exodus 3:5, 11-12

Holy God of holy ground,

like Moses, we question our fitness to serve heaven's purposes on earth.

Overcome our doubts with the assurance of your presence;

    bless these offerings that, through them, we may do your will;

Amen.

## We Seal God's Word Upon Our Hearts

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

L: May our God of goodness be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Offer your hearts to God and rejoice in hope.

**P: We bring them to the One who blesses us with love.**

L: Join in singing thanksgivings to the One who calls us to this feast.

**P: We praise our God who feeds us with peace.**

L: Reaching into your imagination, God of wonder,  
you wove that community we call creation:  
your steadfast love swimming in the waters,  
your joy teaching songs to the birds,  
your peace placing stars in the skies.

You made ready your guest room for those shaped in your likeness,  
but we set our minds on sin's things,  
wanting to walk down the road to death.

You sent prophets to offer us your words  
so that they might delight our hearts,  
but we would not even try a taste,  
preferring to party with hypocritical temptation.

Yet you would not wash your hands of us,  
but sent your Child into our world, to be with us, to save us.

With all those who cling to goodness,  
with those who long to live in harmony,  
we sing aloud our thanksgivings:

**P: Holy, holy, holy are you, God who knows us.  
All creation rejoices in your hope.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One who walks in integrity.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

L: In Jesus, you walked faithfully toward us, God of holiness,  
so we might see your love wherever and whenever we looked.

In Jesus, you sat down with those considered worthless in the world's eyes,  
so we might feast on your words of mercy and hope.  
In Jesus, you reached out to pry us out of Wicked's hands,  
to break Ruthless's grip on us.  
In Jesus, you showed us the cost of delivering us, as he lost his life  
so we might be saved by grace.

Because we want to follow Jesus,  
because we want to be your people,  
we would proclaim our faith:

**P: Taking up his cross, Christ died for us;  
overcoming death with life, you raised Christ from the grave;  
Christ will come with the angels, to reveal your glory.**

**L: Pour out your Spirit upon the gifts of the Table,  
and on the people being woven  
into your community in this place.**

As we eat of the bread, may we find that life of serving  
the poor, the hungry,  
the lost, the hopeless.

As we drink from the cup, may we find the strength to lose ourselves  
in sharing your peace,  
in giving water to the thirsty,  
in becoming friends with the oppressed.

When this journey through life has ended,  
and we gather in your house around your table  
with those of every place, and of every time,  
we will sing your praises forever, God in Community, Holy in One.  
Amen.

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## 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

A Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter

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 gentle night to you.  
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.  
Deep peace of Christ, of Christ the light of the world to you.  
Deep peace of Christ to you.

– words adapted from an old Gaelic rune

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

\*HYMN #52

“When Israel Was in Egypt's Land”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Sortie in D

Benton Price

**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.

**Hand Bells Fundraiser**

DPC has recently been given the opportunity to purchase a 3-octave set of handbells with all of the bells and whistles included. If you have any interest in making a donation so that we can make this purchase, please fill out a pledge card on Sunday morning, leave a check in the offering designated to “handbells,” or text “dpchurch offering” to 73256 and select “Handbells” from the dropdown menu.



### **First Sunday Lunch Meet-up**

Join us today, right after worship, at the Nashville Farmers' Market for our Sunday lunch meet-up. Get some food from one of the fantastic vendors, then look for friendly faces in the dining area.

Nashville Farmers' Market is at 900 Rosa L. Parks Blvd.

### **Electronic Giving!**

Want an easy way to donate to DPC? Just text "**dpchurch offering**" to **73256**. You'll get a link to a secure site that will scan your credit card info. You can even choose what special DPC fund you want to give to. It only takes about a minute!

**Thanks for supporting the ministries of Downtown Presbyterian Church!**

### **We're looking for pictures!**

DPC is celebrating Children's Sabbath on October 1. In anticipation of that, the children are making a banner and we need pictures of children, all kinds of pictures of all kinds of children..

- Drawings
- pictures from magazines,
- photographs
- pictures from Christmas cards
- printed from the internet
- any other place you can find pictures

*Size and color do not matter, but the more cultures and ethnicities, the better. So, start looking and cutting out! You can leave pictures in the office during the week or give them to Suzie on Sunday mornings. Deadline for pictures is September 15.*

### **DPC Summer Picnic!**

The Downtown Presbyterian Church Summer Picnic will be at Shelby Park on Sunday, September 17, immediately following 11am worship. The Hospitality Committee will provide fried chicken and soft drinks. Guests are asked to bring side dishes and desserts. There will be pickin' (bring your instruments), grinnin' (bring smiles) and activities for children.

The address for the park is: South 20th St. at Shelby Ave. We'll be at the Mission Picnic Shelter (same spot as 2016). To locate Shelby Park and the location of the shelter, go to the Parks and Recreation page at [nashville.gov](http://nashville.gov). Inquiries and ideas may be sent to [clairearmbruster@gmail.com](mailto:clairearmbruster@gmail.com).

## Calling for DPC Liturgists

From September 2017, each Sunday worship will be led by 3 liturgists. In preparation, we are creating 3 new liturgy teams. Pastor Mike will work with the teams to develop your specific gifts & skills. Whether you're a seasoned DPC liturgist or want to join this important ministry, here's a quick guide to the 3 liturgy teams & their distinctive liturgical gifts & responsibilities.



### 1. Dialogical

Opening our worship, the dialogical team is ideal for liturgists who can look the congregation in the eye & "go big" with confidence, authority & enthusiasm.

Responsibilities: Call to worship; invitation to & prayers of confession; assurances of pardon.



### 2. Scripture

With clear diction, a strong voice & a flair for the dramatic, much like an actor, scripture readers spend time with a passage & prepare it for oral presentation much like a script. A scripture might be in the form of a story, a letter or a poem & each demands a different style of performance.

Responsibilities: Read first scripture lesson & help the lead other dialogical elements



### 3. Prayers

Good prayer leaders infuse their words with nuanced emotions, tone & pace- each prayer can include petitions of concern, sorrow, plea, celebration, contrition, thanksgiving, demand & more. These liturgists create a calm, confident space for the congregation to pray aloud or in silence.

Responsibilities: Prayers of the people & other occasional prayers

To join a team: add your name to the sign up sheet in the narthex or email Pastor Mike [mikewilson@dpcchurch.com](mailto:mikewilson@dpcchurch.com). You can also contact Pastor Mike if you want to discuss which team you feel called to serve.

## 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

206 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on August 26.

#### 11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:68, Children:8

#### Wednesday Lunch Ministry

253 people enjoyed lunch in a warm and friendly environment.

#### Visitors and Tourists

47 visitors came to view the sanctuary during the week.

### Schedule of Weekly Events

#### Today

12:30 First Sunday Lunch Meet Up

Monday, September 4  
Church Closed - Labor Day

Tuesday, September 5  
11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 1

Wednesday, September 6  
Noon Lunch served to Nashville's homeless and urban poor

Thursday, September 7  
11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 1

Friday, September 8  
11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 1

Saturday, September 9  
8:30 Breakfast served to Nashville's homeless and urban poor

Sunday, September 10  
9:00 Morning Brew  
— Morning Brew Lounge  
9:00 Juveniles Rehearsal  
9:45 Christian Education — all ages  
9:45 Adult Choir Rehearsal  
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  
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