

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 19, 2017

Hearing assistance devices are available.
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(*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

We Gather in God's Name

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"Justice is the body of love and love is the soul of justice."

— John Dominic Crossan

OPENING VOLUNTARY Voluntary on *Wer nur den lieben Gott* Gordon Young
Tune taken from Hymn 816

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Before there was any time,

P: there was God.

L: When we wandered the wilderness,

P: God built a way for us.

L: When we lived in exile,

P: our homes were built by God.

L: When we are overwhelmed by life,

P: God welcomes us into an embrace of comfort.

L: When we seek to serve faithfully,

P: God provides the opportunities.

L: When tomorrow comes,

P: we find God awake and waiting for us.

L: When time ends,

P: there will still be God.

*HYMN #663 "Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun"

CALL TO CONFESSION

God created us for goodness, and we make foolish choices.
God, who walked this earth, knows our temptations.
God, whose hope is for wholeness, waits to forgive us.
Let us come to our God, as we confess our lives together, saying,

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of promises,
 you offer us guidance,
 yet we grasp the hand of the world on our journey.
You would nurture us with love and grace,
 yet we feast on the empty calories of success and seduction.
You call us to be your faithful people,
 yet we are eager to follow the politicians, the promoters, the petty.
Forgive us, Covenant God.
You have not forgotten your promises,
 nor will you break them.
Rather, you come to us so we will know your love.
You walk with us, so we will find the way.
You redeem us, so we will trust your words
 which were fulfilled in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.
Amen.

(time for silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

L: In every time, in every place, in every life, God shows compassion and mercy. Thus, we know God has heard our prayers and has filled us with grace and hope. In this time, in this place, in our lives, our grace and hope are sustained by this abiding love.

P: Thanks be to God! We are forgiven!

L: Now, let us extend compassion and mercy, grace and hope 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)

Come, Holy Spirit, open our minds and hearts this day, that we may be enlightened and encouraged by your living Word and walk together as children of light. 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 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (NT p.205)

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING Zephaniah 1 (OT p.874)

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

SERMON

A Very, Very Bad Day

Rev. Mike Wilson

We Respond to God's Word

*HYMN #453

"Open Your Ears, O Faithful People"

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

Let us pray for the needs of the world, saying,
O God of hope,
awaken us to your new world.

We pray for all leaders and people of the world
that we may expose the powers and principalities of injustice
and work together to build your reign of peace.
O God of hope,
awaken us to your new world.

We pray for all who yearn for your light to break forth
in places of sickness, toil, or danger,
that we may find our way to your realm of wholeness
through our love for one another.
O God of hope,
awaken us to your new world.

Your coming is the dawn of a new day
that brings hope and healing to our lives.
Fill your church with the light of your love
that we may be still and know that you are God
and experience the joy of your presence.
O God of hope,
awaken us to your new world.

Rouse us to live in this present age
in light of our hope for your return.
Inspire us to encourage each other to tend the earth
and to press harder than we think we can
to work toward your new creation.
O God of hope,
awaken us to your new world.

Give us the courage to acknowledge human frailty, limitation,
and even death, with confidence in your eternal plan.

For we dwell forever in light with you,
our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.
O God of hope,
awaken us to your new world.

Give us strong voices to say aloud all our other prayers and
petitions.
[Here you may say aloud your individual prayers and petitions.]
O God of hope,
awaken us to your new world.

And here us now as we pray with one voice,

**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 Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal

Hymntune: Invitation
Alice Parker, arr.

Hark, I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore,
As I near those swollen waters with their deep and solemn roar.

And my soul, tho' stain'd with sorrow, fading as the light of day,
Passes swiftly o'er those waters, to the city far away.

Souls have cross'd before me, saintly, to that land of perfect rest;
And I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest.

Refrain:

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, praise the lamb!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, glory to the great I AM!

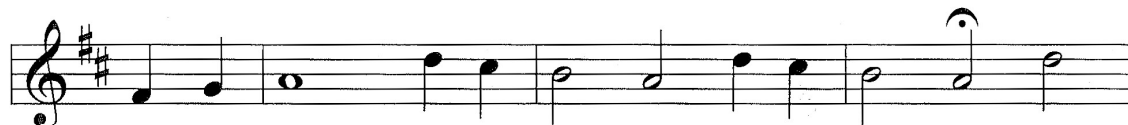
— Words attributed to F. R. Warren

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*)

May we not hide our gifts, Loving God, but offer them to you with trust and hope, so all may join us on the journey to your kingdom of grace and hope, peace and healing. In Jesus's name, we pray. Amen.

We Bear God's Word Into the World

*HYMN #687

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Chorale Prelude on *Nun danket alle Gott*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Tune taken from Hymn #643

Join us 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!

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!

Waffle Shop 2017

Waffle Shop 2017 is Thursday, December 7. Lots of help is needed and sign-up sheets are in the narthex!

Calling All Singers

Lessons and Carols is Sunday, December 10, 2017! If you want to join the choir for this service, rehearsals will be every Sunday at 10:20 a.m. in the choir room leading up to December 10. There is also a dress rehearsal on December 9, 10 a.m. - noon. Please contact William Taylor, DPC's Director of Music, at wrtaylori@comcast.net to sign up.

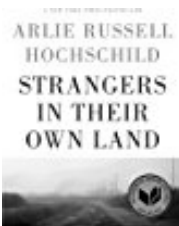
Andrew Bird in Concert at DPC

Andrew Bird debuts his intimate *Gezelligheid* performances in Nashville this winter for a two-night residency at DPC on Friday and Saturday, December 8 & 9. Appropriating a Dutch term that loosely translates to cozy, the performances concentrate mainly on instrumental violin pieces amplified only by his signature giant Victrola horns.

Bird notes, "What I hope to do with these shows is adapt my music completely to the atmosphere of the space and the season. I want the audience to be both lifted and comforted as we head into another cold and dark winter. I feel the space should be sacred so the audience can experience my music in a different atmosphere."

Go to andrewbird.net for more information and tickets. Note: the December 9 show is already sold out!

DPC Book Group



The DPC book group will have its next meeting on Tuesday, December 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the club room of the Viridian Condos two doors down from the church. We will be discussing *Strangers in Their Own Land* by Arlie Russell Hochschild.

Liturgist Training

For two months now you've seen and heard announcements about our anticipated move to using as many as three liturgists in our Sunday worship, each one specifically trained as a dialogical, scriptural or prayer leader. The training sessions for each of the three areas will happen after worship on the following Sundays:

- November 26 - Scriptural
- December 3 - Prayer

Even if you haven't already signed up to be a part of the liturgical team, you can still sign up in the narthex or simply attend one or more of the sessions.

New Member Inquirer Sessions

Pastor Mike has been holding session for anyone you're interested in becoming a member of DPC or just learning more about the church or being Presbyterian. There are two more session in this fall series on:

- November 26
- December 3



This is a great opportunity to explore membership, meet new people and hang out with Mike. And attending the sessions in no way obligates you to actually join the church.

We'll meet at 9:45 in the Morning Brew Lounge (the comfy room by the parking lot door). Coffee and snacks will be provided! So Mike knows how much new member material to order, please let him know you're coming at: mikewilson@dpchurch.com

Volunteers Needed for Saturday Breakfast

Every Saturday morning DPC opens its doors to Nashville's homeless and urban poor community to provide hot, nutritious meals in a warm, inviting space.

Otter Creek is sending volunteers for the Third Saturday breakfast that was previously run by the DPC Community. Volunteers from DPC are welcome EVERY Saturday, but are greatly needed for the 5th Saturday in December. We also want to enlarge our pool of experienced DPC hosts for those Saturdays when other churches and organizations are sending volunteers.

Go here to sign up for any Saturday and to see who else is coming: <https://goo.gl/yQi9wA>

We provide complimentary parking for all volunteers.
If you can volunteer please respond to dpcbreakfast@gmail.com.

Clothes Closet Help!

We maintain a clothes closet to help our homeless and urban poor guests on Saturday morning. We are in need of many items, including:

- Men's and Women's long sleeve shirts: all sizes
- Men's and Women's sweatshirts: all sizes (hoods preferred)
- Men's and Women's jeans – all sizes
- Men's and Women's underwear—MUST BE NEW
- Socks for men and women—MUST BE NEW
- Gloves, hats, and scarves
- Sample Size Toiletries
- WINTER COATS!

Perhaps you have some things you haven't worn in a while and can donate. Or maybe you can pick up a few extra items at Target or the drugstore. And remember, your clothing dollars can go a long way at one of Nashville's several Goodwill locations!

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

150 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on November 11.

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:84, Children 6

Visitors and Tourists

42 visitors came to view the sanctuary during the week.

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

1:00 Session – Parlor 2
4:00 Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Monday, November 20

11:30 AA Meeting–Parlor 2

Tuesday, November 21

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2
12:00 Bible Study – Parlor 1

Wednesday, November 22

Thursday, November 23

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Friday, November 24

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Saturday, November 25

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

Sunday, November 26

9:00 Juveniles Rehearsal
9:45 Adult Choir Rehearsal
9:45 New Member Inquiry
– Morning Brew Lounge
9:45 Christian Education – all ages
11:00 Worship – the Sanctuary
12:00 Liturgist Training – Sanctuary
4:00 Handbell Choir Rehearsal

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

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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

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