

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 5, 2017

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(*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

We Gather in God's Name

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"You cannot be half a saint; you must be a whole saint or no saint at all."

— St. Thérèse Lisieux

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Arioso

Craig Phillips

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 34:8

L: O taste and see that the Lord is good;

P: happy are those who take refuge in God.

L: With hearts and hands and voices,

P: let us praise the LORD!

*HYMN #804

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"

Descant by Lois Fyfe

CALL TO CONFESSION

In the face of God's goodness we recognize our failings.

Hungry for God's mercy let us tell the truth about our lives,
that we might receive grace in time of need.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

based on 1 John 3:1

Gracious God,

you call us your own children and cover us with your love.

We would seek to be merciful as you are,

and to show compassion as you do,

but we fail to live the life to which we have been called.

(continued)

Where we ought to forgive, we condemn;
the evil we should shun, we embrace.
Forgive our sinful ways, tame our wayward wills,
and make us more like Christ,
until we are raised in perfection on the last day. Amen.

(time for silent confession)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING OF THE PEACE**

L: Sisters and brothers, no one who takes refuge in God will be condemned.
Believe the good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

P: **Thanks be to God,**

L: As full citizens of God's kingdom,
let us claim that identity 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)

In your Word, O God, show us heaven.
By your Spirit, show us truth;
through Christ, the Living Word, in whom we see your face.
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.)*

***OLD TESTAMENT READING** Psalm 34:1-10, 22 (antiphonally)
left side reads **bold**, right side reads *italics*

**We will bless the LORD at all times;
God's praise will always be in our mouths.**

*We praise the LORD –
let the suffering listen and rejoice.*

**Let's magnify the LORD together!
Together let us lift God's name up high!**

**We sought the LORD and God answered us.
God delivered us from all our fears.**

**Those who look to God will shine;
their faces are never ashamed.**

*A suffering people cried out:
the LORD listened and saved them from every trouble.*

**On every side, the LORD's messenger protects those who honor God;
and God delivers them.**

Taste and see how good the LORD is!

The one who takes refuge in God is truly happy!

*You who are the LORD's holy ones, honor God,
because those who honor God don't lack a thing.*

**Even strong young lions go without and get hungry,
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.**

*The LORD saves the lives of God's servants;
all those who take refuge in God
won't be held responsible for anything.*

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 (NT p.203)

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

SERMON Lives in the Kingdom of God Rev. Mike Wilson

We Respond to God's Word

***HYMN #749**

"Come! Live in the Light!"

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

Eternal God,
author of our past and promise of our future,
we lay before you our private fears
and our concerns for the world,
knowing that you hear our cries.

Especially today we pray for those whom Jesus called blessed:
for the poor in spirit . . .
for those who mourn . . .
for the humble and meek . . .
for those who thirst and hunger for righteousness . . .
for the pure in heart . . .
for those who show mercy and those who make peace . . .
for those who are persecuted because of Christ . . .

Pour out your blessings upon them and us
that we may be strengthened in every hardship
and joyful at the recognition of every blessing.

We call to mind before you all those who have died:
those who taught us the faith . . .
those who spoke your truth in the face of evil . . .
those who cared for the weak and the suffering . . .
and those whom we loved and cherished the most . . .

Thank you that their pain is ended
and their joy made complete.

And for those who in this life are
struggling, hurting, mourning, fearful, and in need of hope
we say their names or circumstances aloud.

[Here you may say aloud you individual prayers and petitions.]

Covenanting God,
in baptism you claim us and show us how to live.
Keep us in your care until that day
when all creation sings your praise
and you lead all your children to the springs of the water of life.

Through Jesus Christ, our Brother, our Redeemer, who inspires 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

Abide with Me

Richard Webster

Anthem text taken from Hymn 836

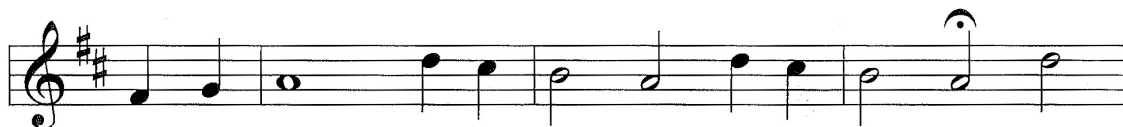
Jen Peterson, soprano Jeffrey Williams, baritone

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 Revelation 7:14

In this life you lead us, comfort us, guide us, O God,
and redeem us in countless ways.
In death you usher us to even greater blessing,
bringing us through the great ordeal,
embracing us in your endless light,
and welcoming us to your table of goodness and plenty.
These gifts we bring are but a token of our thanks,
seeds to be planted for the growing of your kingdom,
in which we have sure and certain hope.
In Jesus's name we pray. **Amen.**

We Seal God's Word Upon Our Hearts

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

L: May the God of saints and sinners be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

L: Join me in glorifying our God.

P: **We offer our hearts as we praise our God.**

L: Let us bless our God at all times.

P: **Songs of thanksgiving will flow from our lips forever.**

L: You stood before chaos, God of all time,
and cried out with a loud voice,
calling all that is good and beautiful into being:
wiggly worms tilling the rich soil,
owls watching over the gathering dusk,
butterflies fluttering through gardens.

You created humanity in your image,
the Spirit breathing life into our bodies,
all so we could live with you in creation's wonder.

But we tasted the tempting treats of sin,
and saw all the promises the ways of death offered to us,
and we placed our hopes in them.

Hearing our souls cry out to you,
you sent the prophets to us,
to remind us that we were your children.

But we continued to fall on our faces,
worshiping the false gods of hopelessness.
So you sent Jesus to us, to reveal you to us
as the One who will redeem us from ourselves.

So we join our voices with those of every time and place,
joyfully singing with loud voices:

**P: Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen!**

L: Holy are you, God who wipes away all tears,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, the Lamb who is our shepherd.
Rich in your glory and honor,
he came to bless the poor in spirit;
Word by which creation's life came forth,
he came to comfort all who stand at gravesides.
Exalted by all the choirs of heaven,
he came to give the meek their heritage.
Emptying himself of all he might claim,
he came to feed us with your righteousness.
Compassionate beyond all imagination,
he came to offer mercy to all he encountered.
True Prince of Peace,
he came to share that gift with God's children,
Persecuted for being God's righteousness,
he came, to bring God's kingdom into our midst.
Reviled and crucified on the cross,
he offers us that resurrection which is great in heaven.
Knowing that what we will be has not been revealed
but trusting that we will be like him,
we join all the saints in proclaiming our faith:

**P: Christ died, so we might have life;
Christ was raised, so we might have this hope of resurrection;
Christ will be our guide, leading us to the living waters.**

L: See what love God has given us!
Here at the Table where the Feast of Joy
has been prepared for all of God's people,

the Spirit comes upon the gifts of the bread and the cup
and upon all who hunger and thirst for righteousness.
As we eat of this bread, we will taste God's goodness,
going out into the world as God's people,
to offer shelter to those who sleep on the streets,
to feed those whose hunger is palpable,
to speak out for those who endure the great ordeal of oppression.

As we drink from the Cup, we will see God's hope,
committing ourselves to serve others
that they might see Christ as he is:
Healer of the broken,
Brother of the poor,
Servant of all who are lost.

And when we gather with those from every nation,
those from all tribes and peoples and languages,
we will fall on our faces worshiping and praising you,
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 Light One Candle words and music by Mark Patterson

Light one candle for hope, hope that the whole world needs.
Light one candle for hope, hope that the Savior will bring.

Light one candle for peace, peace that the whole world needs.
Light one candle for peace, peace that the Savior will bring.

Light one candle for joy, joy that the whole world needs.
Light one candle for joy, joy that the Savior will bring.

Light one candle for love, love that the whole world needs.
Light one candle for love, love that the Savior will bring.

Gabrielle Lewis, piano

We Bear God's Word Into the World

*HYMN #326 "For All the Saints" Harmonization and descant by Eric Near

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Agonizomai Eric Near
Fred Sienkiewicz, trumpet Justin Near, French horn
Edward Cardona, trombone Joel Dark, tuba

MUSIC NOTES

As we celebrate All Saints Day the voluntaries and anthem present a Nashville theme. Eric Near, DPC's composer-in-residence, has written a piece for organ and brass quartet. Eric writes:

Agonizomai comes from the Greek term for conflict or struggle. The English word agony has a common origin, but the meaning has changed over time. The word is used in the New Testament many times to denote striving or effort, perhaps most noticeably in 1 Timothy 4:10 - "For it is for this we labor and strive, because we have fixed our hope on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of believers."

This piece was originally written for brass quintet but has been adapted for use at DPC for organ, trumpet, horn, trombone, and tuba.

The opening voluntary and offertory anthem are composed by Nashville natives. Craig Phillips composed *Arioso* in memory of Peter and Lois Fyfe and released the score this spring. Dr. Phillips currently serves as director of music and organist at All Saints' Church, Beverly Hills, CA. Richard Webster composed *Abide With Me* in 2001 when he was choirmaster and organist at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Evanston, IL. Mr. Webster is currently director of music and organist at Trinity Church, Copley Square, Boston. Phillips, Webster and I all studied organ and church music with Peter Fyfe, who served as choirmaster and organist at Christ Church Cathedral here in Nashville, just blocks away from DPC. Mr. Fyfe's wife, Lois, composed the descant for our opening hymn.

William Taylor
DPC Director of Music

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.



Handbell Choir

Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who are eager to begin our DPC handbell choir. It is not too late to sign up. Please see William Taylor, our director of music, if you wish to join. We rehearse every Sunday at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

DPC Book Group

ARLIE RUSSELL
HOCHSCHILD
STRANGERS
IN THEIR
OWN LAND

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.



Please contact Joel (joelhdark@gmail.com) for more information.

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

If you're interested in becoming a member of DPC or just learning more about the church or being Presbyterian, Pastor Mike will be holding sessions on the following Sundays:

- November 19
- November 26

Ideally inquirers will attend the first three Sundays with the fourth as a make-up day, if necessary.

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



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 October 28 .

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:72, Children10

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
12:30 Liturgist Training
4:00 Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Monday, November 6

11:30 AA Meeting—Parlor 2

Tuesday, November 7

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 1

Wednesday, November 8

Thursday, November 9

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Friday, November 10

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Saturday, November 11

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

Sunday, November 12

9:00 Juveniles Rehearsal
9:45 Christian Education – all ages
11:00 Worship – the Sanctuary
11:00 SONUS performance
4:00 Handbell Choir Rehearsal

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!

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
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Ridley Wills II
Claire Armbruster

Class of 2018

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Michael Korak

Class of 2019

Chuck Cardona
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Justin Near

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