

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ordination and Installation of Ruling Elders
January 21, 2018

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Please ask a greeter for a receiver.

(*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

We Gather in God's Name

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Beware of false knowledge. It is more dangerous than ignorance.

— George Bernard Shaw

OPENING VOLUNTARY Chanson from *Nine Pieces for Organ*

Gordon Young

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mark 1:14-15

L: Jesus announced God's good news,

P: "Now is the time! Here comes God's kingdom!"

L: Then he said,

P: "Come, follow me."

L: Today we say,

P: **We are ready, Jesus!**

*HYMN #65

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

CALL TO CONFESSION

based on Mark 1:15

Jesus invites us to change our hearts and lives. Let us confess the ways our hearts and lives need to be changed.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Jesus calls us, O God,
but we are reluctant to follow.
It is hard to leave behind the familiar,
even for the promise of something better.
It is hard to change our minds
when our certainties give us some security.
It is hard to change our hearts,
because there are risks in being vulnerable.
It is hard to trust the good news of your kingdom
when the realm of humanity has supplied our needs.

Forgive us for dragging our feet, closing our minds,
hardening our hearts and failing to trust.

Help us to step out in faith,
risk what is comfortable,
be open to new truths,
and run with confidence and joy into your kingdom.

(Time for silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE

L: God hears our words and trusts our sincerity.
God senses our changed hearts and pours out love and grace.

P: Thanks be to God!
We are forgiven!

L: Surrounded by love and full of grace,
let us rejoice
May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

*GLORIA PATRI #583

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gloria Patri #583. The first staff is in 6/8 time and contains the lyrics: "Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!". The second staff is in 6/8 time and contains the lyrics: "Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!". The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a key signature of one flat (Bb).

PARISH LIFE & CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

God's Word Is Proclaimed

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Speak to us your word, O God, that we may hear Jesus's call to be his disciples. 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 62:5-12, alt. (antiphonally)
left side reads **bold**, right side reads *italics*

**Oh, we must find rest in God only,
because our hope comes from God!**
*Only God is our rock and our salvation—
our stronghold!—we will not be shaken.*
Our deliverance and glory depend on God.
God is our strong rock.
Our refuge is in God.
All you people: Trust in God at all times!
Pour out your hearts before God!
God is our refuge!
The lowly are nothing but a breath.
The mighty are nothing but lies.
**We don't even register on a scale;
taken all together we are lighter than a breath!**
Don't trust in violence; don't set false hopes in robbery.
When wealth bears fruit, don't set your heart on it.
*God has spoken one thing — make it two things—
that we ourselves have heard:
that strength belongs to God,
and faithful love comes from you, our Lord.*

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:14-20

(NT p.92)

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

SERMON

Rev. Mike Wilson

We Respond to God's Word

*HYMN #170

“You Walk along Our Shoreline”

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

God of new visions,
we pray for people highly placed in power,
that they may focus their eyes on you.
And we pray for the lowly victims of power,
that they may also focus their eyes on you. [*silence*]

We pray for those who bless with their lips
but curse with their hearts, including ourselves. [*silence*]

We pray for those who are ill
and those facing the end of life.
Give them the gift of your presence
that they may may find comfort in you. [*silence*]

We pray for the church and its leaders,
that we may hear and respond to your call to be fishers of people.
[*silence*]

Rock of our salvation,
through Christ and your Holy Spirit
bring us into the new world that you are shaping
even as this world is passing away. [*silence*]

For all other concerns of this assembly, now spoken aloud or silently.
[*A time of silence is kept during which you may say aloud your individual prayers and petitions.*]

And hear us now as we pray that prayer that will never pass away,
the prayer that Jesus taught, 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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee Kay Hawkes Goodyear

Jesus, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills my breast;
 But sweeter far Thy face to see, and in Thy presence rest.

No voice can sing, no heart can frame, or can the memory find
 A sweeter sound than Jesus' name, O Savior of mankind!

Jesus, the Hope of contrite hearts! O joy of all the meek!
 To those who fall, how kind Thou art! How good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? ah! this, no tongue or pen can show
 The love of Jesus, what it is, none but His loved ones know.

– Latin, 12th Century, trans. Edward Caswall

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow.

Praise God all crea - tures here be - low.

Praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host;

Cre - a - tor, Christ and Ho - ly Ghost.

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

May these gifts we offer show we recognize your claim upon us, Holy God. Use them so your grace, your love, and your hope may be shared with everyone who needs them. Amen.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF RULING ELDERS

**L: As many of you as were baptized into Christ
have clothed yourselves with Christ.**

**P: There is one body and one Spirit,
just as we were called to the one hope of our calling.**

**L: In baptism Dave, Debra, Jim and Vicki were clothed with Christ,
and are now called by God through the voice of the church
to enter into ministries of service and governance,
announcing in word and deed the good news of Jesus Christ.**

**P: We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ,
and we celebrate God's particular call to our sister and brothers.**

**L: There are varieties of gifts,
but it is the same spirit who gives them.**

**P: There are different ways of serving God,
but it is the same Lord who is served.**

**L: God works through each person in a unique way,
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.**

**P: To each person is given a gift of the Spirit,
to be used for the common good.**

**L: Together we are the body of Christ,
and individually members of it.**

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

L: (the minister continues) ...

**Ordination calls the whole church to renewed commitment,
and reminds us all to bear gladly the yoke of Christ
given in the covenant of baptism.**

**Let us, therefore, reaffirm our baptismal vows,
renouncing all that opposes God and God's rule
and affirming the faith of the holy catholic church.**

L: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

P: I do.

L: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and his love?

P: I do.

L: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

P: I will, with God's help.

PROFESSION

L: With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the Apostles' Creed.

**P: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

PRAYER OF ORDINATION

*All teaching and ruling elders are invited to come forward
for the laying on of hands.*

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

WELCOME AND CHARGE

**We Seal God's Word Upon Our Hearts
and Bear It Into the World**

*HYMN #724

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

CHARGE AND BLESSING

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Paean from *Seven Tone Poems* Gordon Young

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!

Children and Worship

Note to Parents of Small Children: 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 effective 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 on the table in the narthex.

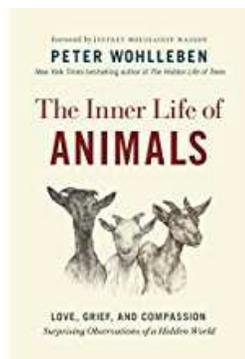
If you have questions or ideas for children's ministry, please contact Suzie Lane at suzielane@dpchurch.com.

Condolences for the Family of Sara Jane Jones

Cherished Downtown Presbyterian Church Member Sara Jane Jones passed away January 10, 2018. Her funeral was held on January 13, 2018. Anyone wishing to extend condolences to her family please send them to her daughters Kay Taylor Hume and Jane Taylor.

***Kay Taylor Hume
310 N. Dixie Avenue
Cookeville, TN 38501***

***Jane Taylor
1 Camden Lane
Johnson City, TN 37601***



DPC Book Group

The DPC book group will have its next meeting on Thursday, February 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the club room of the Viridian (415 Church St.). We will be discussing *The Inner Life of Animals* by Peter Wohlleben.

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

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—New Only
- Socks for men and women—New Only
- 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!

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.

Volunteers from DPC are welcome EVERY Saturday. We 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.

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 January 13.

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:60, Children:7

Visitors and Tourists

12 visitors came to view the sanctuary during the week.

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

1:00 Session – Parlor 2

Monday, January 22

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Tuesday, January 23

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

12:00 Bible Study – Parlor 1

Wednesday, January 24

Thursday, January 25

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Friday, January 26

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Saturday, January 27

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

Sunday, January 28

9:00 Juveniles Rehearsal

9:45 Adult Choir rehearsal

9:45 Christian Education

11:00 Worship – the Sanctuary

Electronic Giving!

Want an easy way to donate to DPC? Just text "dpchurch" 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 2018

Rev. Mike Wilson, Moderator

Jack Henderson, Clerk

Jeff Koontz, Treasurer

Class of 2018

Cary Gibson
Michael Korak
Jim Dickson

Class of 2019

Chuck Cardona
Jack Henderson
Justin Near

Class of 2020

Dave Coleman
Debra Gentry
Vicki Coffin

THE CHURCH STAFF

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