

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Baptism of the Lord Sunday
January 7, 2018

Hearing assistance devices are available.
Please ask a greeter for a receiver.

(*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

We Gather in God's Name

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

The church is not dying; it's coming down - it is *descending*.

— Diana Butler Bass

OPENING VOLUNTARY We Three Kings of Orient Are Raymond H. Haan

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Genesis 1:1-10

L: First, there was light,
then there was sky.

P: **Then God said,**

L: "Let the waters under the sky come together in one place,
so that the dry land can appear."

P: **And that's what happened!**

God named the dry land Earth
and the waters Seas.

L: And God saw how good it was!

P: **Let us worship our God of Creation!**

*HYMN #476

"Crashing Waters at Creation"

CALL TO CONFESSION

based on hymn #476

The crashing waters of creation, the cleansing waters of the Jordan, the living waters that flood our soul - all are there to drench our dryness and make us whole. Let us confess those ways in which we have become thirsty for God's refreshing, renewing grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

based on Genesis 1:27-28, 2:7

Your heart must ache, our Creator.
You made us in your image,
but we fail to see your imprint on our soul
and on the souls of others.
You breathed your breath into us,
but we use that breath to speak words
of anger, mockery, derision and gossip.
You entrusted us with the stewardship of creation,
but we plunder the Earth for our own enrichment.
For the misuse of our minds, voices, bodies and world,
we are sorry.
For your overflowing love and grace,
we are grateful.

(Time for silent confession)

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

L: Like children splashing in a puddle, or bouncing in the ocean,
or making angels in the snow, we celebrate that the
waters of God's grace have made us whole and new.

P: Thanks be to God: we are forgiven!

L: And as God's joyful people,
let us greet each other in celebration.
May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

***GLORIA PATRI #583**

The musical notation consists of two staves in 6/8 time. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (quarter), C3 (quarter), B2 (quarter), A2 (quarter), G2 (quarter). The lyrics are: Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

The second staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (quarter), C3 (quarter), B2 (quarter), A2 (quarter), G2 (quarter). The lyrics are: Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

PARISH LIFE & CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

God's Word Is Proclaimed

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

based on Mark 1:10-11

Send down your Holy Spirit, O God – tear open the veil of heaven and speak to us as beloved children so that we may hear and believe the good news of your Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 1:1-5 (OT p.1)
L: The Word of the Lord P: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING Mark 1:1-11 (NT p.34)
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 #488 "I Was There To Hear Your Borning Cry"

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM hymnal page 14

Elliot Clara Henderson
daughter of Blythe and Jack Henderson

CHORUS FOLLOWING BAPTISM "See What Love" Ned Wetherald

See what love God has gi-ven, that we should be called
chil-dren of God. See what love God has gi-ven, that we should be called
chil-dren of God, Chil-dren of God; and so we are.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER (people read **bold**) based on Psalm 29:11; Acts 19:5

Let us offer our prayers saying,
Give strength, O Lord,
 and bless us with peace.

We pray for the world you have made. . . .
Move again over these troubled waters,
 steeped in chemicals and stained with blood.
Where carelessness and violence bring chaos
 restore order, goodness, and life.
Give strength, O Lord,
 and bless us with peace.

We pray for the church you have redeemed. . . .
Renew in us the gifts of your Spirit
 and the call to Christian discipleship.
Where history and heresy have divided us,
 make us one in the baptism we share.
Give strength, O Lord,
 and bless us with peace.

We pray for the peoples you have created. . . .
Give to the leaders of all nations
 the wisdom to know what is good.
Where people are poor and hungry
 provide justice and daily bread.
Give strength, O Lord,
 and bless us with peace.

We pray for the loved ones you have given us. . . .
Bless our families, friends, and neighbors;
 keep them safe from trouble and danger.
Where there is sorrow, sickness, or suffering
 send your Spirit of comfort and healing.
Give strength, O Lord,
 and bless us with peace.

We pray for all those people and situations whose conditions or circumstances have moved us to compassion. . . .

[Here you may say aloud your individual prayers for healing and wholeness.]

Give strength, O Lord,
and bless us with peace.

All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, God's Son,
who taught us these words:

**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

A Baptism Carol

Mark Wilson

When Jesus came to the Jordan to be baptized by John,
God's love surrounded those who gathered there.

The Spirit of the Lord descended as a dove,
and a voice came from heaven, saying:
"This is My beloved Son, Who is pleasing in My sight.
This is My beloved Son, in Him I am well pleased."

As Christians follow Christ's example and come to be baptized,
His love is there to guide them on their way.

Bestow, O God, the gift of wonder and of joy on each lamb of Your Own calling.
"This is My beloved child, who is precious in My sight.
This is My beloved child, in whom I am well pleased."

— Text derived from Matthew 3:13-17 by Jane Foster Knox

DOXOLOGY

“PUER NOBIS”

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*)

based on Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

We give you thanks, O God,
for every blessing and spiritual gift you have poured out upon us.
Let the gifts of our lives be a source of blessing in your world.
Amen.

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

*HYMN #490 "Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters"

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Fanfare on *Adeste Fideles*
Tune taken from Hymn #133

Gordon Young

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.

Our Ministries Last Week

Saturday Breakfast Ministry

people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on December 30

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:56, Children:5

Visitors and Tourists

2 visitors came to view the sanctuary during the week.

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

12:15 Lunch Meet-up –
Nashville Farmers' Market

Monday, January 8

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Tuesday, January 9

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

12:00 Bible Study – Parlor 1

Wednesday, January 10

Thursday, January 11

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Friday, January 12

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Saturday, January 13

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

Sunday, January 14

9:00 JuveNiles Rehearsal

9:45 Adult Choir rehearsal

9:45 Christian Education

11:00 Worship – the Sanctuary

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.



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

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