

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Transfiguration of the Lord
February 11, 2018

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(*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

We Gather in God's Name

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

What harm is there in dreaming, if it eases pain? What good is reality, if it blots out hope? Can a man's mind be washed without bleaching his soul?

— Bette Bao Lord

OPENING VOLUNTARY Prelude on *Song 46* Leo Sowerby

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP based on Mark 8:27-20; 9:7

L: Who do people say Jesus is?

P: **Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah,
and still others one of the prophets.**

L: And what about you? Who do you say Jesus is?

P: **He is the Christ!**

L: And who does *God* say Jesus is?

P: **God calls Jesus "My Son, whom I dearly love."**

L: Prophet, Christ, Son of God!

Let us sing our praise to Jesus.

*HYMN #156 "Sing of God Made Manifest"

CALL TO CONFESSION

based on Mark 9:3

On the mountain of metamorphoses, Jesus's clothes were made amazingly bright, brighter than if they had been bleached white. Such is the power of God to transform *all* things and make them whole, new and bright. It is with that confidence that we can confess.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

based on 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

God of all beauty, and grace,
we have tried to hide from you –
so you would not see the ways
we have distorted and fallen short of the image
in which we were created.

Yet you have never hidden your love for us.

We have tried to search for you –
in temples, in clouds, on mountaintops –
yet you have already revealed yourself to us
in the face of Jesus Christ.

Forgive us, and transform us
so that our lives may shine
with your glory, beauty, and grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE

based on Mark 9:4

L: God speaks to us with grace and love, saying:

You are my beloved child.

This is the good news of the gospel:

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

L: And as God's restored people, fresh from the wash,
let us greet each other with renewed spirits.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

*GLORIA PATRI #583

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!
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 9:4

God of incomparable brightness,
illuminate our hearts and minds to receive
the wisdom of the law,
the hope of the prophets,
and the life of the gospel:
Jesus Christ, your living Word. 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 Exodus 34:29-35 (OT p.81)
L: The Word of the Lord. P: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 8:27-9:9 (NT p. 43)
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 #193

“Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain”

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

based on Psalm 50:1-3; 2 Kings 2:9-10; Mark 2:9,7

God of unimaginable power and tender mercy,
you have come to us in clouds and fiery pillars,
and as a helpless child in a cradle,
now we come to you in prayer, saying,
Lord, by your Spirit,
grant what we ask.

We pray for your wondrous creation. . . .
Stamp out fires of destruction,
drive away clouds of pollution,
and restore the beauty of this world.
Lord, by your Spirit,
grant what we ask.

We pray for the body of Christ. . . .
Open our hearts in faith,
enlighten our minds with knowledge,
and strengthen us to proclaim the gospel.
Lord, by your Spirit,
grant what we ask.

We pray for the people of all nations. . . .
Show the nations your vision of justice,
offer the leaders your mantle of wisdom,
and give the people your blessing of peace.
Lord, by your Spirit,
grant what we ask.

We pray for those who are perishing. . . .
Feed those who are starving,
comfort those who are suffering,
and receive the dying into your arms.
Lord, by your Spirit,
grant what we ask.

We pray for those whom we love. . . .
Bless our families, friends, and neighbors,
 help them in times of trouble,
 and be near when they are afraid.
Lord, by your Spirit,
 grant what we ask.

We pray for all the other concerns of this assembly now spoken aloud or
silently, . . .
[*A time of silence is kept.*]
Lord, by your Spirit,
 grant what we ask.

Holy One, make us ready for the day
 when this world is transfigured,
 transformed, made new –
 when all things will shine
 in the dazzling light of your glory;
 through Jesus the Christ, who gave us this prayer:

**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

Eternal Light

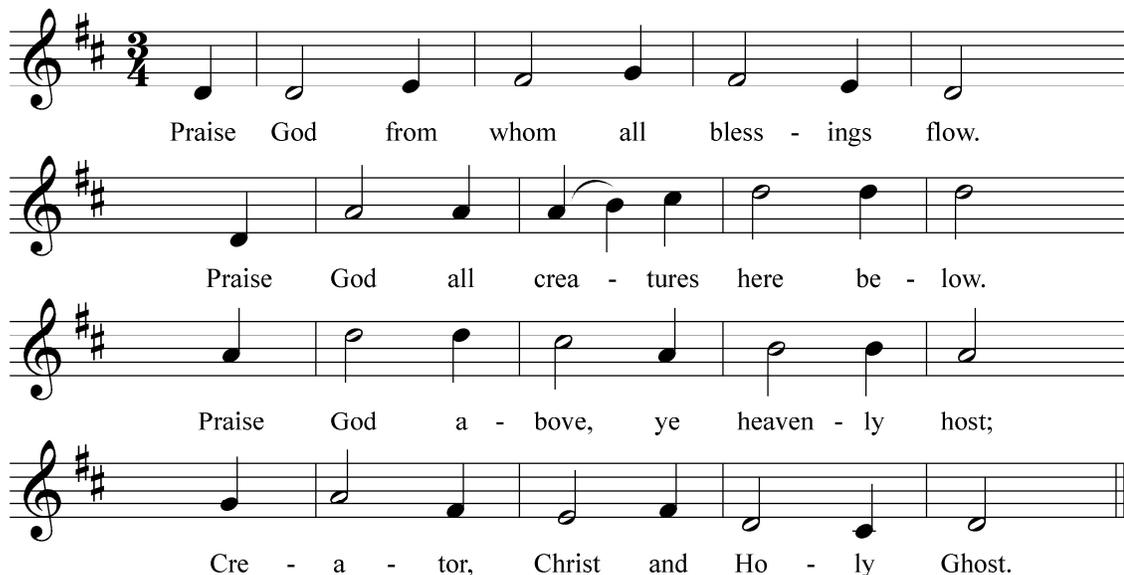
Leo Sowerby

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts.
Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil.
Eternal Power, be our support.
Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance.
Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

– St. Alcuin

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 2 Corinthians 4:6

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the light of love around us
and the fire of faith within us.

As we go forth from this place, let our lives reflect the One
who is the image of your glory:

Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

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

*HYMN #189

“O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Paean from *Nine Pieces for Organ*

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.

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!

DPC Directory Update

We want to stay in touch with our Members and Friends, so please take a minute to update your contact information for the Church Directory! There is a table in the narthex with our current directory and instructions for providing new information.

If you have any questions please call Dena in the office at 615-254-7584 or email info@dpchurch.com.

Ash Wednesday

We begin our journey to Holy Week and Easter this Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. We'll gather for a simple meal at 6:00 p.m. and then move to The Chapel for a 7:00 p.m. worship service which will include The Lord's Supper and the imposition of ashes.

Sunday School During Lent

Lent is coming and so is Intergenerational Sunday School! All ages are invited to be in Sunday School together February 18 - March 25. Join us in Parlor 1 for breakfast goodies, fellowship and Bible study.

Questions? Contact Suzie.

Stations of the Cross

Next Sunday, the first Sunday of Lent, February 18, the Stations of the Cross will be featured in our Sanctuary and other spaces.

The Stations – also called The Way of the Cross or Way of Sorrows – will depict fourteen images of Jesus on the day of his crucifixion. Long a feature of Roman Catholic churches, the Stations have become increasingly popular with Protestant congregations.

Walking the Stations is a pilgrimage that invites us to contemplate the Passion of Jesus. Our Stations will come from the imaginations several DPC members who are constructing their work based on a passage from one of the four gospels.

The installation will remain in place through Lent.

Congregational and Corporation Meeting - February 25

Notice is hereby given of the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Corporation of The Downtown Presbyterian Church of Nashville to be held in the Fellowship Hall of the Church on Sunday, February 25, 2018 following the 11:00 AM morning worship service for the purpose of (i) receiving the financial report of the Corporation, (ii) electing three (3) Directors to the class of 2020, and (iii) transacting such other business as may come before the meeting. **All members of the church are likewise members of the Church corporation.**

The congregation will meet at the same time and place to: receive the 2018 church budget and 2017 annual report; and transact such other business under the provisions of G-1.0503 of the Book of Order.

And – perhaps most importantly – a delicious lunch will be served!

Side Dishes Needed!

We need side dishes for next Sunday's congregational meeting and lunch. DPC will supply the main course (fried chicken or ham) and beverages. The rest of us will bring our favorite casserole, vegetable dish, salad, dessert, etc.

Just bring your offering to Fellowship Hall before worship.

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!

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.

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
- Gloves, hats, and scarves

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 February 3.

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:69, Children:6

Visitors and Tourists

14 visitors came to view the sanctuary during the week.

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

Monday, February 12

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Tuesday, February 13

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

12:00 Bible Study – Parlor 1

6:00 F&P, B&H Meeting - The Cookery

Wednesday, February 14

6:00 Congregational Meal

7:00 Worship—Chapel

Thursday, February 15

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Friday, February 16

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Saturday, February 17

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

Sunday, February 18

9:00 Juveniles Rehearsal

9:45 Adult Choir rehearsal

9:45 Christian Education

11:00 Worship – the Sanctuary

1:00 Session – Parlor 2

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
Vickie Coffin

THE CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Mike Wilson, Pastor

Dena Swoner, Office Manager

Suzie Lane, Director of Children's Education

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