

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 4, 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

[A prayerful life] is not a life in which we say many prayers, but a life in which nothing, absolutely nothing, is done, said, or understood independently of him who is the origin and purpose of our existence.

– Henri Nouwen

OPENING VOLUNTARY Pastorate Eric H. Thiman

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP based on hymn #32; Isaiah 40:24-26

L: Whose power made the mountains rise?

P: **God's power!**

L: Whose wisdom ordered the sun, moon and stars?

P: **God's wisdom!**

L: Whose goodness fills the earth with food?

P: **God's goodness!**

L: And where is God present?

P: **God is present everywhere we can be!**

Let us worship God!

*HYMN #32 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

CALL TO CONFESSION

based on Isaiah 40:27

Isaiah the prophet wondered why people would say, “My way is hidden from the Lord; my God ignores my predicament.” There is nothing that is hidden from God; God is aware of all our predicaments. It’s with that confidence that we can confess to God:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

based on Isaiah 40:26-31

We have heard that you are the creator of the ends of the earth.
But we live as if creation is ours to do with as we please.
We know that your understanding is far beyond our own.
But we are more comfortable relying on our own “wisdom.”
We seek pleasure and security in self-serving activities,
wearing ourselves out with the effort.
But we do not seek renewal in your presence and embrace.
We are tired and weary; exhausted.
We are eager to be revived.
We want to rise on the wings of eagles.

Accept our confession, O God, take our burden,
so that we might run and fly.

(Time for silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE

based on Isaiah 40:26

L: If God knows the place and name of every star in the heavens,
surely God knows our names and loves us, offering mercy and grace.

P: **God doesn’t lose track of a single one of us.**
Thanks be to God!

L: And as people known fully by God
and loved by God without condition,
let us show that unconditional love to each other.
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 Isaiah 40:21

Incomparable God, we pray for your Spirit's illumination so that we will hear and understand your Word written and proclaimed. 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 READING

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

(NT p.171)

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 40:21-31

(OT p. 668)

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

SERMON

Rev. Mike Wilson

We Respond to God's Word

*HYMN #315 "In the Midst of New Dimensions"

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

based on Isaiah 40:21-28; Psalm 147:1-3; Mark 1:38-39

God of the universe,
 you embrace the circle of the earth,
 and so we pray for the oceans and mountains,
 inland water and the air we breathe.
Save and protect them, we pray.

Since the beginning of our faith,
 we have looked to you to gather the outcasts,
 heal the brokenhearted and bind up their wounds.
So we pray for the poor of the world, the sick and the lonely.

God, you build up Jerusalem,
 and so we pray for our country,
 for all the countries of the world,
 and for all of our leaders.
May we all come to see that your delight
 is not in the strength of the military
 but in those who hope in your steadfast love.

How good it is to sing praises to you, O God.
We pray for your church, here and around the world.
Empower us to go move beyond our walls,
 proclaiming the message of Christ.

You promise renewed strength for all who are weary.
Where our energies and spirits are diminished,
 give us the strength to run and not be tired, to walk and not faint.

For all other concerns of this assembly now spoken aloud or silently, . . .
[*A time of silence is kept.*]

Receive our prayers and grant whatever you see
 that your people need;
 through Jesus Christ, who prayed,

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 Dear Lord and Father C. Hubert H. Parry

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways;
 Reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives Thy service find,
 In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea,
 The gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word,
 Rise up and follow Thee.

Drop Thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease;
 Take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess
 The beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire Thy coolness and Thy balm;
 Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
 O still, small voice of calm.

– John G. Whittier

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 Psalm 147:7

We sing to you, God, with thanksgiving, making melody to you with our praise. Use these gifts to spread your gospel near and far, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

We Seal God's Word Upon Our Hearts

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (people read bold)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

In the morning, Awakening God,
you took creation and flung it to the far corners of chaos,
naming the stars shining in the night,
shaping deserted places for prayers,
feeding all the creatures in the fields.

You longed to walk with those created in your image, so we would not weary.

But we listened to the boasting lesser powers

and believed their false promises.

You sent the prophets, who cried out,

“Haven't you been listening;

don't you realize what God is trying to do for you?”

But we continued to delight in all which opposed you.

So, having created all things, you became the one thing we needed,

our Savior.

With those so weary that cannot take another step,

with those revived by your grace and hope,

we lift our praises to you now and forever:

Holy, holy, holy are you, God of all knowledge.

All creation sings glad praises to you.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who came for our sake.

Hosanna in the highest!

Holy are you, Star Namer,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son.
He became weak, so the power of the world would be shattered.
He became poor, so we might be filled with the riches of your grace.
He went to that deserted place we call the grave,
so death might be knocked off its pedestal.

As we search for him in our time,
as we would proclaim the gospel,
may we find that mystery we call faith:

**Christ died, not boasting in himself;
Christ was raised, the gospel lived out in him;
Christ will come to take us by the hand, giving us strength.**

Here is that Bread, which though broken,
can strengthen the powerless.
Here is that Cup, which though emptied,
can fill the weary with hope.
Pour out your Spirit not only on these gifts,
but upon your children gathered around the table.
We come, bone-tired,
so make us bone of your bone, and flesh of your flesh.
We can barely take another step, so empower us to walk
beside the lonely and the homeless.
We are so fatigued by our despair, feed us with your hope and joy,
so we may proclaim your kingdom to everyone we meet.

And when the day comes to gather with all your children
we will join hands and dance around the table,
singing your praise forever and ever:

God our Creator,
Christ our Servant,
Spirit of Newness,
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.

ANTHEM DURING COMMUNION O Bone Jesu Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

O bone Jesu! miserere nobis, quia tu creasti nos, tu redemisti nos sanguine tuo
praetiosissimo.

O good (gentle) Jesus! Have mercy on us, because you created us, you have
redeemed us with your most precious blood.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We Bear God's Word Into the World

*HYMN #744 "Arise, Your Light is Come"

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Andante Maestroso Charles V. Stanford
from *Six Short Preludes & Postludes*, Set 1, Op. 101

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

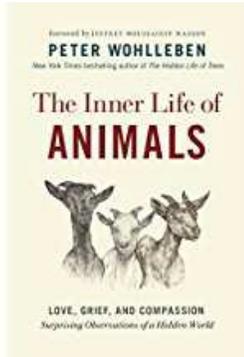
We want to stay in touch with our Members and Friends, so please take a minute to update your contact information for the Church Directory! There is a table with our current directory and instructions for providing new information on a table in the Narthex. If you have any questions please call Dena in the office at 615-254-7584 or email info@dpchurch.com.

First Sunday Lunch Meet-up

Join us right after worship today Sunday, February 4 at the Nashville Farmers' Market for our first 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.





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.

Sunday School During Lent

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

Questions? Contact Suzie.

Assistance Requested

The DPC Outreach Committee will be collecting groceries and other items on Sunday, February 11, to assist a Nashville family recently affected by immigrant detention. Other churches are providing support on other Sundays, and a list of the specific items needed from DPC *should* be available by Wednesday.

Please contact Jack Henderson (jackhenderson@gmail.com) if you would like to participate.

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!

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 27.

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:61, Children:10

Visitors and Tourists

17 visitors came to view the sanctuary during the week.

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

12:15 First Sunday Lunch Meetup—
Nashville Farmers Market

Monday, February 5

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Tuesday, February 6

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

12:00 Bible Study – Parlor 1

Wednesday, February 7

Thursday, February 8

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

6:30 DPC Book Group – Viridian club room

Friday, February 9

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Saturday, February 10

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

9:00 Session Retreat—
Second Presbyterian

Sunday, February 11

9:00 Juveniles Rehearsal

9:45 Adult Choir rehearsal

9:45 Christian Education

11:00 Worship – the Sanctuary

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

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