

CALL TO CONFESSION

Sometimes it feels like we are drowning and there is no one there to help.
The promise of the gospel is that Jesus is there, always,
to hear us and save us.

With that confidence, let us offer this confession:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

based on Mark 4:35-41

Saving God,

**we confess that our faith is sometimes too small,
our fear is too great.**

**When we are overwhelmed,
we think you do not care enough for us.**

**When life is uncertain and risky,
we are not sure we can trust you with our whole hearts.**

**Even when you move among us in powerful ways,
we question who you are.**

Calm our fears, we pray.

**Help us to trust in your power to save
and guide us in every circumstance.**

**Grant us your peace,
which is clearly beyond our understanding.**

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE

based on Mark 4:41

L: Christ offers peace to our troubled souls.

**Trust this One whom even the wind and the sea obey;
know that we are saved.**

And let us celebrate that salvation!

May the peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you.

Pease return to your seats when the music begins

PARISH LIFE & CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

God's Word Is Proclaimed

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

based on Job 38:2

Holy God,
we know that our own words fall short whenever we try to
speak of you or to you.
Yet we are drawn into your presence
and desire to understand all your mysteries.
So now, by the gift of your Holy Spirit,
speak your words and we will listen carefully.
Through Jesus Christ we pray. 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.)*

FIRST READING

Job 38:1-11

(OT p.484)

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

SECOND READING

Mark 4:35-41

(NT p.39)

L: The Gospel of our Lord. P: Glory to you, O Lord.

SERMON

God in the Whirlwind, God in the Storm

Rev. Janet Salyer

We Respond to God's Word

*HYMN #815

"Give to the Winds Thy Fears"

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

& THE LORD'S PRAYER (people read **bold**)

based on Job 38; Isaiah 2:4; Psalm 107:30

God of power and might,

we come before you trembling with awe
for all you have done, are doing, and will do
in the grand sweep of time, in the vast swath of creation.

We pray that when forces of nature
threaten people, homes, and land with danger and destruction,
you would strengthen us for the work of rebuilding
wherever devastation has visited your people.

Speak words of comfort and hope
to those who have lost much, or everything,
and must begin again.

We trust that your will for all people
is life and health and peace.

Wield your power, we pray,
against the forces of destruction we have devised
and are too quick to use against one another.

Dismantle in us the desire for war
until we dismantle our missiles and bombs.

Open our hands to embrace each other
until we cannot close our hands again
around the triggers of guns or the timers for bombs.

Give us new tunes for that ancient poetry
until we all sing of beating our swords into plowshares,
our spears into pruning hooks.

Bring the day, please God,
when there will be no more war of nation against nation.

Wield your power, too,
against the forces of illness and pain
that overtake our bodies, our minds, our spirits.

Empower us to fight against our addictions.

Help our bodies and minds overcome the diseases
that threaten our well-being.

Ease suffering; bring relief and rest to the weary
and comfort to the dying.
Give us courage and hope to trust in your gift
of resurrection and new life, the harbor we were hoping for.

For the miracles of creation,
the miracles of birth, love shared,
a chance to begin again, reconciliation,
and the miracle of faith,
we give you our thanks and praise.

For all those prayers we have that have not been addressed,
hear us now...
[Here you may say aloud your individual prayers and petitions]

We are humbled that you love us and draw near to us,
God of power and might.
In the name of Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

**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

O Saviour of the World

John Goss

O Saviour of the world, Who by Thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us,
save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee O Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY #655 "What Shall I Render to the Lord" (verse 1)

What Shall I ren - der to the Lord; what
shall my of - fering be, for all the gra - cious
ben - e - fits God hath be - stowed on me?

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (unison)

based on 2 Corinthians 6:6

How grateful we are, O God, that you call us to serve with the Holy Spirit,
who fills us with patience and generosity
and genuine love.

We pray that all we return to you will be used faithfully
in ministry to the world.

In the name of Christ, we ask it. Amen.

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

*HYMN #463

"How Firm a Foundation"

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Postlude in C

Henry Smart

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!

Summer Worship in the Chapel July 1–September 2

Starting on Sunday, July 1, and continuing through September 2, we'll gather for Sunday worship in the Chapel. The Chapel allows us to worship with greater intimacy and gives us the opportunity to do some things with liturgy, narrative, music and art that will be more effective in that space.

One of creative elements the Worship & Arts committee will encourage is congregational participation in crafting liturgy - things like the call to worship, prayer of confession, assurance of pardon and prayers of the people. We'll be creating some guides and resources to help you, and maybe even having a workshop or two. More on that will follow soon.

Our worship will more deliberately focus Mark's gospel following a *lectio continua*, or "continuous reading." Normally Pastor Mike and the Worship & Arts committee follow the Revised Common Lectionary, a three-year cycle, as a guide for preaching and our worship. But for our ten weeks in the Chapel, Pastor Mike created a custom lectionary that takes us from Mark 5:21 through Mark 9:29 with almost no omissions. This long section of Mark is almost entirely action with very little sermonizing from Jesus or authorial theologizing. Our broad focus will be on touch, embodiment and movement.

We also have some ideas for participatory and cumulative art projects, drama, movement and more. Again, more info will follow!

The W&A committee is really excited about the possibilities of our summer worship and we hope you all will join us not only with regular attendance but enthusiastic participation.

Sunday Morning Christian Education for All Ages

Come join us in Parlor 1 on Sunday mornings at 9:45 for intergenerational Sunday School. Enjoy fellowship, fun, Bible study and food for all ages.

Upcoming scriptures:

- July 1– Mark 5:21-43
- July 8 – Mark 6:1-13

Breakfast snacks are always welcome!

If you'd like more information, contact Suzie at suzielane@dpchurch.com or 615-406-4915.

Liturgy for Summer Worship

For our summer worship in the Chapel we want to invite you - our DPC members and friends - to contribute to the services by crafting liturgy. And for our purposes you can think of liturgy as those things we say together and the prompts that introduce those elements. So, if you want to try your hand at composing the words and prayers of worship, send an email to Pastor Mike – mikewilson@dpchurch.com – noting which movements and Sundays you'd like to tackle. You can also tell him whether or not you'd be interested in a liturgy workshop or get-together.

Want to know even more? Here are the specific elements of worship you can work on:

- Call to Worship**

An invitation to the congregation to come into God's presence with praise. It reminds us that our worship centers on God and not ourselves.

- Invitation to Confession**

A reminder of *why* we need to offer confession, both individually and as a community.

- Prayer of Confession**

Confessing the truth about ourselves and the ways we have fallen short of both God's and our own best intentions.

- Assurance of Pardon and Passing the Peace**

We are assured that in all things we are loved, forgiven, restored and renewed, and encouraged to share that love with others.

- Prayer for Illumination**

An invitation to God to open our hearts and minds by the power of the Holy Spirit to receive and understand the Word written and proclaimed.

- Prayers of the People**

An opportunity to join together for prayers of petition and joy, with particular attention to world, national, local and personal concerns.

- Prayer of Dedication**

We give thanks for our offerings and pray that they would be used to further reveal God's kingdom.

Pastor Mike is primary responsible for our weekly liturgy and he either selects it from pre-written liturgy sources - books, websites, journals - or writes it himself. Almost always the liturgy is tied to the Revised Common Lectionary that Mike uses for preaching and reflects the lectionary's scripture and themes.

Your liturgical contributions can be for any part of or all of a service and should be tied to the custom lectionary we'll be using for our Chapel worship. (You can get that from Pastor Mike or by emailing Dena in the office: denaswoner@dpchurch.com)

A good way to understand how liturgy, theme and scripture tie together is by looking at this bulletin or those on the DPC website. Most movements are accompanied by a note that says “based on...” with scripture verses listed. If you read the passages and then the liturgy you’ll see how the two come together.

And of course, we’ll give full credit each week to everyone who contributes!

Cushions for the Chapel

The cushiness and freshness of the Chapel pew cushions has been questionable for a long time and we thought it best to remove them. So for our summer worship in the Chapel beginning on July 1, we’re inviting all regular attending members and friends to bring a seat cushion for themselves and one extra for a guest. Any single, comfortable cushion will do - just something to make the pews a little more comfortable for you and a friend.

Singing Workshops **July 8 - September 2**

Some people think they can’t sing or aren’t good at it, so they sing timidly or not at all. But the truth is *everybody can sing*. What they need is encouragement and a few easy-to-learn techniques. Starting on Sunday, July 8, and every Sunday through September 2, our director of music, William Taylor, will supply both in a series of workshops right before worship.

We’ll gather in the Chapel at 10:45 to learn how we can sing with greater confidence and enthusiasm and participate even more fully in our worship experience. Even if you think you can’t carry a tune in a bucket, join us to discover just how much fun bold congregational song can be. There will be no judgment or singling-out - just big deep breaths and a lot of fun!

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!

First Sunday Lunch Meet-up

Join us today, right after worship, 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.



First Saturday Art Crawl is coming up this Saturday, July 7. The crawl is from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and DPC is a popular stop. Volunteers are needed to be hosts. Hosts need to be at the church by 6:00 p.m. Email Michael Arwood (dagmal@aol.com) if you'd like to help out this Saturday.

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/yQj9wA>

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 currently in need of the following items.

- 1) JEANS for Men and Women - all sizes
- 2) SOCKS for Men and Women - **New Only**
- 3) UNDERWEAR for Men and Women - **New Only**

Thank you for your support!

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

162 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on June 16.

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:48, Children:5

Visitors and Tourists

28 visitors came to view the sanctuary during the week.

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

Monday, June 25

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Tuesday, June 26

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

12:00 Bible Study - Parlor 1

Wednesday, June 27

Thursday, June 28

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Friday, June 29

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Saturday, June 30

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

Sunday, July 1

9:30 Adult Choir rehearsal

9:45 Christian Education

11:00 Worship - the Sanctuary

12:30 Lunch Meet-up – Farmers' Market

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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