

**THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 29, 2018

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(\*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

**We Gather in God's Name**

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

I have to try, but I do not have to succeed. Following Christ has nothing to do with success. It has to do with love.

— Madeleine L'Engle

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**

A Joyful Ring

Barbara B. Kinyon

**WELCOME**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Mark 6:48-51

L: Jesus saw his disciples struggling.  
But he told them,

P: **“Be encouraged! It's me!  
Don't be afraid.”**

L: To us, in our struggles,  
Jesus says,

P: **“Be encouraged! It's me!  
Don't be afraid.”**

L: Then let us worship fearlessly  
and with confidence.

**\*HYMN #263**

**“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name”**

## CALL TO CONFESSION

It is our tendency to retreat into self-sufficiency when confronted with immediate challenges. We resist asking Jesus for help. Let us confess our reluctance to trust Christ fully and ask for softer hearts.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

based on Mark 6:48-56

**We confess that when the winds blow against us,  
we simply row harder and do not look for help.**

**Even when Jesus shows up and says, “Don’t be afraid! It’s me!”  
we do not believe it.**

**We do not understand his power  
and our hearts can be hard;  
our minds can be resistant.**

**Help us to recognize and trust Jesus.  
Give us the courage to reach out and touch him  
and be healed.**

(Time for silent confession)

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE

L: Nothing is more baffling than God’s grace  
made human in Jesus.  
Yet it is no illusion. It is real.  
And it has the power to make us well and whole.  
It calms the storm of our souls.  
As those who are at peace in Christ Jesus,  
let us greet one another in grace.  
May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

## \*GLORIA PATRI #581

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.***

PARISH LIFE & CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**God's Word Is Proclaimed**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Scripture can be baffling and hard to understand. So we ask now, Holy Spirit, for a baptism of illumination so that our hearts and minds might receive the message you have already prepared for us. Amen.

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.)*

MUSICAL OFFERING

“What Wondrous Love”

American Folk Hymn  
arr. by William H. Mathis

FIRST READING

Exodus 3:11-15

(OT p.47)

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

SECOND READING

Mark 6:45-56

(NT p.873)

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 #185

“Lonely the Boat”

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

O Lord, have mercy upon us;  
O Christ, have mercy upon us;  
O Spirit, have mercy upon us,  
and calm our storms within and without.

We pray for those who know nothing but raging winds:  
for your children in every land  
whose homes have been destroyed by war;  
whose minds have been damaged  
by what they have seen or felt or done;  
who are hungry or thirsty or ill  
because they are refugees or poor  
or underpaid or trapped in human trafficking.

We pray for those whom you have called to be peacemakers:  
leaders of governments and businesses  
and nongovernmental organizations;  
leaders of the church and scholars  
and scientists and educators;  
community organizers and citizens  
and everyone of sound mind and body  
who can bear the burdens of the weak.

Give us strength and courage and faith  
to surrender our resistance and trust Jesus.  
for the good of the creation you are redeeming  
and to the glory of the One who redeems all.

And hear us now as we surrender to you and each other  
the urgent prayers of our heart:  
[here you may say aloud your individual prayers and petitions]

And may our hearts and minds be transformed by this vision,  
the prayer Jesus taught...

continued...

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 Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee Tomas Luis de Vicotoria

Jesu, dulcis memoria, dans vera cordis gaudia:  
Sed super mel et omnia ejus dulcis praesentia.  
-St. Bernard of Clairvaux

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

\*DOXOLOGY #606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (unison)

O God, you have the power to multiply loaves and feed thousands. We ask a blessing on what we have offered and the gift of wisdom to those entrusted with its spending so that it will be used to multiply the your kin-dom. Amen.

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

\*HYMN #343 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

#### **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

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, staff today by Jackie Wong and Jessica Cardona.

For effective faith development, children over 5 years old are encouraged to experience the entire worship service with their parents. To help, children's bulletins, books and coloring pages are available on the table outside the chapel.

If you have questions about children and worship, please contact Suzie Lane at [suzielane@dpchurch.com](mailto:suzielane@dpchurch.com) or 615-406-4915.

## **Singing Workshops** **July 8 - September 2**

Some people think they can't sing or are not 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. For our summer time in the chapel, our director of music, William Taylor, will supply both in a series of workshops right before worship each Sunday. The first Sunday we learned the importance of posture - relax the tension in your body and sit / stand with your back as straight as you can. The second Sunday we addressed breathing and how the diaphragm works to support breathing. The third we learned about the mechanics of vocal production and found our voice range. In the upcoming weeks we will begin to sing.

Let's continue to gather in the Chapel at 10:45 and 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!

## Children's Sunday School

Starting Sunday, August 5, school-age children (those starting kindergarten and up) will gather for Sunday School in room 211 from 9:45 am-10:45 am. Following Sunday School, their leaders will bring them to the chapel to meet their parents for worship.

It is wonderful for adults to share their gifts in ministry with children. Complete directions and materials are provided for all teachers. If you would like to help with children's Sunday School, please contact Suzie Lane at [suzielane@dpchurch.com](mailto:suzielane@dpchurch.com) or 615-406-4915.

## **Preaching Texts** **July 8 – September 2**

The preaching texts for the summer are a continuous reading from Mark 5:21 through 9:29. Your experience of the series will be enhanced by reading that section straight through several times.

### July 29

Mark 6:45-56

### August 5

Mark 7:1-23

### August 12

Mark 7:24-37

Rev. Carol Tate – guest preacher

### August 19

Mark 8:22-26

Rev. Stacy Rector – guest preacher

### August 26

Mark 8:27-38

### September 2

Mark 9:2-29



First Saturday Art Crawl is coming up this Saturday, August 4. 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](mailto:dagmal@aol.com)) if you'd like to help out this Saturday.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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!

## **Summer Worship in the Chapel**

**July 1–September 2**

Through September 2 we’ll continue to 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.

## **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](mailto: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

153 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on July 21.

#### 11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:39, Children:7

#### Visitors and Tourists

24 visitors came to view the sanctuary during the week.

### Schedule of Weekly Events

#### Today

##### Monday, July 30

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

##### Tuesday, July 31

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

12:00 Bible Study - Parlor 1

##### Wednesday, August 1

##### Thursday, August 2

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

##### Friday, August 3

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

##### Saturday, August 4

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

##### Sunday, August 5

9:30 Adult Choir rehearsal

9:45 Christian Education

10:45 Singing Workshop - The Chapel

11:00 Worship - The Chapel

## 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

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