

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 8, 2018

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(*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

We Gather in God's Name

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Brevity is a by-product of vigor.

– Strunk & White, *Elements of Style*

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Ezekiel 2:1-2

L: God commissioned a prophet saying,
“Mortal, stand up on your feet
and I will speak to you.”

P: **We're here, God, standing, listening!**
We're ready to hear what you have to say!

*HYMN #30

“O God, in a Mysterious Way”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus sent his disciples out to insist that people change their hearts and lives.
Let us confess our resistance to change and welcome the Spirit's renewal.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

based on Ezekiel 2:3-4; Mark 6:7-8

God who knows our names,
you call us to boldly proclaim *your* name,
yet we are stubborn and rebellious
and heedless of your call.

continued...

Jesus tells us to travel lightly as his apostles,
yet we are weighed down
with the comforts, privileges and obligations
of the institution called “the church.”

May your Spirit open our mouths to proclaim the gospel.
May she reorient our priorities so we might be
faithful disciples and nimble evangelists.

Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE** based on Mark 6:7-12

L: Jesus commissions us as his agents of
evangelism and restoration.
Those simple words, “peace be with you,”
proclaim the gospel and offer the healing balm of reconciliation.
Let us offer them to each other, right now.
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) based on Mark 6:1-6

O God, please send your Spirit to illuminate our minds and hearts
and guide the reading and preaching of your word
so that we might receive what you have inspired with
gratitude and belief.

WORD FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

Our world is an anxious place divided by ideologies,
and we grow more stubborn and impertinent each day.
Break down the barriers that exist among peoples and nations;
restore and strengthen our common life.

Give to your church a bold vision and a daring love
to speak and act on behalf of your mission
to restore all people and creation in peace.
Teach us to trust simplicity and travel light together.

Comfort all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.
Expand our compassion, increase our faith, and make us whole
as we work together for the healing of those in need.

Eternal God, we remember those who are dying
and those who have died.
Draw them in to your heavenly realm with you,
Christ, and the Holy Spirit,
that they may dwell with you in paradise.

And hear now all the other prayers we offer today,
either aloud or in silence.
[Here you may say aloud your individual prayers and petitions.]

Our last petition we offer boldly and with one voice:

**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 The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee Jean Berger

The eyes of all wait upon Thee, and Thou givest them their meat in due season.
Thou openest Thine hand and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

—Psalm 145:15-16

*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, bless these offerings so that we might continue our witness in our city, offering worship, witness, service and healing. In the name of Mary’s son and our brother, Jesus, we pray. Amen.

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

*HYMN #747 “The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”

CHARGE AND BLESSING

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!

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!

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 8

Mark 6:1-13

July 15

Mark 6:14-29

July 22

Mark 6:30-44

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

Intergenerational Sunday School Continues!

Join our multi-age group on Sunday mornings at 9:45 in Parlor 1 for food, fellowship and Bible study. During July, we will study passages from Mark that will also be used in worship.

July 8: Mark 6:1-13

July 15: Mark 6:14-29

July 22: Mark 6:30-44

July 29: Mark 6:45-56

Many thanks for Jim and Faye Dickson for bringing yummy snacks each week!

Will we see YOU on Sunday morning?

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.

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!

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.

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 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!

Electronic Givings!

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

168 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on June 30.

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:64, Children:7

Visitors and Tourists

48 visitors came to view the sanctuary during the week.

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

Monday, July 9

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Tuesday, July 10

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

12:00 Bible Study - Parlor 1

6:00 Finance, Building & History Meeting
- Cookery

Wednesday, July 11

Thursday, July 12

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Friday, July 13

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Saturday, July 14

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

Sunday, July 15

9:30 Adult Choir rehearsal

9:45 Christian Education

11:00 Worship - The Chapel

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

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