

**THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 26, 2018

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(\*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

**We Gather in God's Name**

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

"It could have been worse; let's leave it at that."

– the funniest and most endlessly repeated personal meme  
from Mike and Mary Louise's vacation

**WELCOME**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Hymn #81

**L:** See, the streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply God's sons and daughters  
and all fear of want remove.

**P:** Who can faint while such a river ever flows,  
their thirst to assuage?

**Grace, so like the Lord the giver,  
never fails from age to age.**

**L:** Let us worship!

**P:** Let us sing!

**\*HYMN #81**

"Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

based on Hymn #216

From the beneath the cross of Jesus we might make two confessions:  
"The wonders of redeeming love and our unworthiness." We reflect on  
"unworthiness" not because God considers us worthless. God does not; in  
God's eyes we are precious. We offer that confession because there is nothing  
that we can say or do that is not worthy of God's attention, God's grace,  
God's forgiveness, God's love. With that confidence, let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

based on Mark 8:27-38

Like Peter, we are tempted to think human thoughts  
rather than God's thoughts.

We aspire to positions of power and control  
rather than service and sacrifice.

We desire and acquire  
rather than accept and divest.

We want things to be different as long as nothing changes.  
We want resurrection without death.

Pour out grace and wisdom on us, O God.

Change our thinking and change our hearts,  
so that we will understand this paradox of the gospel:  
all who want to save their lives will lose them.

(Time for silent confession)

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE

based on Mark 8:27

L: When we say "no" to ourselves and follow Jesus,  
we open ourselves most fully to God's grace and love.

Let participate in that holy transaction,  
receiving and giving the peace of Christ.

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 8:27

Jesus asked his disciples if they really knew who he was.

May the Spirit open us more fully to his identity in the reading and  
preaching of Scripture. Amen.

ANTHEM (JuveNiles)            Stand Up! Walk Tall!            Christopher Tambling

Stand up! Walk tall in the house of God and say that we belong!

It makes no difference who we are, or what we may have done;  
It doesn't matter where we're from, for God loves everyone.

— Michael Forster

Alyson Haley, piano

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

Psalm 116:1-9

(OT p.530)

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

SECOND READING

Mark 8:27-38

(NT p.875)

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

SERMON

Do We Know What We Are Saying?

Rev. Mike Wilson

**We Respond to God's Word**

\*HYMN #216

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

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

Let us pray for the church, the nations,  
and all people seeking God's mercy and care, saying,  
God of love,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church in every place,  
that wherever people gather in your name,  
you make us able to listen to each other with open hearts.  
Give your people unity, O God,  
and replace divisiveness with reconciliation.  
God of love,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who serve the church  
as musicians, greeters, pastors, session members,  
teachers, and interns;  
We pray also for our director of music, office manager,  
building manager, children's ministries director,  
and nursery workers.  
God of love,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for Muslims and Jews, Hindus and Buddhists,  
people of indigenous religions everywhere,  
that their paths may lead – with ours – to greater understanding  
of the goodness of faith in its many languages and forms.  
God of love,  
**hear our prayer.**

We thank you for this amazing earth, for clean water,  
rich soils, abundant sunshine, and all the foods that you have made  
for our health and enjoyment.  
Give all people the gratitude to share,  
especially with those who do not have such riches  
and who today are hungry.  
God of love,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the leaders of our city, state and nation.  
and for all those in *every* nation entrusted with  
the welfare its citizens.  
God of love,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who suffer from the horrors of war and famine,  
for children who do not know the reason for their pain  
and have no power to change their lot,  
and for the animals and plants damaged by human conflicts.  
God of love,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for those suffering from all forms of injustice,  
brokenness, or illness,  
especially all who have asked for the prayers of this congregation  
and for those whose well-being we hold in our hearts,  
named now aloud or silently.

*[Here you may say aloud your individual prayers and petitions.]*

God of love,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of eternity, certain days remind us of tragedy and death,  
but we know that all days are redeemed and held in your grace.

We remember those who have died on this day,  
those who will die today,  
and all whose lives have enriched ours

Keep alive in us the hope of the resurrection.

God of love,  
**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands we commend those for whom we pray,  
trusting in your mercy through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord  
who invited us to pray:

**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

### Take Up Thy Cross

Gordon Young

"Take up thy Cross," the Savior said, "if thou wouldst my disciple be;  
Deny thyself, the world forsake, and humbly follow after me."

Take up thy cross, let not its weight fill thy weak spirit with alarm;  
His strength will bear thee up, and brace thy heart and nerve thine arm.

Take up thy cross and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down;  
For only those who bears the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown

— Charles William Everest

### \*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)

based on Mark 8:34-38

**Our money is a measure of our life. We gladly surrender this money today as a tangible portion of our lives so that others may enjoy wholeness, community and salvation through the ministry and mission of this church. May you, generous God, multiply our efforts through your blessing. Amen.**

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

### \*HYMN #718

"Take up Your Cross"

### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

### **Join us after worship**

at the coffee pot in the Fellowship Hall for interesting conversation and light refreshments. A good way to meet the pastor and make new friends at DPC!

## Bingo Night at Smokin' Thighs Tomorrow Night!



From the outside it looks a biker bar (and we don't mean those who ride in spandex). Inside they serve tasty chicken dishes like chicken burgers and chicken tacos and, of course, wings, thighs and quarters.

And every Monday they host FREE BINGO with great prizes!

DPC folks will be gathering at Smokin' Thighs this Monday, August 27, from 6:00 to 8:00 (or later) for food, fellowship and **Bingo**.

Children are welcome because it's really just a super casual restaurant with a complete kids' menu – they even serve Kool-Aid!

Smokin' Thighs is at:  
611 Wedgewood Ave.  
Nashville 37203

## New Adult Education Starting September 9

On Sundays September 9 and 16 Pastor Mike will reveal to you the

### **MYSTERIES OF THE HYMNAL!**

Our hymnal, Glory to God, features 853 hymns, songs, chants, responses and more. But that's not all! There are also liturgies, commentary, indexes and other strange codes and markings.

In a fun and informative two-week series we'll explore all those parts of the hymnal before and after the words and music. Along the way you'll learn how Mike and William pick hymns (it's not random!), how tunes, texts and meter work (8.7.8.7.D will blow your mind), and how evolving theology and language affect hymnal content and hymn texts (where did Onward Christian Soldiers go?)...*and more!*

There might be some singing but no musical knowledge is required!

We'll meet in Parlor 2 at 9:45 on September 9 and 16.

## **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, staffed today by Jackie Wong and Sofi Jarquin.

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.

## **Children's Sunday School**

School-age children (kindergarten and up) 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. 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.

**August 26**  
Mark 8:27-38

**September 2**  
Mark 9:2-29

First Saturday Art Crawl is coming up this Saturday, September 1. 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.



### First Sunday Lunch Meet-up

Join us next Sunday, September 2, 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.



### 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 fourth and subsequent weeks, we will connect these initial lessons as we learn more about our voices by singing.

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!

## **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.

## **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

168 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on August 18.

#### 11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:58, Children:9

#### Visitors and Tourists

18 visitors came to view the sanctuary during the week.

### Schedule of Weekly Events

#### Today

1:00 Session - Parlor 2

#### Monday, August 27

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

6:00 DPC Bingo Night - Smoking Thighs

#### Tuesday, August 28

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

12:00 Bible Study - Parlor 1

#### Wednesday, August 29

#### Thursday, August 30

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### Friday, August 31

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### Saturday, September 1

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

6:00 ART Crawl

#### Sunday, September 2

9:45 Adult Choir rehearsal

9:45 Christian Education - Rm #211

10:45 Singing Workshop - The Chapel

11:00 Worship - The Chapel

12:00 First Sunday Lunch Meetup

- 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

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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