

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 2, 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 little of the first-person singular goes a long way."

— Frank Bruni, "Death in the Age of Narcissism,"
The New York Times, 8/27/18

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Hymn #156

L: God comes to us,

P: as a newborn child.

L: God comes to us,

P: as the baptized, beloved herald of the Kingdom.

L: God comes to us,

P: as the one who could turn water into wine,
heal the sick and banish the demonic.

L: God comes to us,

P: as the fulfillment of the Law and Prophets.

L: God come to us,

P: crucified.

L: God comes to us,

P: risen!

L: Let us sing of this God,

P: made manifest in Jesus.

*HYMN #156

"Sing of God Made Manifest"

CALL TO CONFESSION

based on Mark 9:14-29

Jesus said, "All things are possible for the one who has faith."
A man in distress replied, "I have faith; help my lack of faith."
We might find ourselves in that tension, identifying with that man.
Let us confess our vacillation and move toward a more confident faith.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

based on Mark 9:2-29

**When confronted with difficult challenges,
we are apt to put our trust in our own
wisdom and abilities.**

**Help us, Living Christ,
to turn more readily to you,
seeking your mind and your heart.**

**Throw out our spirit of reluctance
and lead us into a life of
faith, prayer and bold action.**

(Time for silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE

based on Mark 9:23-27

L: Jesus said, "All things are possible for the one who has faith."
Jesus believed that and his life revealed it.
May we believe it too, and know that by our faith and God's grace,
we are also God's beloved children,
saved and celebrated by our Creator.
With that confidence and joy, let us say to one another,
"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 9:7

L: God said, "This is my Son, whom I dearly love. Listen to him!"

P: **May the Holy Spirit illuminate and guide our minds and hearts so that we might listen to - and really hear - what he has to say. And may the Word proclaimed and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in God's sight. 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

Mark 9:2-13

(NT p.876)

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

*HYMN #796

"We Come to You for Healing, Lord"
vs. 1-2

SECOND READING

Mark 9:14-29

(NT p.876)

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 #796

"We Come to You for Healing, Lord"
vs. 3-5

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

adapted from the PC(USA) Book of Common Worship, 2018

Loving God,
you cause the rain to fall on the just and the unjust.

Hear our prayers for the church and world:

for the hungry and the overfed,
may we have enough;

for the mourners and the mockers,
may we laugh together;

for the victims and the oppressors,
may we share power wisely;

for the peacemakers and the warmongers,
may clear truth and mature love lead us to harmony;

for the silenced and the propagandists,
may we speak with courage and say only what is true;

for the unemployed and the overworked,
may all find productive work and be afforded healthy rest;

for the troubled and the secure,
may we live together as wounded healers;

for the homeless and the pampered,
may our homes be simple, warm and welcoming;

for the vibrant and the dying,
may we all find our place in God's embrace.

for all those we lift up to you now, aloud or in silence,
[Here you may say aloud your individual prayers and petitions.]

For the benefit of the whole world, we 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

Beautiful Savior

Donald P. Moore

Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of man!
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve Thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and for evermore be Thine! Amen.

— author unknown, 1677; trans., Joseph A. Seiss 1873

*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 offering is a sign of our faith in you, O God,
to work through this church and its leaders
to faithfully reveal the gospel of Jesus Christ
and the kingdom of Heaven.

Add your blessing to this offering,
and your wisdom to those entrusted
with its stewardship. Amen.

We Seal God's Word Upon Our Hearts

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Creator of the Cosmos,
Breath of Heaven,
Lover of us all,
you are our praise, our life, our joy.

You are there
through desert wandering and willful murmurings,
rebellious running and tears of complaint.

You are there
when sorrow becomes our daily food;
you rescue us from ruin and anoint us with blessing.

Rising Sun
Soaring Spirit,
Radiant Lord,
you are there,
in stable and temple,
river and hillside,
cross and tomb
and even beyond the grave.

You are there in shining glory,
overcoming death and welcoming us to life.

You meet us in the breaking of bread,
you pour out the wine of salvation;
you feed us with grace and overwhelm us with love.

By your Spirit,
make these gifts your body and blood.

By your Spirit,
make us one with you and with each other.

By your Spirit,
make us strong, that we may share your love
with your blessed and broken world.

Fount of mercy,
Fire of justice,
Dearest Friend,
bind us to you and send us out
to seek and serve and sing your praise,
until you gather us up in glory
and bright, unending song. 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 Be Known to Us Austin Cole Lovelace

Be known to us in breaking bread but do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us and spread Thy table in our heart.

There sup with us in love divine. Thy body and Thy blood, that living bread,
that heavenly wine be our immortal food. Amen.

— James Montgomery (1771-1804)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We Bear God's Word Into the World

*HYMN #450 "Be Thou My Vision"

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!

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.

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 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 or 615-406-4915.

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.

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.

Returning to the Sanctuary

It was bold move to worship in the Chapel for ten consecutive Sundays - our effort to "make the ordinary extraordinary" as we moved through summer's long weeks. But as we head into our final Chapel Sunday it's easy to see that our experiment has been wildly successful - even extraordinary!

We want to sustain that extraordinary feeling, that renewed and energizing spirit, when we return to the Sanctuary next Sunday. So we are going to try having everyone use the first ten rows in the center section and the first six rows on the sides. (For those who like hard numbers, that's more than twice the pew-feet available in the Chapel).

We're enjoying a wonderful intimacy in the Chapel that feels very different from the "big room." The smaller space certainly puts us in closer physical proximity; we might describe the feeling as "comfortably full." It also puts us closer together aurally - we could hear each other better and consequently sing and do liturgy with greater confidence, volume and enthusiasm. Of course much of that has to do with William's pre-worship singing workshops that have gone a long way to building our enthusiasm and confidence in singing. And while it may be a less tangible measure, we are also experiencing a spiritual and emotional intimacy that flows out of simply sitting close to other people.

Our hope is that you'll want to continue to worship close to those folks whose voices and spirits have surrounded you this summer. And like all new efforts, we know that it will take some getting used to. So after a few weeks we'll evaluate how things are working and refine our practice.

And we are not simply going to let empty pews sit fallow. The Worship & Arts committee is working on ways we can transform parts of the sanctuary into spaces for prayer and meditation, art projects, kid-friendly zones and more.

It's been a great summer! Let's take all that extraordinary enthusiasm with us to the Sanctuary and have a great fall!

Summer Worship Thank-yous!

Worshiping in a smaller space most definitely *did not* require less effort!
So some special thank-yous are in order:

Thank you to Dave Coleman and the Hospitality Committee for going beyond the usual greeter duties and making sure that folks knew where to go and what to do every week. And, of course, laying out the snacks and offering a gracious welcome to all.

Thank you to Jim Hoobler and Michael Korak for taking on docent duties, giving visitors tours of the Sanctuary after worship.

Thank you to William Taylor for leading wonderful singing workshops before worship and helping us become more confident and enthusiastic singers.

Thank you to Suzie Lane for leading intergenerational Christian education and making it relate to our worship themes. Suzie also created our Chapel baptismal font - nice work, Suzie!

Thank you to Chris Leonard, Nina Cardona and Cary Gibson for writing new, original and beautiful liturgy that brought us deeper into the worship experience.

Thank you to Cary Gibson and Justin Near for creating our prayer closet, an imaginative and provocative use of space and a beautiful spiritual experience.

And *Thank you* to every person who gave themselves over to worshiping in a different space in a different way. Your willingness to try something new opened us to new possibilities and a deeper worship experience.

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.

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

152 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on August 25.

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:54, Children:10

Visitors and Tourists

36 visitors came to view the sanctuary during the week.

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

12:00 First Sunday Lunch Meetup
- Farmers' Market

Monday, September 3

Labor Day—Church Closed

Tuesday, September 4

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

12:00 Bible Study - Parlor 1

Wednesday, September 5

Thursday, September 6

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Friday, September 7

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Saturday, September 8

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

Sunday, September 9

9:00 Juveniles Rehearsal

9:45 Adult Choir rehearsal

9:45 Mysteries of the Hymnal - Parlor 2

9:45 Christian Education - Rm #211

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

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

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