

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 30, 2018

Hearing assistance devices are available.

Please ask a greeter for a receiver.

(*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

We Gather in God's Name

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“True justice requires, instead, that we ask questions such as these:
Who has been hurt? What do they need? Whose obligations and responsibilities
are these?”

— Howard Zehr

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Elegie

Gordon Young

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Numbers 11:16-29

L: Upon this gathering of your people,

P: pour out your Spirit, O Lord.

L: Be near to us and speak to us,

P: and we will proclaim your glory.

*HYMN #432

“How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our time of confession is not meant to make us feel bad. Nor must every
petition in our prayer apply to all people equally. So as we pray - with honesty
and humility - allow those words that strike a chord to resonate with you, set
aside those that seem ill-suited to your circumstance and, in our silence,
listen for what the Spirit may draw forth.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

based on Psalm 19:12-14; Mark 9:43-47

God, our strength and savior,
you know our great transgressions,
our hidden faults, our secret sins.
With our hands we grasp at power;
with our feet we stumble into evil;
with our eyes we look out for ourselves.
Forgive us, gracious God,
and lead us in your holy way
of life and love and peace;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE based on James 5:19-20

L: Brothers and my sisters,
if any of us wanders from the truth and is brought back by another,
you should know that whoever brings back someone
from wandering will save that person's soul.
Rejoice! You have been brought back by the redemption of God
and forgiveness through Jesus Christ our Savior.
You can live in peace. So:
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 Numbers 11:25; Psalm 19:7-8, 14

Inspiring God, by the power of your Spirit, enlighten our eyes,
instruct our minds, rejoice our hearts, and revive our souls so that our lips
and our lives may bear witness to your Word. 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 Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 (OT p. 129)

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

SECOND READING Mark 9:38-50 (NT p. 45)

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

SERMON If Your Hand Causes You To Offend Rev. Sarah Jordan

We Respond to God's Word

*HYMN #445 "How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

& THE LORD'S PRAYER (people read bold) based on James 5:13-20

Scripture promises us that the prayers of God's people
are powerful and effective.

In this hope, we call on God's name, saying:

Pour out your healing grace, O Lord;

send forth your Spirit to save us.

For those who are sick and suffering . . .

[You may offer your prayers for healing and wholeness silently or aloud.]

Pour out your healing grace, O Lord;

send forth your Spirit to save us.

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For those who are burdened by sin or guilt
or who are the victims of the sins of others . . .
[You may offer your prayers for forgiveness silently or aloud.]

Pour out your healing grace, O Lord;
send forth your Spirit to save us.

For those who are alone or lonely;
those who are in emotional or spiritual exile. . .
[You may offer your prayers the blessings of community silently or aloud.]

Pour out your healing grace, O Lord;
send forth your Spirit to save us.

For those captive to addiction or mental illness. . .
*[You may offer your prayers for sobriety and clarity of mind
silently or aloud.]*

Pour out your healing grace, O Lord;
send forth your Spirit to save us.

For those who are persecuted or ridiculed
because they don't conform
in body type, gender or sexual identity
to stereotypes and binaries . . .
*[You may offer your prayers the greater understanding and compassion
silently or aloud.]*

Pour out your healing grace, O Lord;
send forth your Spirit to save us.

For victims and survivors of all kinds of abuse,
[You may offer your prayers for healing and justice silently or aloud.]

Pour out your healing grace, O Lord;
send forth your Spirit to save us.

For nations, crumbling in conflict . . .
[You may offer your prayers for peace and unity silently or aloud.]

Pour out your healing grace, O Lord;
send forth your Spirit to save us.

For neighbors, divided by fear . . .

*[You may offer your prayers for the violent and their victims
silently or aloud.]*

Pour out your healing grace, O Lord;
send forth your Spirit to save us.

For the church, longing for renewal . . .

*[You may offer your prayers for this church, our denomination
and the church universal silently or aloud.]*

Pour out your healing grace, O Lord;
send forth your Spirit to save us.

For the earth, groaning for peace and restoration . . .

*[You may offer your prayers for places plagued by war and the despoiling
of the environment silently or aloud.]*

Pour out your healing grace, O Lord;
send forth your Spirit to save us.

God of new life, raise us up
in the power of the risen Lord
so that we may lift our hearts again
in songs of thanks and praise;
through Jesus Christ our Savior,
who taught 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.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION Chris Lovegood, Exec. Director, Nations Ministries

The mission of Nations Ministry Center is to help refugee families become generationally self-sufficient. They help refugees navigate the obstacles that they must overcome to maintain legal status and search out services. They provide a youth literacy program, Nations Academy and a summer reading program, The Big Read. They also are proactive in helping refugees obtain job training and also help them find jobs.

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENEROUS GIVING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Blessed is the Man

Sven Lekberg

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is on the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Text taken from Psalm 1:1-3

*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 Psalm 19:10

Your gift of life, O God,

is more precious than gold and sweeter than honey to our lips.

Take these gifts of our lives:

refine and purify them, and let them be for the world

a sign of your goodness and grace;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

*HYMN #793

“O Christ, the Healer”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Diapason Dialogue

Gordon Young

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!

Nashville: Covered - Saturday, October 6

6:00pm - 9:00pm, Free Admission

Downtown Presbyterian Church is hosting Historic Nashville's special one-night-only exhibit that celebrates Nashville with classic and contemporary album covers that feature Nashville's historic landmarks as their cover art. The event includes an expansive album cover art exhibit, free tours of the church, and a collector's corner with rare and signed albums!



Proceeds from the sale of albums and memorabilia will benefit the preservation and restoration of Downtown Presbyterian Church and the ongoing mission of Historic Nashville. Volunteers are needed for the information table, sales table, and to give tours. We are hoping for a huge crowd, and the exhibit is going to be amazing, so please come if you can!

Contact: Dena Swoner at denaswoner@dpchurch.com

New Adult Education Next Sunday

Next Sunday Pastor Mike will discuss

The Mysteries of the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper — also called Communion or Eucharist — is a sacrament recognized by all Christians. But we don't all understand it or practice it in the same way.

In this one-session class Pastor Mike will discuss how we in the Presbyterian tradition understand communion from a theological perspective and how that understanding informs our practice of the sacrament.

We'll also touch on other theological perspectives and we'll explore the Great Thanksgiving, the Eucharistic Prayer, to understand its story and structure.

We'll start at 9:45 in Parlor 2. See you there!

The Nominating Committee Needs Your Help

The 2018 Nominating Committee - Claire Armbruster, Nina Cardona, Jim Hoobler, Jim Dickson, Cary Gibson and Pastor Mike Wilson (ex-officio) - have begun their work identifying potential nominees for ruling elder for the session class of 2021.

DPC members are invited to make suggestions for consideration by the Nominating Committee which is charged with selecting three candidates to replace the outgoing class of 2018, Jim Dickson (Christian Education chair), Cary Gibson (Worship co-chair) and Michael Korak (Building & History chair).

How to make a suggestion for our consideration:

Please submit name(s) by email to Jim Dickson at deserata1@hotmail.com

The deadline for suggestions is Monday, October 1, 2018 and suggestions should include a brief explanation of why you believe that person would be a good ruling elder and member of session. You may also recommend yourself to the committee. All submissions must be in writing.

Please note that the work of a PC(USA) Nominating Committee is to be held in strict confidence and committee members cannot discuss your suggestions or our deliberations with the congregation, and lobbying on behalf of potential nominees is discouraged.

The Nominating Committee is tasked with nominating individuals in the context of the session as a whole so that the elders in active service represent the diversity of the congregation; create a strong leadership team with a balance of gifts, skills and experience to serve the congregation's various needs; and support our Pastor and staff.

Criteria for eligibility:

Those who have been a DPC member for one year and have been active in the life of the congregation.

Elders should be persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit. (Book of Order G-2.0301)

In addition to committee work and administrative responsibilities, in our Presbyterian tradition, ruling elders are also called to:

- equip and renew the people for their task within the church
and for their mission in the world
- visit, comfort, and care for the people
- assist in worship
- cultivate their ability to teach the Bible
- strengthen and nurture the faith of the congregation
- encourage the people in worship and service of God

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Since the session is responsible for many duties in the church, elders should have some of those abilities to assist in carrying out that work.

Our deep thanks in advance for participating in the life of the church by offering your suggestions and we welcome your prayers as we deliberate and discern.

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 sanctuary 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.

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 Mckennan Henninger and Jackie Wong.

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 sanctuary.

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

New Church Directory!

The new DPC directory is ready for final proofing. You'll find a copy in the narthex. Please check your information and make any corrections. Copies for all will be available soon!



DPC's Annual Cauldron Cook-off!

Sunday, October 28 is our annual competition for soups, stews, chilis, desserts and carved pumpkins! The event is in the Fellowship Hall, immediately following worship. Entry for competition is not required--everyone is welcome to bring crockpots full of favorite dishes, as well as desserts.

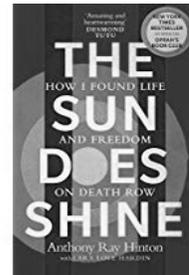
Prize categories for this year are Traditional Chili, Non-traditional Chili, Vegetarian Chili, and a separate category for Soups & Stews. There is also a prize for Best Dessert AND Best Carved Pumpkin. Bring pumpkins that are pre-carved and ready to glow!

Contact: Dave Coleman at dave_four@hotmail.com

DPC Book Group

"The DPC book group will have its next meeting on **Thursday, November 8**, at 6:30 p.m. (location to be determined). We will be discussing *The Sun Does Shine* by Anthony Ray Hinton.

Contact: Joel Dark (joelhdark@gmail.com; be sure to include the "h") for more information."



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.

Parking

Parking for Sunday worship is in the SP+ garage at **147 4th Ave. N.**

You must come down 4th from Church Street. Parking in this garage is complimentary from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Parking vouchers are necessary to exit the garage without having to pay. To get one, just ask one of our greeters.

Our Ministries Last Week

Saturday Breakfast Ministry

158 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on September 22.

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:41, Children:10

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

Monday, October 1

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Tuesday, October 2

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Wednesday, October 3

Thursday, October 4

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Friday, October 5

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Saturday, October 6

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

6:00 Nashville: Covered— Historic

Nashville's 50th Anniversary Event

6:00 Art Crawl

Sunday, October 7

9:00 JuveNiles Rehearsal

9:45 Adult Choir rehearsal

9:45 Adult Education – 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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Dena Swoner, Office Manager

Suzie Lane, Director of Children's Education

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