

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 14, 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

"You are only as happy as your least happy child."

— Something a wise person once said

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Three Liturgical Preludes for Organ: III. Chorale Gordon Young

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Hymn #720

L: Over the tumult of our life's wild restless sea,
Jesus's voice sounds, saying,

P: **"Christian, follow me!"**

L: From the worship of the world's vain, golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
Jesus calls us, saying,

P: **"Christian, love me more!"**

L: So in our service and in our worship,

P: **May we love *him* best of all.**

*HYMN #722

"Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"

CALL TO CONFESSION

based on Psalm 22:11

God is not far from us.
When trouble is near, God is our help and our refuge.
Let us offer our confession and receive grace and love,
which is close at hand.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

based on Mark 10:19-22

We know the commandments:
You shall not murder;
you shall not commit adultery;
you shall not steal;
you shall not bear false witness;
you shall not defraud;
honor your father and your mother.

We are sure we follow them,
but instead, we cannot let go
of the things we think we need
or what we think is important.
We do not follow you, or love you, O God,
with *all* our hearts, our minds, our strength.
We refrain from giving our *whole* selves to you.

Forgive our reluctance,
our lack of commitment
and our desire to focus on material things
instead of on your will for us.
In the name of our Teacher, Jesus the Christ,
who gave his whole life for the sake of the gospel. Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE

based on Hebrews 4:15-16

L: Jesus is able to sympathize with us,
even in our weakness.
He was tempted in every way that we are
(except without sin).

Therefore we can come near to God
– whose character is revealed in Jesus –
trusting that we will find mercy and grace.
And let us extend that grace and love to each other.
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 Hebrews 4:12

**Reveal to us your Word, O God,
living and active in our world by the power of your Holy Spirit.
Let your Word pierce our hearts and open our minds,
dividing good from evil,
truth from falsehood,
life from death;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Amos 6:1-7 (OT p. 854)

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

SECOND READING Mark 10:17-31 (NT p. 46)

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

SERMON What If He Really Meant It? Rev. Mike Wilson

We Respond to God's Word

*HYMN #720

"Jesus Calls Us"

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

& THE LORD'S PRAYER (people read **bold**)

based on Mark 10:26-27; Hebrews 4:16

Sometimes the troubles of the world
seem impossible to address,
and the burdens of our lives
seem too much for us to bear.

Yet we trust that, for God,
all things are possible.

God alone can save us.

Therefore we are bold to pray, saying,
God of mercy
be gracious to us.

We pray for peace among nations,
food for the hungry,
justice for the poor,
and a life of dignity for all people.

God of mercy,
be gracious to us.

We pray for new life in the church,
fresh energy in mission,
faithfulness in ministry,
and reconciliation in the body of Christ.

God of mercy,
be gracious to us.

We pray for the welfare of our city,
safe streets and homes,
good schools and jobs,
and the spirit of love among neighbors.

God of mercy,
be gracious to us.

We pray for the healing of all who suffer,
comfort for the afflicted,
hope for the despairing,
and strength for those who care for them.

God of mercy,
be gracious to us.

We pray for all those other circumstances and people
who have moved our hearts to compassion, sorrow or joy.

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

God of mercy,
be gracious to us.

O God, in whom all things are possible,
we commend these prayers to you
and commit our lives to seek your will;
through Jesus Christ our Savior,
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

My God is a Rock

Mark Beall

My God is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of storm.

Well go away you long tongue liar, we don't want you in this band.
Well, we don't want none but a few born souls that's been washed
in the blood of the lamb.

He is the lily of the valley. He is the Prince of Peace.
When they put ole John in the kettle of oil, Jesus cooled the boiling grease.

He is the golden bridegroom. His wonders will never cease.
When they put old Daniel in the lion's den, Jesus calmed the hungry beast.

The Lord's our rock, in Him we hide. He calms our fears and all our fright.
The raging storms may 'round us beat, we'll never leave our safe retreat.

O refuge near, we know our help is ever near.

— Traditional African-American Spiritual

*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 10:21-30

**Generous God,
we present these gifts
and promise to seriously consider your invitation
to leave everything behind and follow you.
Give us the courage to fulfill your will
so that with everything we do and say
we can become a living offering
worthy of being called your disciples. Amen.**

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

*HYMN #724

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Three Liturgical Preludes for Organ: III. Chorale 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!

Children's Sabbath October 28

DPC will join churches nationwide in celebrating the 27th annual Children's Sabbath, a day set aside to lift up the needs and gifts of children worldwide. At DPC, our JuveNiles choir will lead in worship, and 3rd-5th graders will serve as liturgists.

Please read about Children's Sabbath here: www.childrensdefense.org/programs/faith-based/childrens-sabbath-celebration/ and come join in worship on October 28.

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.

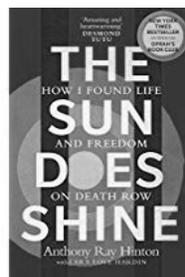
Prize categories for this year are Traditional Chili, Non-traditional Chili, Vegetarian Chili, and a separate category for Soups & Stews. There is also a prize for Best Dessert AND Best Carved Pumpkin. Bring pumpkins that are pre-carved and ready to glow!

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."



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!

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 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 sanctuary.

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 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.

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!

DPC Clothes Closet

We at DPC maintain a clothing closet to help meet the needs of our homeless and urban poor guests on Saturday morning. As we head into the winter season, the clothing closet needs a few extra items to help our guests stay warm and dry.

Items of greatest need are:

- sweatshirts (hoods preferred)
- coats
- hats
- gloves (larger sizes for men are most needed)
- scarves.
- thermal under-layers in all sizes

We also need sample-sized toiletries:

- bars of soap
- sample-sized shampoo & conditioner
- trial sized deodorant
- toothbrushes and trial or sample sized toothpaste
- chapstick (not lip gloss/lipstick)

Lastly, we always need the following items for men and women:

- Jeans (sizes 30-36 for men are in highest demand)
- Socks - MUST be new
- Underwear - MUST be new

Due to space and time constraints, we ask that you please limit donations to these items of greatest need for the winter season. Thank you for considering these requests and supporting the clothing ministry 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

188 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on October 6.

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:44, Children:6

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

Monday, October 15

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Tuesday, October 16

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

12:00 Bible Study - Parlor 1

Wednesday, October 17

Thursday, October 18

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Friday, October 19

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Saturday, October 20

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

Sunday, October 21

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
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THE CHURCH STAFF

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