

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 21, 2018

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(*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

We Gather in God's Name

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“The revival in religion will be a rhetorical problem – new persuasive words for defaced or degraded ones.”

– Thornton Wilder

OPENING VOLUNTARY Voluntary in D Major John Stanley

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP** based on Hymn #299

L: You servants of God, your Master proclaim!
Publish abroad Christ's wonderful name.

P: Let us adore him and give him his right:
all glory and power,
all wisdom and might,
all honor and blessing, with angles above,
and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!

***HYMN #299** “You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

CALL TO CONFESSION based on Hebrews 4:14-16

Jesus sympathizes with us even in our weakness.
It is with that confidence that we offer our confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

based on Mark 10:35-37; Hebrews 5:2

Merciful and gentle God,
we have wanted reward without sacrifice.
We have been unwilling to serve and
have not humble in our desire for power or influence.
Forgive our hubris and ignorance, gracious God.
Help us to know your glory through servanthood.
Guide us to be true followers of your way,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE

based on Hebrews 4:15-16

L: People of God, we are forgiven.
The walls of separation between us and God
— and each other — have fallen.
So let us be reconciled in service and love.
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 Psalm 91:12, 16

O Lord, by the power of your Spirit,
lift us up into your presence
to hear the promise of your word
and know the joy of your salvation;
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

Mark 10:35-45

(NT p. 47)

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

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:1-10

(NT p. 220)

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

SERMON

Just to Say Melchizedek

Rev. Mike Wilson

We Respond to God's Word

*HYMN #215

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

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

[Silence is kept after each petition.]

Dear Lord Jesus Christ, you are our intercessor
who offered yourself for us
with your prayers and tears...
your very body.

Help us to offer our prayer for ourselves
and our community.

We pray for the local, national, and global church—
that it might exhibit the way of service in faith and love.

We pray for the international community—
that all nations might learn the way of peace and justice.

We pray for anyone who suffers—
help us be the healing they need.

We pray for the earth—
help us to be proper stewards of your creation.

We remember those who have come to their eternal rest,
and we wrap our loving arms of comfort around those who grieve.

We lift up now, aloud or in silence, any prayers we hold in the
corners of our hearts—
for you know and understand all things.

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

We ask all these things in the name of our Creator,
and our servant-priest Jesus, 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

Lindsey Groves

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENEROUS GIVING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

If ye love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father and
He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you
forever. E'en the spirit of truth.

— John 14:15-17

*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 90:12-17

God of glorious power and wisdom,
how can we number your countless gifts?
Look upon our lives with favor,
and, by the gift of your grace,
bless the work of our hands;
we ask this in Jesus’s name. Amen.

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

*HYMN #321 “The Church’s One Foundation”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Allegro, on a Theme Orlando Gibbons Charles Villiers Stanford

*We welcome **Karen Nicolosi** as our guest choir director and **Michal Gebhart** as our guest organist today. Please extend your regards to them following the Closing Voluntary.*

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!

*UKIRK Nashville is a community dedicated to experiencing Christ on campus through worship, service, and fellowship. They gather to worship through long or short chats over coffee, the study of scripture, asking hard questions, music, loving ourselves and neighbors, prayer, food, and laughter. They have an eight decades long history here in Nashville, as a non-profit of the local Presbyterian churches. They are official student organizations at Vanderbilt and Belmont, and **welcome all and any** in the area who'd like to join us, regardless of belief, gender identity, orientation, race, social status, university affiliation... or anything else!*

Rev. Lindsey Groves, Campus Minister & Executive Director: Lindsey was born in our nation's capital and lived in various cities in Florida, but primarily grew up around the lakes, where I fell in love with rowing. Don't hold it against her, but she rowed at the University of Tennessee, in Knoxville. A couple years later, after living and working in Colorado, a few good road trips, and some overseas backpacking, she went to seminary at Duke... where she focused on pastoral care and reformed worship. She has had a decade of great ministry experiences... working with youth and young adults, at academies and camps, in hospitals, and learning with people living with HIV/AIDS, as well as leading worship alongside a bunch of cool churches. She loves how UKirk connects us to others... and introduces young people to all sorts of new (and sometimes very OLD!) things.

You can reach out to her at: campusminister@ukirknashville.org

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.

New Adult Education Experience

Healing for the Sick: How do we Embody Christ as Healer?

The current state of health care in the US has been heavy politicized through divisive debates on policy, proposed system changes, and attempted repeals. With all of this noise, how are we as a church, who is concerned about the wellbeing and dignity of those in the community in which we serve and live, to respond? After all, Jesus's identity as healer was important to his ministry. Healing for the sick is clearly displayed as a part of the Kingdom of God. This short series will investigate how we can embody and exhibit the identity of healer for those we serve and to ourselves.

This two-part series will discuss:

- What the Bible and our own tradition has to say to us about health and healing.
- The immediate challenges to accessing health care in our community and in Tennessee.
- What is a faithful response to the injustice of health care we witness.
- How do we take care of ourselves when we are in service to others? A look at healthy practices of self-care.

This timely series will be led by Scot Robinson, our VDS field education student and will meet at 9:45 on October 28 and November 4 in Parlor 2.

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.

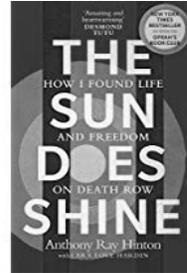
Prize categories for this year are Traditional Chili, Non-traditional Chili, Vegetarian Chili, and a separate category for Soups & Stews. There is also a prize for Best Dessert AND Best Carved Pumpkin. Bring pumpkins that are pre-carved and ready to glow!

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."



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.

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!

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/yQj9wA>

We provide complimentary parking for all volunteers.

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!

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

207 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on October 13.

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:39, Children:6

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

1:00 Session - Parlor 2

Monday, October 22

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Tuesday, October 23

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

12:00 Bible Study - Parlor 1

Wednesday, October 24

Thursday, October 25

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Friday, October 26

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Saturday, October 27

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

Sunday, October 28

9:00 JuveNiles Rehearsal

9:45 Adult Education – Parlor 2

9:45 Children's Education - Rm #211

11:00 Worship - The Sanctuary

12:00 Cauldron Cookoff - Fellowship Hall

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

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