

# THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Children's Sabbath

October 28, 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

#### OPENING VOLUNTARY

Chorale Prelude on *Wenn wir in hochsten Nöten sein* J.S. Bach

#### WELCOME

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lili Near

based on Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22)

L: Come now, let us praise the Lord our God at all times!

Let us share God's mighty acts of love with other people.

P: **We come, to share in the joys of those who trust in God.**

L: Come now, all who are deeply discouraged by life's traumas—  
because our God is gracious and loving, and forgiving of our sin.

P: **We come, to give thanks for our God's merciful blessings to us.**

L: Come now, and experience the radiant joy of God's mercy.

Let us celebrate together the generosity of our Listening God.

P: **We come, conscious that we are not immune from troubles,  
but we rejoice that the God we worship frees us from our fears. Amen.**

#### \*HYMN #465

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

Dylan Chang

We cannot come before God unless we are first honest with ourselves  
about who we are, about the mistakes we make,  
and about how well or poorly we care for others.

In this spirit, let us offer our prayers to God.

God of all and not just some,  
 We confess that when some have too much and others too little,  
 we have not proclaimed your justice.  
 When some have been surrounded by love and others excluded,  
 we have not reached out with your radical inclusion.  
 When some have been set on easy paths forward  
 and others left to stumble over obstacles,  
 we have not cleared the way as Jesus admonished.  
 When some are nurtured and others abandoned,  
 we have not embraced them with your love.  
 When some are encouraged and others disheartened,  
 we have not spoken your word of hope.  
 Forgive us, we pray, for the ways we have not lived up to  
 the scope of your vision,  
 the depth of your love,  
 the wideness of your embrace.  
 God of all and not just some,  
 help us to embody your love and speak your justice  
 until every child may live into the fullness of the promise  
 for which you created them.  
 We pray these things in the name of Jesus who came for all and not  
 just some. Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE**

Dylan Chang

**L:** Listen! I have something to say! God sent God's own child Jesus that we  
 might know ourselves to be loved and forgiven children of God.  
 Hear and believe the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.  
**P:** Thanks be to God.  
**L:** 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.*

## God's Word Is Proclaimed

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Rowan Near

Let us pray.

Send us your Holy Spirit, O God, as we hear your word read and proclaimed on this Children's Sabbath day. Don't let us settle for being settled, comfortable with being comforted, set at ease with an easy word. Instead, we pray that your Spirit will surprise us with new insight, help us see you where we least expect you, and move us to new responses. 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

Gabrielle Lewis, piano

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

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Eliza Bell

For thus says the LORD:  
Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
"Save, O LORD, your people,  
the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame,  
those with child and those in labor, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.  
With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,  
I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

L: The Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Mark 10:46-52

(NT p. 47)

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

SERMON

Rev. Mike Wilson

## We Respond to God's Word

\*HYMN #769

"For Everyone Born"

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENEROUS GIVING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Let All God's Children Sing  
words and music by Mark Patterson

Let all the mountains ring, let all the valleys rejoice.  
Let all God's children sing, people, come and lift your voice!  
Sing it from every land, praise him from every shore.  
Let all God's children sing for the glory of the Lord!

God who made the earth and sea, God who reigns in majesty,  
Let our voices now be raised as we worship you with joyful praise.

Gabrielle Lewis, piano

\*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)

Rowan Near

Dear God,  
We offer you our praise.  
We offer you our hearts.  
We offer you our money.  
We offer you our lives.  
Thank you for everything you give to us. Amen.

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

\*HYMN #353      “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Go forth to hear the voices of children made in God’s own image;  
Go forth to bear the love of Christ who sided with the poor;  
Go forth to seek justice as the Spirit moves in and through you.  
May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of  
the Holy Spirit be with you and each child of God now and forever more.

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Toccatina in D minor, BWV 565

J.S. Bach

### **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

The Children's Sabbath is a weekend that unites places of worship and all faiths across the nation in shared concern for children and common commitment to improving children's lives and working for justice on their behalf. In that respect, it is bigger and more powerful and more inspiring than the efforts of any one congregation on its own. On the Children's Sabbath, places of worship have a strong sense of participating in a larger movement for children. Some places of worship plan services, educational sessions and activities for their own place of worship. Others join with one or more places of worship in shared services and activities. In some communities, all of the faith communities work together to sponsor a multifaith service to which the entire community is invited. Often, local organizations serving children or working on their behalf join in the planning of these community-wide multi-faith Children's Sabbaths. More information about Children's Sabbath can be found at <https://www.childrensdefense.org/programs/faith-based/childrens-sabbath-celebration/>.

### **Liturgy sources:**

The Worship Sourcebook (reprinted by permission from *The Worship Sourcebook*, © 2004, Faith Alive Christian Resources.)

Children's Defense Fund ([https://www.childrensdefense.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Sabbath-2018\\_CHRISTIAN-FINAL.pdf](https://www.childrensdefense.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Sabbath-2018_CHRISTIAN-FINAL.pdf))

The Prayer of Intercession, *A Prayer for Children*, written by Ina Hughes, is in the public domain.

**The Lord's Prayer** is shared today through children's artwork and the congregation's prayers. Any time during today's service, write your prayer request on the Post-it notes found in each row. Then, stick the note to any of the Lord's Prayer panels.

## 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](mailto:suzielane@dpchurch.com) or 615-406-4915.

## DPC's Annual Cauldron Cook-off!



Today 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!

### *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.

## 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 Stephanie Coleman.

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](mailto:suzielane@dpchurch.com) or 615-406-4915.

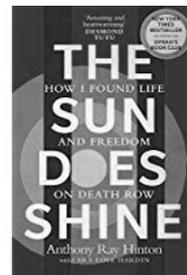


First Saturday Art Crawl is coming up this **Saturday, November 3**. The crawl is from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and DPC is a popular stop. Volunteers are needed to be hosts. Hosts need to be at the church by 6:00 p.m. Email Michael Arwood ([dagmal@aol.com](mailto:dagmal@aol.com)) if you'd like to help out this Saturday.

## 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](mailto:joelhdark@gmail.com); be sure to include the "h") for more information."



## First Sunday Lunch Meet-up



Join us **November 4**, 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.

**followed by...**

## Tennessee State Museum Tour!

DPC's long-standing member and church historian, Jim Hoobler, has graciously offered to conduct a tour of the new Tennessee State Museum. There is no better person to have as our guide than Jim who has been a curator with the museum for many years. The tour is **November 4**, immediately following our regular First Sunday Lunch Meet-up.

Please meet in the museum lobby at 1:30pm to begin the tour. It should take about 1 1/2-2 hours to do justice to the exhibits and interactive displays.

## 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.

## **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!

### **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 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 20.

#### 11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:46, Children:11

### Schedule of Weekly Events

#### Today

12:00 Cauldron Cook-off - Fellowship Hall

#### Monday, October 29

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### Tuesday, October 30

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

12:00 Bible Study - Parlor 1

#### Wednesday, October 31

#### Thursday, November 1

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### Friday, November 2

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### Saturday, November 3

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

6:00 ART Crawl

#### Sunday, November 4

9:00 JuveNiles Rehearsal

9:45 Adult Choir Rehearsal

9:45 Adult Education – Parlor 2

9:45 Children's Education - Rm #211

11:00 Worship - The Sanctuary

12:30 First Sunday Lunch Meet-up  
- Farmers' Market

1:30 Tour of Tennessee State Museum  
- TN State Museum Lobby

## 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

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### THE CHURCH STAFF

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