



PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

based on Mark 12:38-44

O God, we know you bring justice to the oppressed  
and give bread to the hungry.  
You support the downtrodden and protect the stranger.  
Forgive us when we do not follow you  
when we turn a blind eye to the suffering of others.  
We admit that we judge others who have less than us.  
The allure of success, money, power and privilege  
can sometimes harden our hearts.  
At our convenience we have ignored the pain of the world,  
and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.  
We hold back the force of your Spirit among us  
by refusing to bear the burden of others  
and focusing solely on our selfish desires.  
Have mercy on us, O God.  
Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit,  
and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people,  
doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Embolden us so that, as your people, we may stand where you stand.  
Forgive us and help us, we pray.

(Time for silent confession)

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE

based on Psalm 146

L: People of God, we are forgiven.  
None shall find God's promises in vain.  
The truth forever stands secure for us,  
whose hope and help is from the Lord.  
By the grace of God we can be stripped of our harmful pride  
and pretense and be clothed in mercy alone.  
By Christ's work, we are reconciled and united with God  
and with one another.  
Thanks be to God for the Good News.  
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) from The Book of Common Worship

Guide us, O God,  
By your Word and Spirit,  
that in your light we may see light,  
In your truth find freedom,  
And in your will discover your peace;  
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 Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 (OT p. 243)  
L: The word of the Lord. P: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Mark 12:38-44 (NT p.49)  
L: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. P: Glory to you, O Lord.

SERMON Scot Robinson

## We Respond to God's Word

\*HYMN #316

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

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

Let us pray to the God of all light, through our savior, Jesus Christ, saying  
O Lord, plead our cause.

**Your name is good.**

Creator God,

Open our eyes to those who suffer around us and break down  
our complacency when we see the effects of  
poverty and hunger every day.

Let not our hearts become numb to injustice.

Open our mouths on behalf of all of those in need.

O Lord, plead our cause.

**Your name is good.**

Open our ears to the voices of those who feel forgotten.

For all who are lonely or afraid,

for those living on the street,

the elderly in nursing homes, the widows,

prisoners, and all whom the world forgets.

O Lord, plead our cause.

**Your name is good.**

Pour out your healing grace to the sick and weary.

For those with little access to health care,

those battling addiction,

those struggling with mental illness,

and those facing the fears that

often accompany our infirmities

O Lord, plead our cause.

**Your name is good.**

Grant us the grace to respect and care for your creation.  
Help us to respond with wisdom and foresight to the threats  
to the environment, where your creation breathes with life.  
Help us to value the soil of which we are part,  
and to be good caretakers of the land on which we all depend.  
O Lord, plead our cause.  
**Your name is good.**

Send forth your Spirit to guide  
our hopes of renewal for the church.  
May our doors and hearts be open to  
the poor, affirming to those who have felt dejected,  
and comforting to those in pain.  
Move us to love them as the image of Christ.  
O Lord, Plead our cause.  
**Your name is good.**

And hear us now as we lift up all those other people or circumstances who  
have moved our hearts and need your attention.  
*[Here you may say aloud your individual prayers and petitions]*

We ask all these things in the name of our Creator,  
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

Linda Leathers

Linda Leathers is the CEO of **The Next Door**. The Next Door provides services for women and their families impacted by addiction, mental illness, trauma and/or incarceration with Christ centered, compassionate care.

## OPPORTUNITY FOR GENEROUS GIVING

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing      Crawford Thoburn

Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
While my heart, with joy o'erflowing, dwells on God's unchanging love.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.  
O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love,  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.  
There I'll offer all my treasure, thither by thy help I'll come,  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

—Robert Robinson

### \*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 12:38-44

God of glorious mercy,  
Today we are reminded that our offerings to your mission are not offerings  
that are forced, that take away from the poor, and enforce structures at  
the expense of others' suffering. So today we pray that these gifts might  
offer life instead of despair, hope instead of grief, grace instead of fear to  
our sisters and brothers. Infuse these gifts we offer with the power of life  
for those in need around us. God of mercy hear our prayer. Amen.

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

\*HYMN #36

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Cortege

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!

## **93rd Annual Waffle Shop**

The 93rd Annual Waffle Shop is just around the corner! We hope you are making plans to attend on December 6th from 11am-1pm. We've revised the menu this year! Waffles will always be available - but yikes, we're "so Nashville" that we're adding some hot chicken! Tickets can be pre-ordered at discount (\$9 versus \$10) now through November 15th. Please email Mary Turner at [Mturner2614@gmail.com](mailto:Mturner2614@gmail.com) for more information and tickets.

We've got some new, can't-miss items for the Silent Auction too, but would love some more! If you'd like to contribute an item to the Silent Auction, please contact Erin Bell by email ([erinleebell@gmail.com](mailto:erinleebell@gmail.com)). Thank you to those who have already graciously contributed. As a reminder, items donated to the auction are recognized as charitable contributions to Downtown Presbyterian Church and we are happy to provide you with a receipt of in-kind donation for tax purposes.

## The Liturgists Gathering and Podcast

DPC is excited to host *The Liturgists Gathering* on Friday, November 30 and Saturday, December 1, 2018.

The Liturgists are a global community working to subvert the barriers our society builds around religion, race, gender, ability, and sexuality. Their work is centered around compelling discussion, non-judgmental community, and thoughtful, evocative art. Currently, that work is expressed through a popular podcast called The Liturgists Podcast, hosting events world-wide for the spiritually estranged called The Liturgists Gathering, and producing liturgies, educational resources, and meditations for their community.

The Liturgists Podcast is a chart-topping, genre-bending exploration of faith, science, and art for the spiritually homeless and frustrated. It attracts a diverse listenership of believers and skeptics including denomination Christians, atheists, and religiously unaffiliated. The show hosts a global, safe discussion about what it means to be a follower of Christ in the 21st century. It produces clarity and insight by looking at essential topics through the lenses of art, faith, and science--and has helped millions start the journey to growth and recovery following spiritual estrangement.

The conference is a safe place to have honest discussions about doubts, hopes, fears, and faith and will a recording of the podcast. There will also be ample opportunity to engage the hosts with questions and conversation.

We'll need volunteers for the events on both days. Friday's event is from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and on Saturday's sessions are from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Volunteers will help with guiding people around the building, light security (making sure people don't wander into off-limits parts of the building) and general hospitality. If you are interested in helping out or have questions, contact Pastor Mike Wilson.

For more information and to buy tickets for the Nashville event go to:

**[www.theliturgists.com](http://www.theliturgists.com)**

## 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.

## **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.

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.

## **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!**

## 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 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

125 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on November 3.

#### 11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:52, Children:9

### Schedule of Weekly Events

#### Today

#### Monday, November 12

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### Tuesday, November 13

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

12:00 Bible Study - Parlor 1

#### Wednesday, November 14

#### Thursday, November 15

10:00 NBA Memorial—Sanctuary

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### Friday, November 16

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### Saturday, November 17

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

#### Sunday, November 18

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

## 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

Rev. Mike Wilson, Pastor  
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