

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday

November 25, 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

"Life is the destiny you are bound to refuse
until you have consented to die."

— W.H. Auden, "For the Time Being"

OPENING VOLUNTARY Voluntary on *Rejoice! The Lord is King!* Healey Willan

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Revelation 1:4-6

L: Sisters and brothers,
grace and peace to you from the one
who was, and is and is coming!

P: **The one who loves us and freed us!**
The one who made us a kin-dom.
To Jesus be glory and power
forever and always!

*HYMN #265 "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

CALL TO CONFESSION

based on John 18:38

Pilate asked Jesus, "What is truth?"
In confession we explore the truth of our lives
and trust in the truth of God's grace.
With that confidence, let us pray...

Holy One,
we dare to call you Lord,
but yield to you only fragments of our lives.
You had nowhere to lay your head;
we surround ourselves with comfort.
We expect to serve you with what remains
after we have indulged our desires.
Forgive our greed, our lack of trust,
our desire to pick the times and places
we will respond to our call.
In your abundant mercy teach us what it
means to follow, even at the cost of our lives.
Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

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

L: Shout for joy, children of God!
The God who was and is and is to come
loves you, forgives you, and renews you.

P: Thanks be to God!

L: And as God's children,
let us greet each other like family.
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 John 18:37

Spirit of truth,
move now in ancient words and cluttered hearts
that we might hear your voice and live,
for we long to be glad servants
of your hidden, holy reign.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. 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

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

(OT p. 828)

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

SECOND READING

John 18:33-38

(NT p.113)

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

SERMON

Mike Wilson

We Respond to God's Word

*HYMN #378

"We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom"

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Hymnal p.14

Anna Ruth Cawthon
daughter of Beth and Jonathan Cawthon
sister of Evelyn Marie Cawthon

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

Holy God,
Jesus invites us into the life he shares with you,
so we come to you now in prayer, because we want to live.
Receive us now in our frailty, our complacency, our desire.

We pray for your church all over the world.
May the life we discover in you
bind us to each other and to the world you love,
for no need is beyond the strength of your call
and no child of yours is expendable.

Merciful God, give us wisdom and courage beyond our imagining.
We pray for each leader who might be
an instrument of peace in a troubled land.
By the movement of your reconciling spirit,
bless your people with the courage to reach past
old wounds and persistent fears.

God of resurrection, bring life where hope has died.
We pray for friends and strangers in the grip of addiction.
Make us able companions for each other,
and bless us with hope that bears fruit.

We pray for unsettled economies
and those whose needs are overlooked in the choices of the powerful.
May we, who know so much privilege,
bear our responsibilities with open eyes and open hands.

We pray for all who stand at the thresholds of life:
your children who are soon to be born,
and your children who are soon to go home.

We give thanks for new faces to love, ideas to ponder, work to do –
and we marvel at the sturdy friendships and persistent memories
that sustain us when the way is hard.
May each be a reminder of your love and your provision.

God of all things, we know that there are still more prayers
we need to surrender to you.

So hear us now as we offer them aloud or in silence.

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

Holy One, keep calling us into the world – your world –
as salt and light.

Equip each of us for the challenges we will face
until we learn to worship in the most unlikely places,
for you are the source of our song and the well from which we pray,
wherever we are planted.

By the power of your Spirit, we make our prayer with resurrection hope,
in the name of Jesus who gave us this prayer...

**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 Shepard Will Supply My Need Virgil Thomson

My Shepherd will supply my need. Jehovah is His Name.
In pastures fresh He makes me feed beside the living stream.
He brings my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake His ways.
He leads me for His mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death Thy presence is my stay.
One word of Thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread.
My cup with blessings overflows, Thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days.
O may Thy house be my abode and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come.
No more a stranger or a guest but like a child at home.

– paraphrased from Psalm 23

*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 132:15

Holy God,
the psalmist declares that in your realm,
all the poor are satisfied with bread.
Plant that promise firmly in our hearts,
that we might be agents of your covenant love.
Use these gifts, shape our desire, until hunger is no more —
for Jesus taught us to seek our neighbor’s daily bread,
and we pray by the power of his name. Amen.

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

*HYMN #546 “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY All Glory Be to God on High, Op. 67, No. 1 Max Reger

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

DPC Children’s Advent Play *The Angels’ Songs*

The DPC children will present an Advent play in worship on **December 9**. They will tell the stories of angels visiting Zachariah, Mary and Joseph. Make plans to be in worship for this special worship service!

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! Please email Mary Turner at 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). 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.

HAWKTAIL "Unless" CD Release Event at DPC featuring Gabriel Kahane

Original Acoustic Instrumental
Americana/Bluegrass/Roots Music

Haas Kowert Tice (HKT) brought on mandolinist Dominick Leslie to form Hawktail. Music fans will recognize them from their various other outfits (Punch Brothers, David Rawlings, Crooked Still, A Prairie Home Companion) and enjoy this unique instrumental offering.

Brittany Haas; fiddle Paul Kowert; bass
Jordan Tice; guitar Dominick Leslie; mandolin

Hawktail recorded several tracks from their album "Unless", which came out in May of 2018, in the sanctuary of the Downtown Presbyterian Church.

When: **Wednesday, November 28th, 7:30pm**. Doors open at 6:30.

General admission tickets: www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3899118 or at the door the night of the event.

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

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.

Congregational Meeting – Sunday, Dec. 2

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, December 2, immediately after worship for the sole purpose of electing three ruling elders to the Class of 2021.

Those standing for election are Mary Turner, David Maddox and Jim Hoobler.

Thank you to the nominating committee for identifying three outstanding candidates.

Waffle Shop Setup!!!

Come join us **Sunday, December 2**, immediately after the Congregational Meeting, to set up tables and decorate for Waffle Shop. Lunch will be provided and lots of help is needed. We hope to see you there!

Waffle Shop Gift/Bake Shop

Yes it is that time again when we are asking for baked goods and craft items and other sellable items for our gift/bake shop during Waffle Shop. It would be very helpful if the items are priced and dropped off at DPC before Waffle Shop, Thursday, Dec 6th.

If you have any questions, contact Jo Ann Byl at 615-478-2436 or joannbyl@comcast.net.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

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 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 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. 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 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

132 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on November 17.

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:62, Children:11

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

Monday, November 26

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Tuesday, November 27

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

12:00 Bible Study - Parlor 1

Wednesday, November 28

6:30 Hawktail CD Release Concert
- The Sanctuary

Thursday, November 29

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Friday, November 30

11:00 The Liturgists— The Sanctuary

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Saturday, December 1

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

9:00 The Liturgists - The Sanctuary

Sunday, December 2

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

12:00 Congregational meeting
— The Sanctuary

12:30 Waffle Shop setup — 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

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Jack Henderson, Clerk

Jeff Koontz, Treasurer

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Cary Gibson
Michael Korak
Jim Dickson

Class of 2019

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Jack Henderson
Justin Near

Class of 2020

Dave Coleman
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