

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 4, 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

“When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, ‘Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.’”

— Fred Rogers

OPENING VOLUNTARY Symphony No. 5: IV, Adagio Charles Marie Widor

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Deuteronomy 6:4

L: People of God, listen!
Our God is the LORD!

P: **Only the LORD is our God!**

*HYMN #63

“The Lord is God”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Some of the ways we feel and express love are based on selfish desires and needs. God, through Jesus, teaches us how to love selflessly, completely, uniquely, unconditionally. Let us confess our difficulty to be as loving as Christ, praying:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison) based on Deuteronomy 6:5; Mark 12:29-30

We are hesitant to confess, Holy God,
how hard it is to love as you would have us.
It is easy to love you with all that we are,
except when you ask us to love our neighbor with all that we have.
We find it hard to love our neighbor,
when it is linked to the way we love ourselves.
And it is difficult to love anyone - even you - more than we love ourselves.

Forgive us, Love Eternal.
As you took a risk in creating us,
help us to take risks to love others compassionately,
to love ourselves genuinely,
and to love you as completely as you love us in Jesus Christ,
our Lord and Savior.

Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE based on Mark 12:34

L: In God's Kingdom, all are loved for who they are, not what they do.
In God's Kingdom, all are forgiven for what they do...and don't.
In God's Kingdom, all are welcomed and fed by God's grace and hope.
Forgiven, loved, sent forth -
we are not far from God's kingdom!

P: Thanks be to God.

L: And as citizens for God's kingdom and sisters and brothers in Christ,
let us say 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 Deuteronomy 6:7-9

Through your Word, O God,
let your Holy Spirit open our insight,
remove our ignorance,
kindle our zeal,
and bind us to you,
in Jesus's name. 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

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

(OT p.)

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

SECOND READING

Mark 12:28-34

(NT p.)

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

SERMON

Rev. Mike Wilson

We Respond to God's Word

*HYMN #711

"Lord of all Good"

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

Let us pray for all the needs of the world, saying,
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the church of Christ and for people of faith
who call upon God by other names,
that where there is need and division,
your Spirit will bring understanding and reconciliation.
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For Earth, for minerals, bacteria, microbes,
and all that lives and breathes in every size and shape;
for the healing of all Earth's scars and toxins;
for wisdom to deal well and equitably with every landscape.
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For nations, leaders, armies, town councils,
peacekeepers and peacemakers,
legislators at all levels of government;
for voters and for people who work toward democracy;
for those who fight against change
and those who fight for changes in the name of justice.
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For children and for those who are raising up children
in this complicated world,
that in the midst of their common struggles
there will be times of great joy and happiness.
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who daily show us how to live well
and in accord with your commands.
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who suffer in our land from hunger,
homelessness, poverty, and illness,
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all else we hold in our hearts this day,
spoken aloud or in silence.
[Here you may say aloud your prayers and petitions.]
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We ask all these things in the name of 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.**

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENEROUS GIVING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O How Amiable

R. Vaughan Williams

O how amiable are Thy dwellings; thou Lord of hosts!
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter in to the courts of the Lord:
My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:
Even thy altars O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: They will be always praising thee.
The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us:
Prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.
O prosper thou our handy work.

—Text taken from Psalms 84 and 90

***DOXOLOGY #687**

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (unison)

**We express our love for you and your church, O God, by sharing these
material gifts. We ask for your blessing not on the money itself, but upon
the ministries it enables and those entrusted with designating its use.
Amen.**

We Seal God's Word Upon Our Hearts

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: Holy God,
you alone are holy,
you alone are God.
The universe declares your praise:
beyond the stars;
beneath the sea;
within each cell;
with every breath.

P: We praise you, O God.

L: Generations bless your faithfulness
through the water;
by night and day;
across the wilderness;
out of exile;
into the future.

P: We bless you, O God.

L: We give you thanks for your dear Son:
at the heart of human life;
near to those who suffer;
beside the poor;
with us now.

P: We thank you, O God.

L: Remembering his love for us
on the way,
at the table,
and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**P: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

L: We pray for the gift of your Spirit;
in our gathering;
within this meal;
among your people;
throughout the world.

Blessing, praise and thanks to you, Holy God,
through Jesus Christ,
by your Spirit,
in your church,
without end.

P: Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Christ is host of this table. Everyone, without exception, is welcome. We will receive the Lord's Supper by coming forward and dipping a piece of bread into the cup. Please eat as you are served.

ANTHEM DURING COMMUNION For the Bread V. Earle Copes

For the bread, which Thou hast broken, for the wine, which Thou hast poured;
For the words, which Thou hast spoken—now we give Thee thanks, O Lord.

By Thy pledge that Thou dost love us, by Thou gift of peace restored,
By Thy call to Heaven above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.

With our sainted ones in glory seated at our Father's board,
May the Church that waiteth for Thee keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

In Thy service, Lord, defend us, in our hearts keep watch and ward;
In the world to where Thou dost send us let Thy Kingdom come, O Lord!

—Louis Benson

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We Bear God's Word Into the World

*HYMN #293 "Loving Spirit"

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Hornpipe from Water Music G. F. Handel

93rd Annual Waffle Shop

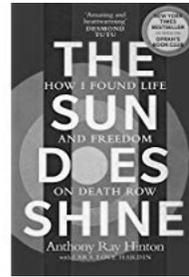
The 93rd Annual Waffle Shop is just around the corner! We hope you are making plans to attend on December 6th from 11am-1pm. We've revised the menu this year! Waffles will always be available - but yikes, we're "so Nashville" that we're adding some hot chicken! Tickets can be pre-ordered at discount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

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'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.

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.

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 supporting the clothing ministry of Downtown Presbyterian Church!

Minute for Mission

Linda Leathers, CEO of The Next Door, will be at DPC to tell us about the wonderful services this amazing organization provides on **November 11**.

The Next Door provides services for women and their families impacted by addiction, mental illness, trauma and/or incarceration with Christ centered, compassionate care.

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

Our Ministries Last Week

Saturday Breakfast Ministry

207 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on October 27.

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:39, Children:6

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

- 12:30 First Sunday Lunch Meet-up
- Farmers' Market
1:30 Tour of Tennessee State Museum
- TN State Museum Lobby

Monday, November 5

- 11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Tuesday, November 6

- 11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2
12:00 Bible Study - Parlor 1

Wednesday, November 7

Thursday, November 8

- 11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Friday, November 9

- 11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Saturday, November 10

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

Sunday, November 11

- 9:00 Juveniles Rehearsal
9:00 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

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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

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