



THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Epiphany of the Lord Sunday
January 6, 2019

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(*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

We Gather in God's Name

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Our unveiled gaze receives and reflects the brightness of God until we are gradually turned into the image that we reflect.

– The Apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 3:18

OPENING VOLUNTARY We Three Kings of Orient Are John H. Hopkins
Tune and text taken from Hymn #151 setting by Raymond H. Haan

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Isaiah 60:1,3

L: Arise! Shine! Your light has come.

P: The Lord's glory has shone upon us!

L: As people aglow with God's radiance,

P: Let us worship God!

***HYMN #141**

“On This Day Earth Shall Ring”

CALL TO CONFESSION

based on Isaiah 60:2

In the light of Christ,

we see the shadows of our world and of our hearts.

Trusting in God's grace, let us offer our confession

before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

based on Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Merciful God,

you have given light to the world in Jesus Christ,
but we sometime choose to live in darkness.

Your justice protects the weak and the distressed,
yet we seek the shelter of privilege and power.

Your righteousness redeems the poor and the needy,
yet we seek the status of wealth and possessions.

Your peace upholds the oppressed and the defenseless,
yet we seek the security of weapons and retribution.

Forgive us and guide us toward changed hearts and minds,
that we may trust you in all things;
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE

L: Sisters and brothers, up, on your feet!

Grace has been poured into our hearts,
love has flooded our souls, the light of hope shines in us.

This is the light which has come to all,
the light we will carry and give to everyone we meet;
the light that we share when we say to one another,
“May the peace of Christ be with you.”

P: And also with you.

*GLORIA PATRI #23 Angels we Have Heard on High, vs. 1

*Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.*

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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PARISH LIFE & CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

God's Word Is Proclaimed

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Spirit of God,
in the proclamation of your Word,
reveal to us the hidden mystery of your love in Christ,
and strengthen our faith
that we may approach you with boldness. 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

Matthew 2:1-2

(NT p.2)

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

SECOND READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

(OT p.690)

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

SERMON

Rev. Mike Wilson

We Respond to God's Word

*HYMN #151

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

vs.1 all; vs.2 men; vs.3 all; vs.4 women & children; vs.5 all

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

In confidence let us pray, saying,
God of Wisdom, Glorious Light,
hear our prayer.

Loving God,
Through Christ you call us all into your covenant.
For your church throughout the world,
that it may be a faithful witness,
declaring your wisdom to all authorities:
God of Wisdom, Glorious Light,
hear our prayer.

The wise men came to King Herod in trust,
but he betrayed their trust and perpetrated unspeakable evil.
For the leaders of the government,
that they reject the way of Herod
and exercise their authority in truth, justice, and mercy:
God of Mercy, Glorious Light,
hear our prayer.

Joseph, Mary, and Jesus fled before the wrath of Herod
and became refugees in Egypt.
For all those who suffer from political oppression,
injustice, or war, and especially for refugees:
God of Justice, Glorious Light,
hear our prayer.

Joseph dreamed a future for his son,
and obeyed your will for his family.
For all families that they may live in peace
according to your will,
God of Peace, Glorious Light,
hear our prayer.

The Holy Family lived with neighbors,
and received help from strangers.
For our neighborhoods,
that they may be communities of human flourishing,
offering kindness to strangers,
God of Harmony, Glorious Light,
hear our prayer.

Jesus showed us the power of compassion,
and the possibilities for healing and wholeness.
For those who need restoration in
body, mind or spirit,
we say aloud or silently the prayers of hearts.
[*here you may say aloud your individual prayers and petitions.*]
God of Healing, Glorious Light,
hear our prayer.

Hear our prayers, Gracious God,
and grant us to live as heirs of your promise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who made a gift of 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 Behold a Star from Jacob Shining (*from Christus*)
Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

Behold a star from Jacob shining and a scepter from Israel rising
to reign in glory over the nations.

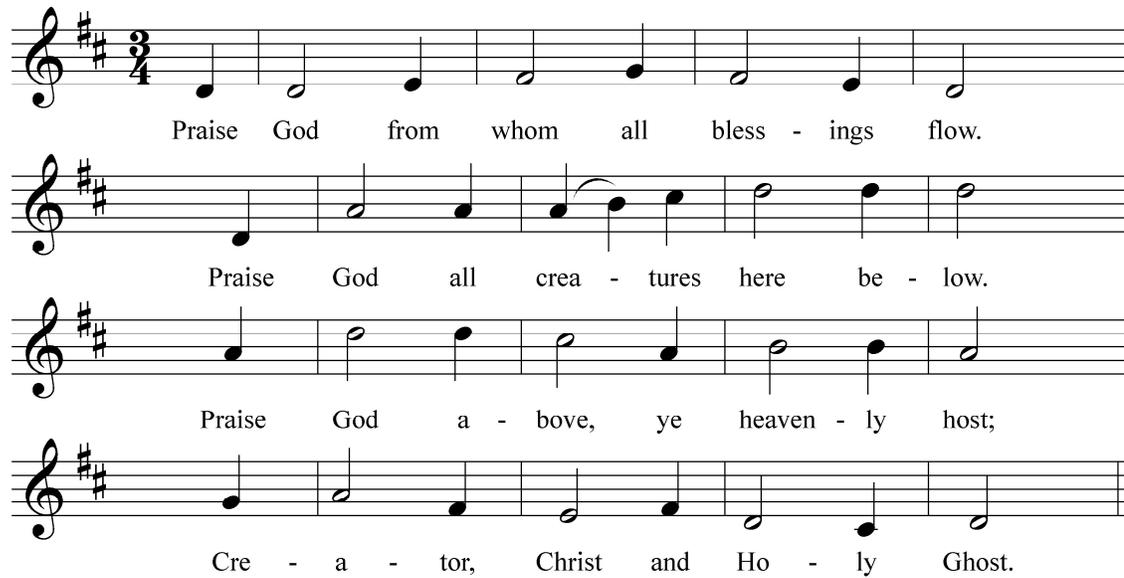
Like some bright morning star is He, the promise of the coming day,
beyond the night of sorrow.

Break forth, O Light! We, our joyful hearts uplifting with thanksgiving,
hail the brightness of Thy rising.

—based on Numbers 24:17

*DOXOLOGY

Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow.

Praise God all crea - tures here be - low.

Praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host;

Cre - a - tor, Christ and Ho - ly Ghost.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (unison)

based on Matthew 2:1, 9-11; Ephesians 3:6

Glorious God,

you led people of wisdom
to seek Jesus, your Holy Child, born of Mary.

In the presence of his radiant light,
they knelt down and offered him precious gifts
of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

We, too, offer our gifts
in gratitude, reverence, and thanksgiving
for the birth of your child,
whom you called to lead the world into fullness of life.

Receive and bless this offering as a joyful sign
of the boundless love and abundant life
we are called to share in Christ. Amen.

We Seal God's Word Upon Our Hearts

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (people read **bold**)

God is with you.

And also with you.

Let us open our hearts.

We open them up to our God.

Let us give thanks to the God of Light.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Bright shining God,

inner light of all faithful souls,

we celebrate your gifts of love, creation, and art.

We rejoice that you have made us in your image

and call us to live in your limitless love.

You bring peoples and leaders to the dawn of your rising.

You sent your only child, our morning star,

to light a way in our night and lead us to justice and peace.

Your Holy Spirit shines good news into our lives.

Each daybreak you call us to

feed the hungry, bring recovery of sight, liberate the oppressed,

heal the brokenhearted and bind up their wounds,

and keep watch for the dawn of your commonwealth on earth.

For all of this we give you thanks.

By your Spirit bless this bread and this cup

that they may become for us the presence of Christ among us.

Shine your light and your love on the offering of our lives.

Enlighten us that we may be your people,

the body of the risen Christ,

the light of the world,

set apart to serve this earth that you have made.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

we praise you now and forever, O Eternal Light. 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 We Have Seen His Star Everett Titcomb

We have seen His star in the east and come with our offerings to worship the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We Bear God's Word Into the World

*HYMN #156 "Sing of God Made Manifest"

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Go Tell It On the Mountain arranged by Fred Offutt

Nursery Childcare

After the Word For Our Youngest Disciples, parents may take younger children
(5 and under) to our nursery.

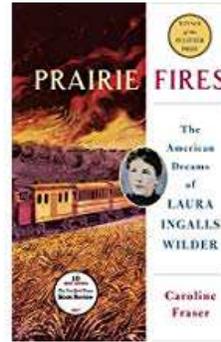
Today's bulletin cover is by DPC artist-in-residence

Richard Feaster

DPC Book Group

"The DPC book group will have its next meeting on Thursday, January 10, at 6:30 p.m. (location to be determined). We will be discussing Caroline Fraser's *Prairie Fires: The American Dreams of Laura Ingalls Wilder*, which won the 2018 Pulitzer Prize for Biography.

Contact Joel Dark (joelhdark@gmail.com); be sure to include the "h" for more information."



Half for the Hungry

Our Half for the Hungry troupe are getting ready to begin training for the Nashville Rock and Roll Half Marathon which is the last Saturday in April. We are going to crank up our training on Saturday January 5th. We will be meeting at 9:00 at the Club House on Percy Warner Golf Course. We will be doing four miles (or more for whomever is so inclined) in Percy Warner Park.

Our group contains runners, walk/runners, walkers and schleppers so don't stay away because you are not a jock; the closest thing to a jock will be one hanging in the Vandy dressing room. We meet up every Saturday morning and do various courses of varying distances. We try to build up our distances over time so that we can do the Half Marathon without injuring ourselves. We hit several of the Greenway courses during the training and we also do some downtown courses that include bridge(s) across the Cumberland River. We also do some of the training in the actual Half Marathon course such as Music Row and the naked statues.

After our training we always have breakfast together at a local restaurant. On the 5th we will go to 37 Degrees South which is a relatively new eatery on 100 Highway just after the 70/100 split. It is a short drive of 2 miles, give or take a few meters, from the Park to the restaurant. We have been doing this for several years now and it is always a pleasant way to spend time together while, at the same time, doing something for your health.

Come on out and join the band. Questions? Contact me at deserata1@hotmail.com. ---Jim Dickson.

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

130 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on December 29.

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:39, Children:6

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

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

Monday, January 7

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Tuesday, January 8

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

12:00 Bible Study - Parlor 1

Wednesday, January 9

Thursday, January 10

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Friday, January 11

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Saturday, January 12

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

Sunday, January 13

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

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