

# THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

February 3, 2019

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

“Weeds do not have to be cultivated but vegetables must.”

– Howard Thurman in his essay “Unity is in God”

OPENING VOLUNTARY    Chanson from *Nine Pieces for Organ*    Gordon Young

#### WELCOME

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We have traveled to this holy place

**P: to worship God together.**

L: We have come seeking a word from God,

**P: a whisper of assurance from the One who calls us.**

L: We have come longing for a glimpse of God,

**P: or a glimpse of the world the way God sees it.**

L: Through our worship, music, learning and laughter,

**P: may God focus our sight through the lens of God's love.**

Let us worship God together!

\*HYMN #401

“Here in This Place”

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

The Apostle Paul tells us that “love never fails.”

We are also assured that we are completely known by God.

With the confidence that there is nothing that God knows about us that will exclude us from the circle of God's love and grace, let us offer our confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

based on 1 Corinthians 13:1

Before we were formed in the womb, O God,  
you knew us and you loved us.  
Before we have uttered a prayer, O God,  
you hear us and love us.  
You call us to reflect your love,  
to be love for one another.  
Too often, we are clanging cymbals,  
aiming for volume rather than love.  
Too often, we are greedy beings,  
searching for success rather than love.  
Too often, we are shallow followers,  
content with comfort rather than love.  
Forgive us, God of mercy,  
and love us into wholeness.  
Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE

based on 1 Corinthians 13:13

L: Paul says that even at the end of time,  
when all else has passed away,  
faith, hope and love will remain.  
And the greatest of these, he tell us, is love.  
Knowing that we are wrapped in God's embrace of love,  
let us extend that love to each other, saying,  
"May the peace of Christ be with you."  
P: And also with you.

\*GLORIA PATRI #581          Glory Be to the Father

*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)

Spirit of life, God of love,  
open our hearts and enter in,  
that hearing your word of love,  
we may become your love for others. 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

Jeremiah 1:4-10

(OT p.698)

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

SECOND READING

Luke 4:14-30

(NT p.61)

L: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. P: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Mike Wilson

## We Respond to God's Word

\*HYMN #162 "O Carpenter, Why Leave the Bench"

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

& THE LORD'S PRAYER (people read **bold**)

based on Psalm 71:2-6; 1 Corinthians 13:4, 9, 6

God of all goodness,  
we live in times of stress and controversy,  
injustice and cruelty.  
At times we cry to you for rescue  
and remember that we have leaned on you  
since our birth, as we pray,  
O God of all creation,  
**be our hope and trust.**

We pray for leaders and nations around the world,  
that they may seek justice and peace.

O God of all creation,  
**be our hope and trust.**

We pray for your church in all its forms,  
that we may be the love you want.

O God of all creation,  
**be our hope and trust.**

We pray for victims of domestic violence and victims of war;  
grant your healing and give your peace.

O God of all creation,  
**be our hope and trust.**

We pray for those trapped by natural disaster;  
embrace them with your calm and send them relief.

O God of all creation,  
**be our hope and trust.**

We pray for those who are ill or suffering,  
that they may feel the comfort of your love.

O God of all creation,  
**be our hope and trust.**

We pray for your creation,  
that the health of the earth may be restored.

O God of all creation,  
**be our hope and trust.**

We pray for those who are born today  
and those who will die today;  
may their quality of life be governed by loving choices.

O God of all creation,  
**be our hope and trust.**

We pray for all those other people and circumstances  
that occupy our hearts and minds.

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

O God of all creation,  
be our hope and trust.

God our Wisdom, enable us to be humble and kind in all things.

Remind us that, whatever the issue,  
today we know only in part.

And even now faith, hope, and love abide;  
and the greatest of these is love.

Help us to be, like you, Love;  
through Jesus Christ, our friend our savior,  
and the one 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 SONG

Let Your Kingdom Come

Brian McLaren

performed by Kelly and Scot 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)

O God, bless these gifts as expressions of our love

for you and our neighbors,

that they may bring us closer to the fulfillment your realm  
of peace and love;

through Jesus Christ, our brother, our friend. Amen.

# We Seal God's Word Upon Our Hearts

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GREAT PRAYER 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.**

Creator God,

we praise you for your love:

bringing order out of chaos,

breathing life into dust,

leading captives into freedom,

calling wandering children home,

giving bread to the hungry,

giving drink to the thirsty,

raising the dead to life.

**Holy, holy, holy, Eternal God,**

**who was and is and is to come.**

**Blessing and glory,**

**wisdom and thanksgiving and honor,**

**be to our God forever and ever!**

Thank you, God —

we thank you for Jesus;

Word made flesh,

light of the world,

living water,

shepherd and gate,

way and truth,

bread of heaven,

cup of salvation,

resurrection and life.

Great is the mystery of faith:  
Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.

Spirit come –  
come and live in us:  
in this bread,  
in this cup,  
in your people,  
one in the body,  
one in the blood;  
one with Christ,  
one in ministry,  
in this place,  
in every place;  
in this world,  
in the world to come.

**Amen.**

#### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*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

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee    Kay Hawkes Goodyear

Jesus, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills my breast;  
But sweeter far Thy face to see, and in Thy presence rest.

No voice can sing, no heart can frame, or can the memory find  
A sweeter sound than Jesus' name, O Savior of mankind!

Jesus, the Hope of contrite hearts! O joy of all the meek!  
To those who fall, how kind Thou art! How good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah! This, no tongue or pen can show  
The love of Jesus, what it is, none but His loved ones know.

– Latin, 12<sup>th</sup> Century, trans. Edward Caswall

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

Gracious God,  
how can we thank you for such a gift?  
For you have met us, fed us, drawn us to you,  
and bound us to one another.  
Now send us out to share your love  
and proclaim your hope  
until Christ come again.  
Amen.

## We Bear God's Word Into the World

\*HYMN #772

“Live Into Hope”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Paeon from *Seven Tone Poems*

Gordon Young

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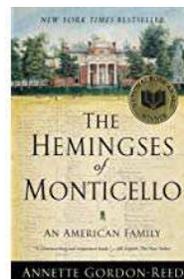
### *Join us after worship*

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!

### DPC Book Group

"The DPC book group will have its next meeting on Thursday, March 14, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Samera Zavaro. We will be discussing Annette Gordon-Reed's *The Hemingses at Monticello*.

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



### Nursery Childcare

After the Word For Our Youngest Disciples, parents may take younger children (5 and under) to our nursery, staffed today by McKennan Henninger and Catherine DeSimone.

***New Adult Education Experience!***  
**Sundays, February 17 and 24**  
**Exploring the Apocrypha**

Does your study Bible have a bunch of strange unfamiliar books between the Old and New Testament? What is all this business about Bel and the Dragon and the “Additions to Esther?” These perhaps unfamiliar books are not part of the Protestant Biblical canon (seven are in the official Roman Catholic canon) but they are included in some Bibles because they can tell us a great deal about events that form the historical backdrop of the New Testament and the Judaism that Jesus was part of.

Scot Robinson will lead this two-part session and will discuss the history of these books, the reasons some of them weren’t canonized and what we can learn from them. And of course we will read some of the most interesting and enlightening passages together!

If you have a Bible with the Apocrypha feel free to bring it, but Scot will also provide copies of the verses you’ll read so that everyone can follow along. As a bonus, since Purim, the Jewish festival that commemorates the events recorded in the book of Esther, is soon and we will be looking at Esther, Kelli will make a batch of hamantashen pastries for the occasion. Come join us an exciting study of the Apocrypha – and pastry!

***Sessions will be at 9:45 in Parlor 2 on February 17 and 24***

**Children's Ministry Wish List**

A wish list for children's ministry is on Amazon at <http://a.co/c7zJzAG>. If you'd like to contribute snacks or toys, please consult and purchase items from the list. Another need for our youngest children is a play kitchen. It can be brand new or, if used, very clean with all parts working correctly.

Contact Suzie if you'd like to donate a play kitchen or if you have questions about the wish list.

**Nursery Position Open**

We currently have an opening in our nursery for a caregiver on Sunday mornings. If you know someone who loves children and would like to spend time with them here, send the person's name and contact information to Suzie at [suzielane@dpchurch.com](mailto:suzielane@dpchurch.com). Suzie can answer questions about the position.

## **First Sunday Lunch Meet-up**

Join us right after worship today 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.

## **Breakfast Guest Valentine's Gift Bags**

Thanks to all of you who have brought snacks for our Breakfast Guest Valentine's Gift Bags!! We will be continuing to take up these items until 2/10/19.

On 2/10, following worship, we will need help filling these bags! Anyone wanting to help can come on down to the Fellowship Hall as soon as worship concludes. All the items for the bags will be placed around the perimeter of the room.

All you have to do is grab an empty bag, walk around and fill it! Then we can place filled bags in the Browsing Room. That way volunteers can stand by our 5th Ave. door and hand out bags as our guests exit from breakfast.

Bags would be handed out on 2/16/19. Please come to our Saturday breakfast to assist their delivery!

Thanks again for all of your continued support of our Saturday guests. The Outreach Committee believes these gift bags may make their day a little brighter!

Email Samera (eszavaro@yahoo.com) if you have questions.

## **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.

***Coming Up...***  
**More New Adult Education Experiences!**

Join us on Sundays March 3 and 10 for two sessions led by Rev. Sarah Jordan titled **Visual Art, Bodies and Faith** in conjunction with the Vanderbilt Divinity School art show currently running in our Browsing Room Gallery.

Sarah, a former DPC field education student, will be discussing the intersection of art, theology, the Bible and lived experience and exploring how the current exhibit fits in. The sessions will meet in Parlor 2 at 9:45 on March 3 and 11.

**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**

101 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on January 26.

88 people visited the clothes closet on January 26.

**11:00 Worship Service Attendance**

Adults:98, Children:29

**Schedule of Weekly Events**

**Today**

**Monday, February 4**

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

**Tuesday, February 5**

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

12:00 Bible Study - Parlor 1

**Wednesday, February 6**

**Thursday, February 7**

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

**Friday, February 8**

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

**Saturday, February 9**

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

**Sunday, February 10**

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 Gift Bag Assembly - 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

Rev. Mike Wilson, Moderator

Jack Henderson, Clerk

Jeff Koontz, Treasurer

#### Class of 2019

Chuck Cardona  
Jack Henderson  
Justin Near

#### Class of 2020

Dave Coleman  
Debra Gentry  
Vickie Coffin

#### Class of 2021

Mary Turner  
Jim Hoobler  
David Maddox

### THE CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Mike Wilson, Pastor

Dena Swoner, Office Manager

Suzie Lane, Director of Children's Education

Paulino Jarquin, Maintenance Manager

Dr. William Taylor, Director of Music

Scot Robinson, Vanderbilt Divinity Intern

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