

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Baptism of the Lord Sunday
January 13, 2019

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(*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

We Gather in God's Name

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

There's a place I know
where the train goes slow
where the sinners can be washed
in the blood of the lamb
there's a river by the trestle
down by Sinner's Grove
down where the Willow and the
Dogwood grows

down there by the train
down there by the train
down there by the train
down there by the train
down there where the train
goes slow

– Tom Waits, “Down There by the Train”

OPENING VOLUNTARY Prelude in E Flat, Op.41, no.1 Alexandre Guilmant

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Isaiah 43:4-7

L: God declares,
 “You are precious in my eyes,
 you are honored and I love you.
P: **So we come from the east and west,
 from the north and the south.**
L: From the ends of the earth,
P: **God calls us by name!**

*HYMN #482

“Baptized in Water”

CALL TO CONFESSION

based on Isaiah 43:1

Through the prophet God offers assurance:

“Don’t fear for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name;
you are mine.”

Trusting in that promise and without fear, let us offer our confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

based on Isaiah 43:4; Luke 3:22

We are precious in your sight,

yet we often forget that we are your beloved.

We confess that our love is fickle and inconstant.

We follow selfish goals

and deny that our way of life sometimes harms others
and hurts your world.

We are sorry and we want to change.

Create in us a clean heart,

strengthen our resolve,

reconcile us one to another,

and bless us with your peace.

May we remember that in our baptism,

you have claimed us forever and will never let us go.

Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE

based on Luke 3:22

L: Sisters and brothers, listen carefully.

God says to *everyone*, “You are my beloved child, whom I dearly love.
in you I find happiness.”

Trusting in that assurance, let us show our love for each other, saying,
“May the peace of Christ be with you.”

P: And also with you.

We Respond to God's Word

*HYMN #164

“Down Galilee's Slow Roadways”

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

Glorious God,
as Jesus prayed at his baptism,
your mothering Spirit brooded over him,
providing sustenance and strength.
So brood over us today
as we offer our prayers for the church and world saying,
Mothering Spirit,
stir us with your power.

We pray for your church:
may your word spark our lives with truth and joy
as we serve one another to the glory of your name.
Mothering Spirit,
stir us with your power.

We pray for all leaders and people around the globe:
may your justice provoke us to shape a peaceful world
where all work for the common good.
Mothering Spirit,
stir us with your power.

We pray for the well-being of your creation:
may your goodness startle us
to the horror of our exploitation and abuse.
Mothering Spirit,
stir us with your power.

We pray for all who suffer grief or sickness of any kind:
may your tender presence abide with us and hasten our healing.
Mothering Spirit,
stir us with your power.

We pray for all who lack the essentials of life:
may your righteousness raise us up to walk together
with respect and dignity for all.

Mothering Spirit,
stir us with your power.

We pray for those who have died,
that your steadfast love may shelter them
in the peace of your eternal light.

Mothering Spirit,
stir us with your power.

We pray for all those needs and circumstances
that have moved our hearts and occupied our minds.

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

Mothering Spirit,
stir us with your power.

And now Mothering Spirit,
stir our voices as we pray together...

**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

Set Me As a Seal

René Clausen

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death.
Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it.

— Song of Solomon 8:6-7

***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,

**at his baptism, you acknowledged Jesus as your beloved Son,
and through him you opened to us a way
to become your children by grace.**

May these gifts we return to you

**be a sign of our dedication to live as your faithful daughters and sons,
born in the waters of baptism by the power of the Holy Spirit;
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen**

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF RULING ELDERS

**L: As many of you as were baptized into Christ
have clothed yourselves with Christ.**

**P: There is one body and one Spirit,
just as we were called to the one hope of our calling.**

**L: In baptism Mary, Jim and David were clothed with Christ,
and are now called by God through the voice of the church
to enter into ministries of service and governance,
announcing in word and deed the good news of Jesus Christ.**

**P: We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ,
and we celebrate God’s particular call to our sister and brothers.**

**L: There are varieties of gifts,
but it is the same spirit who gives them.**

**P: There are different ways of serving God,
but it is the same Lord who is served.**

**L: God works through each person in a unique way,
but it is God’s purpose that is accomplished.**

**P: To each person is given a gift of the Spirit,
to be used for the common good.**

**L: Together we are the body of Christ,
and individually members of it.**

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

L: (the minister continues) ...

Ordination calls the whole church to renewed commitment,
and reminds us all to bear gladly the yoke of Christ
given in the covenant of baptism.

Let us, therefore, reaffirm our baptismal vows,
renouncing all that opposes God and God's rule
and affirming the faith of the holy catholic church.

L: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin
and renounce evil and its power in the world?

P: I do.

L: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior,
trusting in his grace and his love?

P: I do.

L: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple,
obeying his word and showing his love?

P: I will, with God's help.

PROFESSION

L: With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the
Apostles' Creed.

**P: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come to judge the living and the dead.**

continued

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

PRAYER OF ORDINATION

*All teaching and ruling elders are invited to come forward
for the laying on of hands.*

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

WELCOME AND CHARGE

We Seal God's Word Upon Our Hearts and Bear It Into the World

*HYMN #490 "Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters"

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Processional March in A Major, Op.45, no.5 Alexandre Guilmant

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.

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. Suzie can answer questions about the position.

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.

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.

Outreach Donation Opportunity

The Outreach Committee is putting together Valentine's Day gift bags for our Saturday breakfast guests. We need help from you!

Please bring individual wrapped snacks (lunchbox size) from now until 2/10 and place them in the little pews behind the Prayer Table.

Items needed (individually wrapped):

Cheese & Crackers

Peanut Butter & Crackers

Gummy Fruit Snacks

Little boxes of Raisins

Small bags of Trail Mix

Small bags of Nuts

Granola Bars

Etc.

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/yQi9wA>

We provide complimentary parking for all volunteers.

Barbershop Harmony Society Sponsors Blood Drive

The Barbershop Harmony Society (BHS) is partnering with the American Red Cross of Nashville to host a blood drive during the annual BHS Midwinter Convention, taking place this year on Saturday, January 26 at the Gaylord Opryland Resort from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. A typical donation takes less than one hour, and each pint of blood can help save up to three lives. Sign up for a time by Friday, January 18. Find more information and sign up to donate at barbershop.org/blood-drive

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

120 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on January 5.

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:41, Children:7

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

Monday, January 14

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Tuesday, January 15

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

12:00 Bible Study - Parlor 1

Wednesday, January 16

Thursday, January 17

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Friday, January 18

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Saturday, January 20

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

Sunday, January 21

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

1:00 Session – Parlor 2

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

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Jim Hoobler
David Maddox

THE CHURCH STAFF

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