

**THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**Second Sunday After Epiphany**  
**January 20, 2019**

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(\*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

**We Gather in God's Name**

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

The hope of a secure and livable world lies with disciplined nonconformists who are dedicated to justice, peace and brotherhood. The trailblazers in human, academic, scientific and religious freedom have always been the nonconformists. In any cause that concerns the progress of mankind, put your faith in the nonconformist!

— Martin Luther King, Jr., *Strength to Love* (1963)

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**

Prelude

William H. Harris

**WELCOME**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Psalm 36:5, 9

**L:** God's loyal love extends to the skies;

**P:** **God's faithfulness reaches the clouds.**

**L:** From God flows the spring of life.

**P:** **In God's light we see light.**

**Let us worship God!**

**\*HYMN #679**

**"Let the Whole Creation Cry"**

## CALL TO CONFESSION

based on Psalm 36:6, 7

The Psalmist tells us that

God's righteousness is like the strongest mountains;

God's justice is like the deepest sea.

We are also reminded that

God's faithful love is priceless.

Humanity finds refuge in the shadow of God's wings.

In confession we humbly disclose how we have not participated in

God's righteousness and justice and are assured that God's

priceless love will never be withdrawn.

Let us pray...

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

based on Corinthians 12:2

Faithful God,

we confess that we have been led astray by the idols of our world.

We have depended on our possessions

and have not placed our trust in your grace.

We have carelessly consumed the gifts you offer

and have failed to be faithful stewards of the earth's resources.

We have sought security in weaponry and walls,

rather than the strength of your Holy Spirit.

Forgive us, we pray.

Lead us to true repentance that we may serve you faithfully.

Through Christ we pray. Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE

based on Isaiah 62:4

L: God says, "You will no longer be called 'Abandoned,'  
instead, you will be called 'My Delight.'"

God delights in us!

Let us delight in each other as we say,

"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)

Guide us, O God,  
by your Word and Spirit,  
that in your light we may see light,  
in your truth, find freedom,  
and in your will, discover your peace;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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            1 Corinthians 12:1-11            (NT p.185)  
L: The word of the Lord. P: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING            Isaiah 62:1-5            (OT p.60)  
L: The word of the Lord. P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Mike Wilson

## We Respond to God's Word

\*HYMN #339

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

from the PC(USA) Book of Common Worship (2018)

God of our weary years,  
God of our silent tears,  
You who have brought us thus far on our way;  
You who have led us into the light –

We pray today for those  
locked in circumstances beyond their control,  
restrained by oppressors,  
and seeing no end to their captivity.  
May they discover hope buried in their deepest suffering;  
through Jesus Christ who shared the weakness and despair of human life,  
yet gave even death a new outcome  
and brought resurrection from a closed tomb.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the Church,  
set in the world to show how people belong together  
and how your gifts are given to be shared.  
Grant that, as we feel for the rejection and voicelessness of others,  
we may meet Christ in them  
and bear witness to his transforming love.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the communities in which we live and work;  
for people under stress  
and unable to deal with their difficulties;  
for those who seek comfort in ways which bring no help;  
for all who are fearful.

Give us the grace to show by our concern and actions  
how each is loved and valued by you.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We remember those now hidden from us  
but at home with you.

We give thanks especially for those who have strengthened our weak faith,  
and built up our trust in you,  
and by their lives have drawn us into the life of Christ.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those people, all those situations  
that weigh on our hearts and occupy our minds.

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

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

And continue to bend your ear to us, listening God,  
as we say 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    I Sat Down Under His Shadow    Edward C. Bairstow

I sat down under His shadow with great delight, and His fruit was sweet to my taste.  
He brought me to the banqueting house, and His banner over me was love.

— Song of Solomon 2:3-4

\*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 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Sometimes, we believe the gifts we offer do not matter.  
But when they are combined with all the other gifts -  
of healing, of hope, of compassion, of your heart -  
they can become rivers of grace and justice  
flowing through the lives of everyone around us.  
We offer our gifts to you in this hope, as we pray in Jesus’s name. Amen.

## **We Seal God’s Word Upon Our Hearts and Bear It Into the World**

\*HYMN #331 “God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Interlude No. 3 (from *Set II*)

Eric H Thiman

### **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!

## Visiting Choir on Sunday, January 27

The Wildcat Chord Ringers will sing during our Sunday service on January 27. This barbershop ensemble comprises primarily treble boys' voices. The singers' ages range from 9 to 14 and they attend Quinton Township School in Salem County, NJ. John Wernega serves as their director and while in Nashville, they will also be competing in a barbershop singing competition at Opryland. They are named after the school mascot, the Wildcat.

Following the service, the JuveNiles and their parents will join the ensemble for lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

## Coat Drive for Hill Detention Center

DPC has received a donation request from Hill Detention Center. Due to the cold weather they currently have men being released that are in need of coats/jackets. To help meet this need, we will hold a short coat drive in the hopes of providing some seasonally appropriate items they can offer the men when they are released.

If you would like to contribute, please bring new and gently used coats/jackets to DPC on **Sunday, January 20th and 27th**. Erin Bell is coordinating the drive.

If you have any questions about this service opportunity contact Erin at (615) 482-0858.

**Thanks for helping us make a difference to others in our local community!**

## **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.

## **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.

## 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!**

## **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](mailto: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.

## 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

104 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on January 12.

138 people visited the clothes closet on January 12.

#### 11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:64, Children:8

### Schedule of Weekly Events

#### Today

1:00 Session – Parlor 2

#### Monday, January 21

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### Tuesday, January 22

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

12:00 Bible Study - Parlor 1

#### Wednesday, January 23

#### Thursday, January 24

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### Friday, January 25

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### Saturday, January 26

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

#### Sunday, January 27

9:00 JuveNiles Rehearsal

9:45 Adult Education – Parlor 2

9:45 Children's Education - Rm #211

11:00 Worship - The Sanctuary

12:30 Lunch for JuveNiles and Parents of Visiting Choir

## 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

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