

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Third Sunday After Epiphany

January 27, 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

"The cool, cool river sweeps the wild, white ocean. The rage of love turns inward to prayers of devotion. And these prayers are the constant road across the wilderness. These prayers are the memory of God. The memory of God"
— from *The Cool, Cool River* by Paul Simon

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Preludio & Arietta from *Five Lyric Pieces* Norman Dello Joio

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on 1 Corinthians 12:12-31; Nehemiah 8

L: Here in this place, you are welcome,

**P: for in the one Spirit we are one body
no matter our status, wealth, gender or race.**

L: The joy of God is our strength,
and we clothe one another with honor,

**P: for our gifts together reveal the beauty
in the diversity of Christ's body.**

L: We are happy to be in the presence of one another!

**P: For God dwells in each of us.
Come, let us worship in love and unity.**

*HYMN #14

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

CALL TO CONFESSION

based on 1 Corinthians 12

We often fall short of God's call to be the light of the world. Our communion is not always visible to the world, making it hard to see we are a community. Let us confess the ways in which we do not follow God's call.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

based on Psalm 19

Eternal God,
You in whom we live and move and have our being,
whose face becomes hidden
in our moments of greed, unfound anger, and hate.
Deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,
so that with reverent and humble hearts
we may draw near to you and to creation.
May we confide in your grace and find in you our refuge and strength.
Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts
be a reflection of the peace and love of Christ. Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE

based on Nehemiah 8; Luke 4:14-21

L: God's life-giving word and Spirit enable us to live in new knowledge
and in new light, illuminating new possibilities of life
for society and the world.
Thanks be to God for the Good News.
May it warm our hearts and 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)

based on Nehemiah 8; Luke 4:14-21

In you, O Lord our God,

We find our joy,

for through your law and your prophets you formed a people
in mercy and freedom, in justice and righteousness.

Pour your Spirit on us today,

that we who are Christ's body

may bear the good news of your promises to all who seek you.

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.)

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

Irish Folk Song

arranged by John Wernega

FIRST READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

(NT p.174)

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

SECOND READING

Nehemiah 8:1-10

(OT p.436)

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

SERMON

Scot Robinson

We Respond to God's Word

*HYMN #459

"O Word of God Incarnate"

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

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

Almighty God,

In Jesus Christ you taught us to pray,
and to offer our petitions to you in his name.

Guide us by your Holy Spirit,
that our prayers for others may serve your will
and show your steadfast love;

Let us pray to the God of all light
and for the world saying,

O Lord, Plead our cause.

Your name is good.

Merciful God,

We know you give rest to those weary with heavy burdens.

Heal the sick in body, mind, and spirit.

Lift up the depressed.

Befriend those who grieve.

Comfort the anxious.

Stand with all victims of abuse and addiction;

cheer them by your word and pour out your healing grace.

O Lord, Plead our cause.

Your name is good.

You made all things in your wisdom,
and we witness the splendid beauty of creation,
but also its destruction, every day.

We pray for the planet we share together,
knowing that the destruction of
the environment mostly affects the poor among us.

Help us to value the soil of which we are part,
and to be good caretakers of the land on which we all depend.

O Lord, Plead our cause.

Your name is good.

We pray for those relationships we need to mend.
Bring down any walls of hostility that divide us.
May we embody the peace of Christ when we encounter the “other”
or those whom we harbor unfounded anger at.
We pray for our enemies as you taught us.
O Lord, plead our cause.
Your name is good.

Strengthen this congregation in its work and worship.
Fill our hearts with your self-giving love,
that our voices may speak your praise,
and our lives may conform to the image of Christ.
May we faithfully nourish those we serve and witness
with your love and grace for all the world.
O Lord, plead our cause,
Your name is good.

Open our ears to the voices of those who feel forgotten.
For all who are lonely or afraid,
for those living on the street,
the elderly in nursing homes, the widows,
prisoners, and all whom the world forgets.
O Lord, Plead our cause.
Your name is good.

And hear us now as we lift up all those other people or circumstances who
have moved our hearts and need your attention.
[here you may say aloud your individual prayers and petitions.]

We ask all these things in the name of our servant-priest 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 Love Divine, All Love Excelling Rowland H. Prichard
arranged by John Wernega

*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 Nehemiah 8:9-10

Lord, we give you these gifts, offerings, our time,
and energy as ways of saying thank you.
It seems at times that the thick darkness covers us,
but we give thanks that you rise upon us
and your glory appears over us.
We then look and are radiant, for the joy of the Lord is our strength.
May we approach you and your mission with freedom and confidence.
Amen.

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

*HYMN #719 “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Caccia from *Five Lyric Pieces* Norman Dello Joio

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!

Welcome to our Visiting Choir

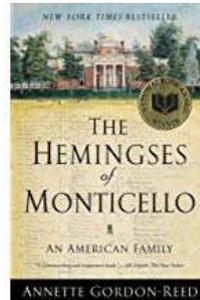
We welcome The Wildcat Chord Ringers singing in our worship service today! This barbershop ensemble comprises primarily treble boys' voices. The singers' ages range from 9 to 14 and they attend Quinton Township School in Salem County, NJ. John Wernega serves as their director and they have been competing in a barbershop singing competition at Opryland. They are named after the school mascot, the Wildcat.

Please give them your thanks and regards following the service!

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."



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!

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. 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!

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.

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

105 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on January 19.

63 people visited the clothes closet on January 19.

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:47, Children:6

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

- 12:30 Lunch for JuveNiles and Parents with Visiting Choir
- 12:30 Outreach Committee meeting

Monday, January 28

- 11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Tuesday, January 29

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

Wednesday, January 30

Thursday, January 31

- 11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Friday, February 1

- 11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Saturday, February 2

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

Sunday, February 3

- 9:00 JuveNiles 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

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

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