

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Seventh Sunday After Epiphany
February 24, 2019

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(*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

We Gather in God's Name

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“Do unto others 20% better than you would expect them to do unto you to
correct for subjective error”

– Linus Pauling

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Elegy

Gordon Young

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on hymn #436

L: God guides the stars in their courses.

P: **With God's hand to direct us,
we cannot stray.**

L: We walk forth with God,
confiding in God's greatness.

P: **We shall not fear, for God's power will protect us.
Wrapped in God's mantle of peace,
let us worship God!**

*HYMN #436 “God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Each week we plead with God to forgive our debts – our trespasses, our sins – in the same way we forgive our debtors, those who trespass and sin against us. Yet we often find it difficult to let go of hurts. We nurse grudges. We refuse to instigate reconciliation. Through confession, let us seek a better way.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

based on hymn #444; Luke 6:27-36

**“How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart,
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?”**

**We confess that we have not
loved our enemies,
done good to those who hate us,
blessed those who curse us,
prayed for those who mistreat us.
Fill us with your compassion, Most High,
so that we might truly treat others
in the same way we want to be treated.
Amen.**

(Time for silent confession)

***ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE AND PASSING THE PEACE** based on Luke 6:37-38

**L: God’s forgiveness is a huge portion,
packed down, overflowing –
and it falls right into our laps!
Let us share that gift with each other right now.
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 Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Gracious God, by your Word you provide all we need –
for salvation, for wholeness, for abundant life.

Now draw us close in your Spirit so that we may discover your will
and live according to your purposes;
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.

*(Children under age 6 may go with the nursery staff. Children ages 6 and up
are encouraged to remain in the sanctuary.)*

FIRST READING

Psalm 37:1-11

(OT p.510)

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

SECOND READING

Luke 6:27-38

(NT p.64)

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

SERMON

Rev. Mike Wilson

We Respond to God's Word

*HYMN #444

"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

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

God of mercy, throughout history your goodness prevails.
Open the hearts of all people
to find you and your mercy that endures forever.
Show us your mercy!
Hear our prayer!

God of peace, bend that which is inflexible,
the barriers that divide,
the attachments that thwart reconciliation.
Bring peace in this world.
Restore wholeness among us.
Show us your mercy!
Hear our prayer!

God of justice, healer and redeemer,
hear those who suffer from illness, poverty and exclusion.
Hasten justice for those suffering under the power of evil.
Give new life to all.
Show us your mercy!
Hear our prayer!

God, our rock and fortress,
protect refugees, those without homes or security,
all the abandoned children.
Help us always to defend human dignity.
Show us your mercy!
Hear our prayer!

God our creator, all creation groans in expectation;
convert us from exploitation.
Teach us to live in harmony with your creation.
Show us your mercy!
Hear our prayer!

God of mercy, strengthen and protect
those who are persecuted for faith in you
and those of other faiths who suffer persecution.

Give us courage to profess our faith.

Show us your mercy!

Hear our prayer!

God of life, heal painful memories,
transform all complacency, indifference and ignorance,
pour out a spirit of reconciliation.

Turn us to you and to one another.

Show us your mercy!

Hear our prayer!

God of love,

your Son Jesus reveals the mystery of love among us.

Strengthen that unity that you alone sustain in our diversity.

Show us your mercy!

Hear our prayer!

God our sustenance,

bring us together at your eucharistic table,

and nurture within and among us

a communion rooted in your love.

Show us your mercy!

Hear our prayer!

God whose attention never wanders,

hear us now as we share with you the individual prayers of our hearts.

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

Show us your mercy!

Hear our prayer!

God of the future,

hear this prayer that calls your vision into being...

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

Ubi Caritas

Peter Mathews

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsulemus, et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen

Translation:

Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart. Amen

– Latin from the *Liber Usualis* & the *Gregorian Missal*; trans. by Michael W. Martin

*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)

Holy God, you have given us land in which to grow and thrive,
food for survival and pleasure,
air and water, fire and cold.
Make our thanksgiving bloom forth into the lives of others
in the name of the one who gave everything for us. Amen.

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

*HYMN #315

“In the Midst of New Dimensions”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Cortege

Gordon Young

Congregational and Corporation Meeting - TODAY!

Notice is hereby given of the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Corporation of The Downtown Presbyterian Church of Nashville to be held in the Fellowship Hall of the Church on Sunday, February 24, 2019 following the 11:00 AM morning worship service for the purpose of (i) receiving the financial report of the Corporation, (ii) electing three (3) Directors to the class of 2021, and (iii) transacting such other business as may come before the meeting. **All members of the church are likewise members of the Church corporation.**

The congregation will meet at the same time and place to: receive the 2019 church budget and 2018 annual report; and transact such other business under the provisions of G-1.0503 of the Book of Order.

The Congregational Meeting, **today**, Feb. 24th will be a potluck. Four members will be bringing soups/chilis and are asking the rest of the congregation to bring sandwiches, side dishes, or desserts. Beverages will be provided.

After lunch, Suzie will lead activities for children in Parlor 1.

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.

Worship & Arts Committee Meeting

The Worship & Arts Committee will be meeting tomorrow, February 25 at 6:00 pm, at Church. We will do some Lenten worship planning and talk about interviewing artists for a couple of open spaces in the studios.

Everyone is welcome--our worship only gets richer when more people bring their creativity to it.

Visual Art, Bodies and Faith

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.

First Sunday Lunch Meet-up

First Sunday Lunch Meet-up in March will be held at the Corner Pub right next door!

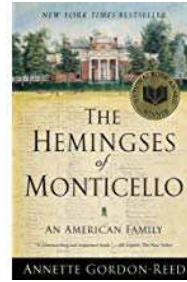
A table has been reserved for us (folks can order as they get seated). And our parking validation is good till 3pm!



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."



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.

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!

DPC Clothes Closet

We are making a few changes to the clothing closet ministry to better maximize volunteer availability and the space available.

Please plan to drop off donations on Thursdays from 11-1 or Saturday from 9:30-10 as the breakfast program is winding down.

We currently need the following items for men and women:

- jeans in good condition
- casual T-shirts
- Sweatshirts (hoods preferred)
- tennis shoes in good condition
- Sample size toiletries

Monetary contributions can be made electronically by texting “dpchurch” to 73256 and selecting clothes closet from the drop-down menu.

For more information about the clothes closet please go to www.dpchurch.com.

Thank you for supporting this important ministry!

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 3:00 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

146 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on February 16.

75 people visited the clothes closet on February 16.

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:51, Children:13

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

12:00 Annual Congregation Meeting
- Fellowship Hall

Monday, February 25

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2
6:00 Worship & Arts Meeting

Tuesday, February 26

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

Wednesday, February 27

Thursday, February 28

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Friday, March 1

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Saturday, March 2

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

Sunday, March 3

9:00 JuveNiles Rehearsal
9:45 Adult Choir Rehearsal
9:45 Adult Education – Parlor 2
- Visual Art, Bodies, and Faith
9:45 Children's Education - Rm #211
11:00 Worship - The Sanctuary
12:00 First Sunday Lunch Meet-up
- Corner Pub

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

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