

# THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

First Sunday of Lent

March 10, 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

“Love seeks one thing only: the good of the one loved. It leaves all the other secondary effects to take care of themselves. Love, therefore, is its own reward.”

— Thomas Merton

#### OPENING VOLUNTARY

Arioso

J.S. Bach

Anne Landis Jetton, violin

#### WELCOME

#### EXTINGUISHING THE LENTEN CANDLES

L: ...As we extinguish the first candle of Lent, we acknowledge the darkness, pain, and injustice in the world that we are often tempted to pass by and ignore.

**P: In the name of Jesus, who shines in the darkness and is not overcome, we pray, Amen.**

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 91

L: Let us who live with faith in God proclaim,

**P: LORD, you are my refuge and my fortress, In you I trust forever.**

L: Here and now holy love surrounds us,

**P: embraced by the Spirit we seek its direction.**

L: When we call out to God,

**P: we know that we are heard.**

L: God is with us in every trial and temptation,

**P: therefore, we rejoice that we are never truly alone.**

**Come, let us worship in love and unity.**

**\*HYMN #618** "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How Wide"

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

based on Luke 4

Jesus sympathizes with us even in our weakness and temptations.  
It is with that confidence that we offer our confession.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

based on Luke 3-4

God of mercy,  
you sent Jesus Christ to seek, to love, and to save the weary.  
We confess that we often stray from you and turn aside from your way.  
We are misled by pride,  
and are quick to see faults in our neighbors and not ourselves.  
We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.  
We offer this confession as a pledge to do better.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

**\*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE AND PASSING THE PEACE** based on Romans 10

L: As certain as the dawn follows the night, so is the promise of God's  
forgiveness and love for us all. Arise and shine. Rejoice that we are  
reconciled in service and love. Joyously greet one another  
in grace and hope.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

*please return to your seats when the music begins*

**PARISH LIFE & CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **God's Word Is Proclaimed**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (unison)

based on Luke 4:1-13

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from your mouth.  
Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today  
in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven.  
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

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

(OT p.180)

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

### SECOND READING

Luke 4:1-13

(NT p.61)

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

### SERMON

Scot Robinson

## We Respond to God's Word

\*HYMN #756

"O God of Every Nation"

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

As God's people, called to love one another,  
let us pray for the needs of the church,  
our community, and all the world saying:  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear the cries of the world's hungry and suffering.  
Give us, who consume most of the earth's resources,  
the will to reorder our own lives,  
that all may have their rightful share of the food,  
medical care, and shelter,  
and so have the necessities of a life of dignity.  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Look with compassion on all who suffer.

Support with your love

those with incurable diseases,

those unjustly imprisoned,

those battling mental illness,

those denied dignity,

and those who are homeless or abandoned.

As you have moved towards us in love,

so lead us to be present with them in their suffering.

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

Renew our nation in the ways of justice and peace.

Guide those who make and administer our laws

to build a society based on trust and respect.

Erase prejudices that oppress;

free us from violence and the struggles of addiction.

Give all citizens a new vision of a life of harmony.

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

Restore among us a love of the earth you created as our home.

Help us put an end to ravishing its land, air, and waters,

and give us respect for all your creatures,

that, living in harmony with everything you have made,

your whole creation may resound in an anthem of praise.

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

You have called us to be the church of Jesus Christ.

Keep us one in faith and service, breaking bread together,

and proclaiming the good news to the world.

May we continue to seek the direction of the Spirit in our work,

and realize we cannot love you unless we love our neighbors.

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

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 Creator,

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                      As the Hart Panteth                      Gordon Hawkins

As the hart panteth after the waterbrooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.  
My soul thirsteth for the living God; when shall I come and appear before God?  
My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me,  
“Where is thy God?”  
Why are thou cast down, O my soul, and why are thou disquieted within me?  
Hope thou in God, for I shall yet praise Him, Who is the health of my countenance,  
and my God.

– Anthem text taken from Psalm 42

**\*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 Psalm 91

God our refuge,  
We give thanks for these gifts of time and talents.  
By the gift of your grace, bless the work of our hands  
that it may be used for the glory of your kingdom;  
we ask this in Christ’s name. Amen.

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

**\*HYMN #326**                      “For All the Saints”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

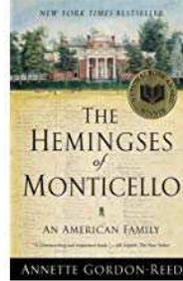
## **Join us after worship**

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."



### **Conversations on Atonement**

How are we reconciled with God through the death and resurrection of Jesus? What was accomplished on the cross? Those are some of the questions that our doctrine of atonement seeks to answer. And it is not enough - and rather unsatisfactory - to say simply, "Jesus died for our sins."

The broad and long Christian tradition has explored many understandings of atonement and over three Sundays, Pastor Mike will introduce some of them, explore their origins, strengths and weaknesses, and moderate conversations around how they resonate with us personally.

The conversations will begin at 9:45 on Sundays March 17, 31 and April 7 (no class on March 24) in Parlor 2.

## **Cottage Dinner Sign-Up**

It's time to sign-up for Good Friday Cottage Dinners! **Friday, April 19** is Good Friday and we have several amazing hosts to choose from. We have hosts out in Bellevue, two in East Nashville, Pastor Mike will be hosting at the church, and one at Shelby Bottoms during the day for the whole family! It's a casual, potluck dinner with prayers and liturgy. Cottage Dinners, not including Shelby Bottoms, runs roughly from 6:30-9:00 or whenever the hosts deem they want to put their jammies on and call it a night!

**Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex, so grab a spot today!**

If you have any questions, please email or call Mary Turner at 615.294.8040 [mturner2624@gmail.com](mailto:mturner2624@gmail.com).

## **Nursery Childcare**

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

## **Saturday Breakfast Coordinator Meeting**

Saturday Breakfast volunteers will have a meeting **Sunday, March 24** immediately after worship in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you will join us!

If you have any questions please contact Vickie Coffin at [vickcoffin@bellsouth.net](mailto:vickcoffin@bellsouth.net).

## **Hospitality Committee Meeting**

The Hospitality Committee will be having its next meeting **Wednesday, March 20** at 6:00pm at The Cookery. We hope to see you there!

If you have any questions, please email or call Mary Turner at 615.294.8040 [mturner2624@gmail.com](mailto:mturner2624@gmail.com).

## **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.

## **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](http://www.dpchurch.com).

Thank you for supporting this important ministry!

## **PARKING IN 4TH AVENUE GARAGE**

Any members, visitors and volunteers that park in the SP+ Garage on Saturdays or Sundays, please be aware of new signs that have been posted in their building.

***There are spaces that are reserved for monthly parkers with a 24hour/ 7day-a -week restriction.***

We have been asked not to park in any of these during our authorized weekend times. Several spaces on the first floor, immediately to the right upon entry are now labeled with these signs. There are some others in the building. While they may be empty, they are still subject to towing if unauthorized vehicles are occupying them.

### **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 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

100 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on March 2.

70 people visited the clothes closet on March 2.

#### 11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:74, Children:13

### Schedule of Weekly Events

#### Today

#### Monday, March 11

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### Tuesday, March 12

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

12:00 Bible Study - Parlor 1

#### Wednesday, March 13

#### Thursday, March 14

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

6:30 Book Club - Outside Church

#### Friday, March 15

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### Saturday, March 16

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

#### Sunday, March 17

9:00 JuveNiles Rehearsal

9:45 Adult Education – Parlor 2

- Conversations of Atonement

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

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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