

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Transfiguration of the Lord

March 3, 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

Meet me in the crowd, people, people
Throw your love around, love me, love me
Take it into town, happy, happy
Put it in the ground where the flowers grow
Gold and silver shine

Shiny happy people holding hands
Shiny happy people holding hands
Shiny happy people laughing

— “Shiny Happy People,” R.E.M., 1991

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prelude on *Song 46*

Leo Sowerby

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We gather together to worship God.

P: We gather together because we have seen:

L: the bush was aflame,

P: and yet it was not consumed.

L: There were just five small loaves,

P: and yet there was bread forever.

L: We gather because we have heard God's voice in mighty thunder,

P: and in sighs too deep for words.

L: God called Jesus “Beloved” on a mountaintop,

P: and God has called our names.

L: We have seen. We have heard.

P: God is here! Let us worship God together!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Sometimes we wait for God to astound us with whirlwinds of wonders, while God silently offers us grace. So let us hold nothing back, but place our trust in the One who listens to our prayers and answers us with mercy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

We admit that we are often afraid to come near you, Glorious Creator.

**For if we do, you might see how our faces
darken with anger as we speak hurtful words,
or whiten with fear of those who are different,
or redden from the depths of our desires.**

**We can spend so much time gazing in the mirror of our longings,
that we are unable to see the faces
etched with loneliness,
hollowed by hunger,
overshadowed by hopelessness.**

**You reveal the mystery of your grace, Holy One,
by pouring out mercy upon us.**

As you bend down to listen, may we speak your love to all those around us.

**As you call us into your presence,
may you send us out to do your justice which brings hope to the world.**

**This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ,
our Lord, our Savior, our Love, our Justice. Amen.**

(Time for silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE AND PASSING THE PEACE

L: On mountaintops and in valleys,
in our hopes and in our hearts,
God knows us better than we know ourselves.
And God loves and forgives us
even when we cannot love and forgive ourselves!
So knowing that *you* are beloved and reconciled,
I invited you to extend love and reconciliation, saying,
“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)

By your Spirit, O God, enlighten our hearts, open our minds,
fill our vision with your radiance, and give us life,
as we hear your Word today. 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

Exodus 34:29-35

(OT p.81)

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

SECOND READING

Luke 9:28-36

(NT p.69)

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 #191 "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding"

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

Let us pray for the church, the world,
and all those who are in need of prayer, saying,
In your great mercy,
hear our prayer.

O Word of life,
who by your speaking made all existence come into being,
you lead us out in joy and back in peace;
you fill the mountains and meadows with song;
through your power we are made whole.
In your great mercy,
hear our prayer.

O God who makes glad the trees,
we give you thanks for all your plants,
the fruits and vegetables you have made to grow;
for all manner of creatures;
for your good water and air.
Gladden the hearts of all people so that out of gratitude,
we will together care for Earth, our home, with wisdom.
In your great mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of justice,
you who gives tradition and renewal,
stability and change,
bedrock and shifting sands,
we pray for the nations of the world,
for presidents, prime ministers, dictators, and governors;
for civil servants, judges, parliaments, and protesters;
for people who work for peace and those who imprison;
for those whose struggles we cannot see
and those whose struggles are ours.
In your great mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of our weary years,
we pray for the elderly and those who are nearing death this day;
for children who are hungry and frightened;
for refugees and people whose homes are washed away in floods;
for those who have demeaning work,
those who have no work,
and all people who work in physical pain.

In your great mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for those we name now silently or aloud.
[*Here you may say aloud your individual prayers and petitions.*]
In your great mercy,
hear our prayer.

We commend to you all those for whom we pray,
clinging to your promises,
through Jesus Christ, 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

Eternal Light

Leo Sowerby

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts.
Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil.
Eternal Power, be our support.
Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance.
Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

— St. Alcuin

***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)

We have stood on the high crests of hope,
and wandered through the valleys of loneliness.
And so, we know what peace, hope, grace, and wonder can mean to others.
As we offer our tangible gifts to you,
we would also share these blessings with those we will meet
in the days to come.
We pray this in the name of Jesus, Amen.

We Seal God's Word Upon Our Hearts

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (people read **bold**)

God is with you.

And also with you.

Let us open our hearts.

We open them up to our God.

Let us give thanks to the God of Light.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

God of Moses and Elijah,
you come to us in a whirlwind of mystery,
a swirling tempest, a devouring fire.

Yet you come to us -
speaking faithfulness and mercy,
shining light in our darkness,
offering forgiveness for our sin.

Therefore we praise you,
joining with all the choirs of heaven as they sing:

**Holy, holy, holy, the Eternal God,
who was and is and is to come.**

**Blessing and glory,
wisdom and thanksgiving and honor,
be to our God forever and ever!**

We give you thanks for Jesus Christ,
the light of the world -

shining at the dawn of creation,
shining in our hearts this day with a splendor that overshadows
all the beauty of heaven and earth.

In his face we have seen your glory;
through his words we have heard your truth;
by his living and dying and rising we have come to know
the height and depth and breadth of your great love.

With thanksgiving, we remember the bread of life -
taken, blessed, broken and given that we might be holy and whole.

With thanksgiving we remember the cup of salvation -
your covenant of grace, poured out for the world.

Remembering your faithfulness and mercy
as we share this bread and cup,
we offer ourselves in your service
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

Now let us share in your Holy Spirit -
poured out in this place, for these people,
upon this bread and cup.

In your Spirit make us one people -
one in the promises of Moses,
one in the prophecy of Elijah,
one in the body of Christ
as we seek to proclaim the good news.

Let our lives shine with Christ's light -
a blessing of joy to the living,
a beacon of hope to the dying,
a sign of your new creation.

All this we pray to you, O God,
through the gift of your Spirit
and in the grace of your Word,
to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Christ is host of this table. Everyone, without exception, is welcome. We will receive the Lord's Supper by coming forward and dipping a piece of bread into the cup. Please eat as you are served.

ANTHEM DURING COMMUNION

Jesus Loves the Little Children/ George F. Root
He's Got the Whole World in His Hands arr. Vicki H. Wright

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.
Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in his sight.
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the little tiny baby in his hands.
He's got ev'rybody here in his hands.

— C. H. Woolston

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

**We give your thanks, Jesus,
for the gifts of grace we have received through you.
Now send us out to reflect your light,
proclaiming your saving death and resurrection.
until you come again.
Amen.**

We Bear God's Word Into the World

*HYMN #189 "O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair"

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Paean from *Nine Pieces for Organ* Gordon Young

First Sunday Lunch Meet-up

First Sunday Lunch Meet-up is **TODAY** and 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!



We begin our journey to Holy Week and Easter this Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. We'll gather for a simple meal at 6:00 p.m. and then move to The Chapel for a 7:00 p.m. worship service which will include The Lord's Supper and the imposition of ashes.

Calling all Cottage Dinner Hosts!

Would you like to host a group of people at your home on **Friday, April 19**, as part of DPC's Good Friday Cottage Dinner get-togethers? We have several hosts already and we may also have a daytime opening for folks with younger members, but we could use a few more. We have hosts out in Bellevue, two in East Nashville and Pastor Mike will be hosting at the church. It's a casual, potluck dinner with prayers and liturgy. The get-together runs roughly from 6:30-9:00 or whenever the hosts deem they want to put their jammies on and call it a night!

If you're interested in hosting, have any questions, please email or call Mary Turner at 615.294.8040 mturner2624@gmail.com. We'd like to have the hosts determined by **Sunday, March 17th!**

Visual Art, Bodies and Faith

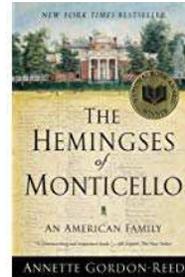
Join us next Sunday, March 10, for the second of two sessions led by Rev. Sarah Jordan titled **Visual Art, Bodies and Faith** in conjunction with the Vanderbilt Divinity School art show currently running in our Browsing Room Gallery.

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.

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/yQi9wA>

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!

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.

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 23.

75 people visited the clothes closet on February 23.

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:58, Children:11

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

12:00 First Sunday Lunch Meet-up
- Corner Pub

Monday, March 4

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Tuesday, March 5

8:00 TIRRC - Sanctuary
11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2
12:00 Bible Study - Parlor 1

Wednesday, March 6

9:00 Moms Demand Action - Sanctuary
7:00 Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, March 7

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Friday, March 8

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Saturday, March 9

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

Sunday, March 10

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

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

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