

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Palm/Passion Sunday

April 14, 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

“Violence is weakness masquerading as strength. It is a crude statement of depravity voiced by the unethical and impolitic. It reduces humanity rather than lifts it.”

– Charles M. Blow, “Flash Point Ferguson,”
The New York Times, March 16, 2015

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Unaccompanied Suite in G Major, BWV 1007 J. S. Bach
Chris Szalaj, cello

WELCOME

*HYMN #196 “All Glory Laud and Honor”

SCRIPTURE Luke 19:29-40

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison) David W. Romig
text for the hymn “When We are Tempted to Deny Your Son”

When we are tempted to deny your Son,
because we fear the anger of the world,
and are few who bear the insults hurled.
Your will, O God, be done

When we are tempted to betray your Son,
because he leads in a harder way,
and makes demands we do not want to pay.
Your will, O God, be done.

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When we forget the cross that held your Son,
and would avoid the burden of this life,
the cry for justice and an end to strife,
Your will, O God, be done.

When doubt obscures the victory of your Son,
and faith is weak and all resolve had fled,
help us to know Christ risen from the dead;
Your will, O God, be done.

(Time for silent confession)

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE AND PASSING THE PEACE**

L: May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

please return to your seats when the music begins

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

PARISH LIFE & CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Pastor Mike will be available for individual prayer and anointing.
You may also come forward and offer your prayer by lighting a candle.*

Today's prayer response is:

L: Gracious God, Lord of light,

P: hear our prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Ave Verum

W. A. Mozart
arr. C. Paul Herfurth

Chris Szalaj, cello

*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)

As we offer our gifts, may we have the same mind as Christ, remembering those who have so little, thinking of all the ways we can serve, trusting completely in your love and grace, Holy God. We pray this in the name of our Brother, Jesus. Amen.

God's Word Is Proclaimed

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison) based on Psalm 118:8; Philippians 2:5

Eternal God, quiet within us all mortal voices,
that through the story of the passion and
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
we may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus,
in whose name we pray. Amen.

HYMN #216 “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

THE PASSION OF JESUS Luke 22-23

Plot to Kill Jesus	22:1-6
Disciples prepare for the Passover	22:7-13
The Passover Meal	22:14-23
The disciples debate greatness	22:24-30
Peter's denial predicted	22:31-34

Call for preparedness	22:35-38
Jesus in prayer	22:39-46
Jesus's arrest	22:47-53
Peter denies knowing Jesus	22:54-62
Jesus taunted	22:63-65
Jesus before the Jerusalem leadership	22:66-71
Jesus before Pilate	23:1-5
Jesus before Herod	23:6-12
Jesus and Barabbas	23:13-25
On the way to the cross	23:26-31

Condemned prisoners would typically carry the crossbar or patibulum, to the place of execution where the upright or stipes would be permanently driven into the ground.

The crossbar could weigh as much as 45 kg. or 100 lbs. You are invited to come forward and feel the weight of the crossbar.

Jesus on the cross	23:32-43	
Passion Anthem	Forsaken	Jodie O'Regan

My God. My God. Why have you forsaken me?
 Trouble is near and there is no-one to help.
 I call out by day, but you do not answer.
 And by night I find no rest.
 From my mother's womb you have been my God.
 Now do not be far from me.
 The bulls of Bashan encircle me.
 They open their mouths wide against me,
 They pierce my hands they pierce my feet.
 They look, they stare at me.
 They divide my clothing among them
 And cast lots for my garments.
 I can count all my bones.
 I am poured out like water.
 And all my bones are out of joint.

My heart is like wax it melts within me.
My strength is dried up like fragments of pottery.
You have laid me in the dust of death.
Do not be far from me.
Help me. Deliver me. Save me.

You have heard my cries.
You have not turned from me.
All the ends of the world will turn to face you.
All the rich of the earth will bow before you.
All who have gone to dust will kneel in worship.

— Psalm 22

Jesus's death	23:44-49
Jesus's burial	23:50-56

We Bear Gods Word Into the World

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Note about Today's Closing Anthem

For a number of years my husband, Emlyn, had an Easter gig singing a haunting setting of The Reproaches at a beautiful Anglican church in our home town in Australia. I would often come to hear him. These Good Friday services also included a reading from psalm 22 and I was struck by the heart wrenching emotion and imagery of this text and for some time, have wanted to write a setting for Emlyn. Thanks to the residency at DPC, and with valuable input on organ writing from William, I have been able to develop this work, incorporating organ, adult choir and the rich, powerful voice of mezzo soprano Alyson Haley to explore the antecedent and consequent on the theme of *Forsaken* presented in the text.

— Jodie O'Regan, composer

Join us after worship

at the coffee pot in the narthex for interesting conversation. A good way to meet the pastor and make new friends at DPC!

Easter Sunday Breakfast

Join us Easter Sunday morning for delicious food and fellowship. Everyone is welcome, and you only need to bring yourself and an appetite! Breakfast will be served in the Fellowship Hall starting at 9:30am.

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.

New Member Classes

Are you interested in exploring membership at DPC? Want to learn more about what it means to be a Presbyterian? Pastor Mike will be forming a new member cohort soon. The group usually meets for three Sundays before worship.

Whether you've just started worshipping at DPC or if you've been attending for months (or even years), there will be plenty to talk about. And there's no pressure to join; this is foremost an opportunity for conversation, information and inquiry.

If you're interested in attending or just have some questions – email Mike at mikewilson@dpchurch.com.

Once he knows how many people will be participating, he'll set the dates and place.

Holy Week and Easter at DPC

Maundy Thursday

We'll have a Maundy Thursday service on Thursday, April 18 in the Chapel at 7:00 p.m. Maundy comes from the Latin word for "commandment." On this night we remember Jesus's last meal with his friends and his commandment that they love one another.

At 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall will be open if you'd like to bring your own dinner and eat together before the service.

Good Friday Cottage Dinners

Our DPC tradition is to gather in people's homes on Good Friday, April 19, for a meal and worship. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex and everyone is encouraged to gather with friends old and new to mark Jesus's last day so that we might come together on Easter to truly celebrate Resurrection.

This year Pastor Mike will also host a cottage dinner at the church. Hosts will provide the main course, guests bring sides and desserts! This is an annual tradition at DPC for sharing good food, connecting to community and spiritual growth.

Easter Sunday – Activities

Easter morning will be full of activities for everyone! Come early for Easter Sunday Breakfast and don't forget your basket for the Easter Egg Hunt!

Children will celebrate Easter with their annual Easter egg hunt on April 21.

The schedule is:

9:00-9:30	JuveNiles rehearsal in the sanctuary
9:30-9:50	Story time in the chapel for all children, parents gather in the sanctuary to hide Easter eggs
9:50-10:15	Easter egg hunt in the sanctuary
10:15-10:45	Easter activities and snacks in Parlor 1 for children and parents
10:45	Children are dismissed for worship (JuveNiles go to robe room)

Please bring an Easter basket for your child.

If you have questions, contact Suzie at suzielane0@gmail.com.

Easter Sunday – Worship in the Sanctuary

Join us as we celebrate the Resurrection, including a celebration of the Lord's Supper!

Hospitality Meeting

Wednesday, May 1st, 6pm meeting "convenes". Panera at 100 Oaks (2534 Powell Avenue). All our welcome. If you're not on the Hospitality Committee email list, but would like some information/agenda, please email Mary Turner at Mturner2614@gmail.com.

FREE BOOKS! Good Summer Reads!

Stop by the teeny table just inside the door from the alley and peruse the paperbacks. They are there for the taking/borrowing. You don't need to return the book, but pass it forward if you can. Want to drop off a good read (and realize you may never see the book again), then add yours. Just stick a little label on (provided) so a borrower might know where to return it if so desired.

DPC Family Bike Ride

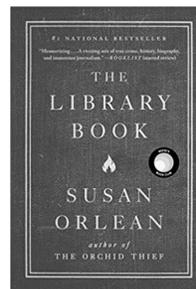
Bring your bicycle and meet us at Cumberland park on **Saturday, May 4** at 11 am for a leisurely family friendly 10 mile ride on protected bike lanes out to the Shelby Bottoms greenway and the pedestrian bridge over the Cumberland. The terrain is flat and we'll bring water, snacks, and some bicycle expertise so you can enjoy a worry free bike ride. Talk to Rachel Hayes at 615-525-7974 for more information.

Call for Communications Aficionados

DPC is working on improving its internal and external communications. If you would like to be a member of the communications task force working on this, please email justinnear@gmail.com. More specific needs include someone to run our Twitter account, reporter(s) and/or blog/article author(s), an external PR specialist to reach our multiple audiences, and a graphic designer.

DPC Book Group: The Library Book by Susan Orlean

The Library Book is about the 1986 Los Angeles Central Library fire and the mystery of how it started—but in some ways that’s the least of it. It’s also a history of libraries, and of a particular library, as well as the personal story of Orlean and her mother, who was losing her memory to dementia while Orlean was retrieving her own memories by writing this book.”



Meeting **May 9th**, 6:30 pm. Place TBD.

Stations of the Cross

The Stations — also called The Way of the Cross or Way of Sorrows — depict fourteen images, drawn from scripture, of Jesus on the day of his crucifixion. Long a feature of Roman Catholic churches, the Stations have become increasingly popular with Protestant congregations.

Walking the Stations is a pilgrimage that invites us to contemplate the Passion of Jesus. Our Stations come from the imaginations of several DPC members and friends who conceived their work based on a passage from one of the four gospels.

The walk begins with Station #1 in the Sanctuary and printed guides are available so you can continue the journey through the building.

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!

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.

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

138 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on April 6.

60 people visited the clothes closet on April 6.

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:58, Children:13

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

Monday, April 15

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Tuesday, April 16

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

12:00 Bible Study - Parlor 1

Wednesday, April 17

Thursday, April 18

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

7:00 Maundy Thursday Service - Chapel

Friday, April 19

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

6:30 Good Friday Cottage Dinners
- Various Locations

Saturday, April 20

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

Sunday, April 21

9:00 JuveNiles Rehearsal

9:30 Children Story Time - Chapel

9:30 Easter Sunday Breakfast
- Fellowship Hall

9:45 Adult Choir Rehearsal

9:50 Easter Egg Hunt - Sanctuary

10:15 Children's Activities - Parlor 1

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

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