

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Resurrection of the Lord/Easter
April 21, 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

"Beauty of whatever kind, in its supreme development, invariably excites the sensitive soul to tears."

— Edgar Allan Poe

OPENING VOLUNTARY Gigue from Suite No. 3 in D Major J.S. Bach
 Flower Duet from Lakmé Léo Delibes
 Anne Landis Jetton, violin; Chris Szalaj, cello

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: This is the day:

P: when tears are wiped away;
shattered hearts are mended;
fears are replaced with joy.

L: This is the day the Lord:
rolls away the stone of fear;
throws off death's clothes;
goes ahead of us into God's future.

L: This is the day the Lord has made:
death has no fear for us;
sin has lost its power over us;
God opens the tombs of our hearts to fill us with life.

L: This is the day - The Day of Resurrection

P: Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!

***HYMN #232 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Emptier of tombs, on this morning of hallelujahs,
we must confess how human we are.
We haven't done any great evil,
but we don't always do good when we have the chance.
We have not intentionally hurt anyone,
but we also have not offered healing to the broken.
We easily accept the witness of the angels in the tomb,
but we find it difficult to share this good news
with our friends and neighbors.

Bring us new life, Dazzling God.
Where we are tired and stressed,
give us the energy to serve your creation.
Transform our hardened hearts into fountains of grace.
Forgive us of all the damage we have done,
and fill us with the joy of your Spirit.
In the name of Jesus Christ, who gives us new life, we pray.

(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.

*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)

Living God, by your Holy Spirit,
open our eyes to see the new light of this day;
open our lips to tell of the empty tomb;
open our hearts to believe the good news;
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

Isaiah 65:17-25

(OT p. 696)

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

SECOND READING

John 12:1-18

(NT p.106)

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

SERMON

Mike Wilson

We Respond to God's Word

*HYMN #241

"Woman, Weeping in the Garden"

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

During the prayer, the leader will open a space for you to say aloud your individual prayers.

You may also come forward during the prayer to light a candle at the prayer table.

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

This Joyful Easter Day

Eugene Butler

This joyful Easter Day, away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.
Had Christ that once was slain not burst His three day prison,
Our faith had been in vain; but now has Christ arisen, now Christ our Lord has arisen.

My heart in hope shall rest and for a season slumber,
Till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number.
Had Christ that once was slain not burst His three day prison,
Our faith had been in vain; but now has Christ arisen, now Christ our Lord has arisen.

For death has lost its sting for Christ has burst the bonds of death.
My Saviour, Christ, now lives! He brings me hope and joy and life and breath!
Alleluia! For now is Christ arisen, for Christ our Lord is arisen. Amen

– George Ratcliffe Woodward

*DOXOLOGY

“For Yours is the Kingdom”

Edward Cardona, trombone

For yours is the king-dom, the pow'r and the
glo-ry, for ev-er and ev-er, A-men.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (unison)

Very early in our lives, you crept in to anoint us with your overflowing abundance.

We offer a portion of our abundance in thanksgiving so it may be used to serve others, especially those whose mornings bring heartache, whose days are filled with hopelessness, whose nights wrap around their souls with fears and worries. In Jesus's name, we pray. Amen.

We Seal God's Word Upon Our Hearts

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

L: The God of early mornings be with you.

P: and also with you.

L: People of the first day, lift up your hearts!

P: **We lift them to the One who makes every day Easter.**

L: People of Easter joy, give thanks to the One who is your salvation.

P: **We offer our hallelujahs to the God of steadfast love.**

L: [*the minister continues...*]

Therefore we join our glad songs of Easter with those in every time and in every place, who sing to you their praise:

P: **Rejoice, heavenly powers!
Sing, choirs of angels!
Jesus Christ, our Lord, is risen!**

L: [*the minister continues...*]

As we remember you raising him from the dead and giving us life, we proclaim our faith:

P: **Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

Risen Lord

Barry Rose

Risen Lord, risen Lord. Give us a heart for simple things.
Love, laughter, bread, wine, and dreams, fill us with green growing hope.
Risen Lord, risen Lord. Make us a people whose song is Alleluia.
Whose sign is peace, and whose name is love.
Risen Lord, risen Lord. Give us a heart for simple things and to sing Alleluia.
- The Reverend John Hencher

We Bear Gods Word Into the World

*HYMN #246

"Christ Is Alive!"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Toccata from *Symphony No. 5* Charles Marie Widor

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!

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.

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 becoming 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.

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 worshiping 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.

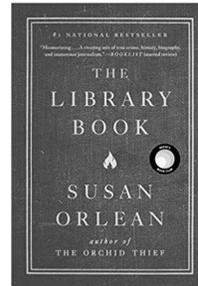
DPC Family Bike Ride

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.

DPC Book Group: The Library 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.



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.

Parking Notice for NFL Draft & Marathon Week

This week Nashville will welcome an estimated 300,000 people for the NFL Draft and Rock 'n' Roll Marathon. In order to make sure parking is available for church members, the chain that stretches across the entrance to the parking lot will be used. All members are welcome to park in the church lot if there are spaces available. Unhook the chain and reattach it when you arrive and leave. A red flag has been attached to the chain to make it easier to see.

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.

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.

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

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

69 people visited the clothes closet on April 6.

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:80, Children:14

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

Monday, April 22

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Tuesday, April 23

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

12:00 Bible Study - Parlor 1

Wednesday, April 24

Thursday, April 25

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Friday, April 26

Church Closed

Saturday, April 27

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

Sunday, April 28

9:00 JuveNiles Rehearsal

9:45 Adult Choir Rehearsal

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

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