

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 7, 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

"The house smelled musty and damp, and a little sweet, as if it were haunted by the ghosts of long-dead cookies."

– Neil Gaiman, *American Gods*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Zueignung ("Dedication"), Op.10, no.1 Richard Strauss
Edward Cardona, trombone

WELCOME

EXTINGUISHING THE LENTEN CANDLES

L: ... As we extinguish the fifth candle of Lent, we acknowledge our responsibility to care for one another and are reminded of Christ's compassion and mercy so that we may go and do likewise.

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Hymn #630

L: Spring is upon us and the meadows are fair,
and the woodlands are fairer still.

P: Yet Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer.

L: The sunshine is fair
and the moonlight is fairer still;
and all the twinkling, starry host.

P: Yet Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer

L: Jesus, Child of God and Child of Humanity!

**P: Let us welcome Jesus's presence among us
with glory, honor, praise and adoration!**

*HYMN #630

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we ask God to restore us to the way we have been,
then we have not asked for as much as God intends to give.
God is not content simply to return or restore us to former things.
Instead, God seeks to give the gift of resurrection—a new and abundant life.
With confidence in God’s generosity, let us offer our confession
and seek the new life offered in Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of constant renewal,
we grow comfortable with the way things are
in our lives, in the church and in the world.
We do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ,
for you overturn our notions of power and protocol.
Sure of our own righteousness, we are critical of others.
Wanting to control our assets, we hoard the gifts you give us.
Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our gain at the expense of others.

Help us bend our lives toward your own life of self-giving and sacrifice.
Fill us, our homes and churches, the whole world,
with the abundant love of Christ until all are made new.
In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE AND PASSING THE PEACE

L: Friends, hear and believe the good news:
In Jesus Christ we are made new.
Our old lives have passed away; our new lives have begun.
Know that we are forgiven, and be at peace.
And let us share that peace with each other.
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 John 12:3

Break open the Scripture through the power of your Spirit, O God.
Let your word, read and proclaimed, pour out
until its fragrance fills this house and our lives.
Then, anointed with your word,
send us out to share the good news we have received.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who is with us always. 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 43:16-21

(OT p.672)

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

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

(NT p.198)

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

THIRD READING

John 12:1-8

(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 #201

"A Prophet -Woman Broke a Jar"

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As today's prayer is offered, you are invited to close your eyes and listen.

Today's prayer response will be:

L: We thank you, O God:

P: You are making all things new.

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

Pastor Mike will be available for anointing with nard oil.

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

Peace I Leave With You

Eric Near

Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you.

I give to you not as the world gives. Don't be troubled or afraid. Amen.

— John 14:27

Today's offertory anthem is a commissioned work composed by Eric Near. It is dedicated to the memory of Lou Banks Fulton (April 6, 1943 - October 8, 1999), loving sister of Ruth Hill McAllister and Dixie Williamson.

***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 Isaiah 43:19; John 2:1-11, 6:1-14, 12:3

Abundant God: You cause water to flow in desert places.
You give wine to flow at a wedding feast,
and food to feed five thousand on a grassy mountainside.
Your generosity astounds and humbles us.
We come before you in gratitude and awe,
asking you to receive what we have brought in response.
May these gifts be a pleasing and fragrant offering,
for the sake of the world you came to save.
We pray in your holy name. Amen.

We Seal God's Word Upon Our Hearts

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Today's Eucharistic prayer is often attributed to the early church father Hippolytus of Rome (c. 170-235 CE). Dating from the early 3rd century, it is one of the oldest known Eucharistic prayers. It's ancient orthodoxy makes in appropriate for Lent.

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

Wondrous Love

Paul Christiansen

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, that caused the Lord of life to bear the heavy cross, what wondrous
love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this,
O my soul, that Christ should lay aside His crown for my soul! What wondrous
love is this, O my soul!

Amy Finka, soprano

We Bear Gods Word Into the World

*HYMN #341

“O God, Show Mercy to Us”

*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!

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.

First Sunday Lunch Meet-up

Join us **today**, right after worship, at the Nashville Farmers' Market for our First Sunday Lunch Meet-up! Get some food from one of the fantastic vendors, then look for friendly faces in the dining area.

Nashville Farmers' Market is at 900 Rosa L. Parks Blvd.



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!

Easter Sunday – Worship in the Sanctuary

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

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.

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.

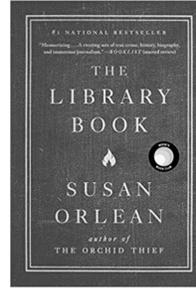
Whether you've just started worshipping at DPC or if you've been attending for months (or even years), there will be plenty to talk about. And there's no pressure to join; this is foremost an opportunity for conversation, information and inquiry.

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.

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.

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

128 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on March 30.

55 people visited the clothes closet on March 30.

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:44, Children:7

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

12:30 First Sunday Lunch Meetup
- Farmers Market

Monday, April 8

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Tuesday, April 9

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

12:00 Bible Study - Parlor 1

Wednesday, April 10

Thursday, April 11

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Friday, April 12

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Saturday, April 13

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

Sunday, April 14

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

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Chuck Cardona
Jack Henderson
Justin Near

Class of 2020

Dave Coleman
Debra Gentry
Vickie Coffin

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THE CHURCH STAFF

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