

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Third Sunday of Easter

May 5, 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

Living is easy with eyes closed,
misunderstanding all you see.

– John Lennon, “Strawberry Fields Forever”

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Allegretto Pastorale

John E. West

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on 2 Kings 5:1-14

L: Now is the time to sing!

to sing the good news of God:

P: **who awakens us with dawn's embrace,
who surrounds us with joy and life.**

L: Now is the time to offer praise to God,
in every place, with every voice:

P: **to rejoice in the One who leads us through each moment
with a gentle hand and a word of hope.**

L: Now is the time to join all creation in extolling God,
from the depths of the sea to the farthest galaxies:

P: **We will sing the good news of Easter!
We will rejoice in the God who loves us.**

*HYMN #369

“Blessing and Honor”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

based on John 21:1-19

Now that Easter is done and gone, Holy One,
we no longer hear the special music,
but listen to temptation's familiar refrains.
We no longer walk those straight paths of joy and wonder,
but wander the crooked streets to our old haunts.
Rather than living in the newness you bring,
we do things the way they have always been done.
Fortunately, God of seaside breakfasts,
you know the way out of our messy lives,
and so take us by the hand to lead us.
You wipe our busy schedules off our calendars
so we may spend more time with those who need
our love and attention.
You challenge us to fish from the other side of our worries,
so we may pull in all the grace, wonder, and mercy
offered to us by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.
Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE AND PASSING THE PEACE

based on Psalm 30:11

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

THANKSGIVING FOR FAITHFUL SERVICE

Scot Robinson, VDS field education student

L: Scot was clothed with Christ in baptism
and called by God through the voice of the church
to give particular service as a divinity school intern.

P: **We remember with joy our common calling to service Christ
and celebrate God's call to all who minister among us.**

God's Word Is Proclaimed

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

By the Spirit's power,
may the God's word written and proclaimed be like a meal
lovingly prepared and eaten after satisfying work;
may it be flavorful, savored and nourishing. 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

Acts 9:1-9

(NT p.127)

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

SECOND READING

John 21:1-19

(NT p.115)

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 #314 "Longing for Light, we Wait in Darkness"

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Today's prayer response is:

L: O Lord, our God,

P: we cry to you for help.

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

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

If ye love Me, keep My commandments.
And I will pray the Father and He shall give you another Comforter,
that He may abide with you forever, e'en the spirit of truth.

— John 14:15-17

*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)

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

THE 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 Thy Perfect Love John Rutter

Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest, Thy perfect love close in my breast
that I Thee love and never rest;
And make me love Thee of all things best, and wounde my heart in
Thy love free, that I may reign in joy evermore with Thee.

– Words from the 15th Century

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We Bear God's Word Into the World

*HYMN #828 "More Love to Thee, O Christ"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Postlude in C Henry Smart

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!

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 McKennan Henninger.

First Sunday Lunch Meet-up

First Sunday Lunch Meet-up today is at the Corner Pub!

Join fellow members and friends for lunch immediately following service at The Corner Pub on 5th Avenue - directly across the street from our church office entrance.



Outreach Meeting

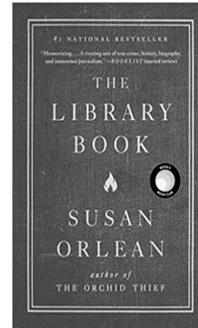
The next Outreach meeting will be **Tuesday, May 14** at 5pm at the Corner Pub across 5th from DPC. We will discuss benevolences and minute for missions. Other projects may be discussed if time permits. Please come join the conversation!

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 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

Book Club meeting at Mary Turner’s. 415 Church St. Unit 2614

Please email or text Mary so she has a count.

mturner2614@gmail.com or 615-294-8040

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.

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.

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

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