

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 28, 2019

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(*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

We Gather in God's Name

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

When morality comes up against profit, it is seldom that profit loses.

– Shirley Chisolm

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Hymn #3

L: Friends, brothers, sisters,
who is God?

P: **God is:**
Word of life and source of being,
Word in flesh, our brother Jesus,
Brooding Spirit, moving among us.

L: Who is God?

P: **God is:**
Mother, Brother,
Holy Partner,
Father, Spirit, Only Son.

L: To *this* God, *our* God, let us sing!

*HYMN #3 "Womb of Life and Source of Being"

CALL TO CONFESSION

based on Hebrews 12:1

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

based on Colossians 3:5-9

Calling God, how can we forget them,
those who have been thrown aside by the world,
those whose cries are no longer heard by the powerful?

How can we judge them,
those who make choices we disagree with,
those who are so different from us?

How can we still follow them
the hurlers of angry words, the purveyors of prejudice?

Continue to teach us better ways of living and doing, God of grace.

You gather us from our foolishness,
so we might be led into acts of mercy.

You redeem us from our mistakes
so we might bend down and feed those who hunger for hope.

Your compassion, so warm and tender, is gifted to us through Jesus Christ,
our Lord and Savior, in whose name we pray.

(Time for silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE AND PASSING THE PEACE

based on Colossians 3:10-11

L: May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

*ASSURANCE RESPONSE #389 "Come and Sing the Praise of the Lord"

see insert

PARISH LIFE & CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

God's Word Is Proclaimed

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

based on Colossians 3:1

God, we trust that you have our best interests at heart.

As we hear the reading of your Word,
remind us that we have been raised with Christ,
and inspire us to seek the things that are above,
through the power of your Holy Spirit. 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 to the nursery. Parents who have not signed their child into the nursery today should go with their child.)

FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23

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

SECOND READING

Luke 11:1-13

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 #716

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

based on Psalms 85, 138; Luke 11

Today's prayer response will be

L: Gracious God,

P: Hear our prayer.

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

You may 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

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Alan Hovhaness

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, oh my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past.
Safe into the haven guide. Oh receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on Thee.
Leave, oh leave me not alone; still support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed; all my help from Thee I bring.
Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of Thy wing.

– Charles Wesley

Jen Way, soprano Ryan Norris, tenor

*DOXOLOGY #655

“What Shall I Render to the Lord” vs.1

What Shall I ren - der to the Lord; what
shall my of - fering be, for all the gra - cious
ben - e - fits God hath be - stowed on me?

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (unison)

based on Psalm 138:1

All we have and all we are comes from you, O God,
our Father, our Mother, our Creator.

If we were to give thanks until the end of time,
we could not repay your benevolence and grace.

Take these offerings, we pray, and increase our generosity,
so that everything we say and do
might show forth your irrepressible love.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Seal God's Word Upon Our Hearts And Bear It Into the World

*HYMN #351 "All Who Love and Serve Your City"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

Leah Susi from Monroe Harding is today's Minute for Missions guest speaker. Since 1893, Monroe Harding has been changing young people's lives. They step in as a family for those in foster care, providing Homes, Healing and Opportunities, what they call the 'H2O' that is vital to helping young people succeed.

Join us after worship

at the coffee pot by the Chapel for interesting conversation and light refreshments. A good way to meet the pastor and make new friends at DPC!

Nursery Childcare

Nursery caregivers today are McKennan Henninger and Samantha Barclay. If childcare is needed anytime during the service, please see an usher for assistance

Our Last Sunday to Help MNPS Students!



Our Central Precinct Community Coordinator, Sgt. Brion DeLap, passed on a request from the School Resource Unit and Youth Services Division to support MNPS students with a Back-2-School supply drive. The deadline is very tight, so DPC is focusing on providing toiletries, gift cards (Walmart, Dollar General), and polo shirts which comply with MNPS's dress code. The toiletries and gift cards can be dropped in the basket in the chapel entrance.

Folks can also contribute financially to the effort by designating MNPS clothing drive on the envelope or check and remitting by **July 31st**. We have also set up a line item labeled "Back2School" if you would like to contribute electronically. We'll buy polo shirts with the financial contributions, which are available from Walmart for under \$10! If you would like to personally pick up some polo shirts, please drop them off to DPC by July 31st to the office. Contact Samera for more information: eszavaro@yahoo.com

Ice Cream Crankin' Signup Deadline!

If your feeling cranky, the signup deadline to be an ice cream cranker on August 4 is today! Contact Mary Turner to put your name in the hat. Looks like we'll have about a half dozen or more crankers!

When: **Sunday, August 4th** This will be our **FIRST SUNDAY LUNCH DATE** but we'll stay "home". Weather permitting we'll take it outside in our court yard alley way, but we can always duck inside if it gets too hot.

REMEMBER, if you're not cranking, please bring some simple fare to share. Finger sandwiches, salads, & chips would be great. We'll set up a little friendly ice cream tasting contest!

Email Mary Turner @ mturner2614@gmail.com for more information.



Art Crawl - Saturday, August 3rd, 6-9 p.m.



DPC supports Downtown Art Crawl the first Saturday of every month with art in the Browsing Room; music in the sanctuary; and tours starting in the narthex. It's an active night of mingling with locals and tourists!

The **Browsing Room** will feature an annual show of work by DPC's Studio Artists.

Music in the sanctuary for August Art Crawl will be a celebration of singing presented by Australian acappella duo Emlyn and Jodie O'Regan, DPC's Composer-in-Residence, who are excited to bring their music to Nashville. Drawing from different vocal styles - choral, gospel, blues and Celtic roots, the duo will perform arrangements from roaring footstompers to haunting laments.

Emlyn and Jodie will be joined by Amy Finka and Sara Chang to form the new vocal quartet - Three Quarters Hungover! To round out the venue, our Director of Music, Dr. William Taylor will provide piano accompaniment for a range of solo songs. Please join us!

Want to Volunteer for Art Crawl? If you're interested in volunteering for "tour" duty - contact either Michael Arwood dagmal@aol.com or Mary Turner mturner2614@gmail.com

OTHER SOCIAL DATES in the works

Saturday, August 24th: Summer time "cottage" dinners.

Sunday, September 29th: Picnic in the park!

Sunday, October 20th: Chili cookoff & Pumpkin Carving Contest!

2019 Shakespeare in the Park



DPC's composer-in-residence, Jodie O'Regan, has been busy this summer by composing the music for the Shakespeare play, *Pericles*. Mark your calendars to attend **August 15 - September 22** at ONECITY in Nashville or **September 26-29** in Franklin at Academy Park Performing Arts Center. The *Tempest* play will also be featured each night.

Free entry with a \$10 suggested donation. Food trucks and pre-show entertainment begins at 6pm and the performances begin at 7pm. More information is available at nashvilleshakes.org.

And please offer a huge congratulations to Jodie!

DPC Nominating Committee Seeks Your Help

The 2019 Nominating Committee - Betty McConnell, Paul Coffin, Tom Wills, Justin Near, Chuck Cardona (chair) and Pastor Mike Wilson (ex-officio) - have begun their work identifying potential nominees for ruling elders for the session class of 2022 and at-large members of next year's nominating committee.

DPC members are invited to submit suggestions for potential nominees to replace the outgoing class of 2019: Chuck Cardona, who is serving as chair of the Finance Committee; Jack Henderson, who is serving as clerk of session; and Justin Near who is serving as chair of Christian Education & Evangelism and the Communications Task Force.

How to make a suggestion for our consideration:

Please submit your suggestions by email to Chuck Cardona:
chuck.cardona2@gmail.com

You can also use the suggestion form on the DPC website:
dpchurch.com/elder-nomination-suggestion-form

The deadline for suggestions is **Thursday, August 1, 2019** and suggestions should include a brief explanation of why you believe that person would be a good ruling elder and member of session. You may also recommend yourself to the committee.

John Bell in Nashville



On Saturday, September 28, Second Presbyterian Church and The Downtown Presbyterian Church will co-host a day with John Bell at Second Presbyterian.

John is a Scottish hymn-writer and theologian with 18 credits in our hymnal, *Glory to God*. He's also Church of Scotland minister and longtime member of the Iona Community. In addition to several volumes of hymns and songs, John has also published books on the teaching and renewal of congregational singing, collections of liturgies, and biblical studies.

His ecumenical work deeply engages issues of social justice throughout the world. Recent efforts have taken him to South Africa, New Zealand and Australia. He regularly travels to churches and conferences in the UK, US and Canada. His primary passion is the renewal of congregational worship at the grass roots level.

While in Nashville John will conduct two Saturday sessions. The first will be on congregational singing in which we'll learn by doing. Using methods honed over thousands of sessions, John will have us singing in ways we might not think possible. He'll also make a case for congregational song as an indispensable centerpiece of worship and why not only *can* everyone sing, but why we must.

The second session will be based on his book *Ten Things They Never Told Me About Jesus: A Beginners Guide to a Larger Christ*. John will explore facets of the personal life, relationships and ministry of Jesus which are seldom the stuff of preaching or conversation, but which are all rooted in the Gospels and are necessary if we are to be freed from the passive stereotypes which still dominate thinking about Christ.

The Saturday sessions will begin at 10:00 a.m. and conclude at 3:30 p.m. with lunch in between.

Meetups With Mike

The Personnel Committee and Pastor Mike would like to invite you to set up an informal one on one (or two) get together with him this summer. Call or email (mikewilson@dpchurch.com) to schedule coffee, a meal - breakfast, lunch or dinner are all possible - a walk in the park, a home visit, or just some time at the church. Let's all get to know Mike better and let him know us!

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.

SAVE THE DATE FOR HABITAT !



We're partnering with Westminster Presbyterian Church to build a Habitat house! Come lend a hand, a hammer, or most importantly help prepare/serve some chow!

We're providing breakfast and lunch for the volunteers on **Saturday, September 7th!**

Feel handy? You can also sign up to help with the build on any Saturday or Sunday in September by following the link in the e-votion.

Feel free to reach out to any member of the Outreach Committee, Samera Zavaro, Faye and Jim Dickson, Leslee Hughes, Erin Bell, and Pam Swoner or just email or call Betty McConnell to sign up/have your questions answered: (615) 513-3646 btymcc@aol.com.

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.

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!

Our Ministries Last Week

Saturday Breakfast Ministry

173 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on July 20.

90 people visited the clothes closet on July 20.

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:44, Children:6

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

Monday, July 29

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Tuesday, July 30

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Wednesday, July 31

Thursday, August 1

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Friday, August 2

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Saturday, August 3

8:30 Breakfast served to homeless

6:00 Art Crawl

Sunday, August 4

9:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal

11:00 Worship - The Chapel

12:00 Ice Cream Crankin!

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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