

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
September 1, 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

“You're unlikely to discover something new without a lot of practice on old stuff, but further, you should get a heck of a lot of fun out of working out funny relations and interesting things.”

- Richard P. Feynman

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We gather together to celebrate the joy in our lives.

P: **God's love fills our hearts to overflowing with laughter.**

L: We gather, in God's presence, to find comfort and hope for our pain.

P: **God's grace wipes away our tears
and knits us together as one people.**

L: We gather together, in God's presence,
to worship God in faith and truth.

P: **Alleluia! Amen!**

*HYMN #697

“Take My Life”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Generous God,

We have pledged to you

our lives, our moments and days;
our hands and feet;
our voices and lips;
our silver and gold;
our minds and hearts and love.

Yet we are sometimes reluctant to

commit our lives to you;
go where you call us and work for your purposes;
open our lips to share the gospel or demand justice;
give our treasure to support your ministry;
use our intellect to make wise and informed decisions;
entrust our hearts and our love to others.

Your grace and forgiveness have the power to

make us more willing and able to
praise without ceasing;
move swiftly in service;
speak and sing with boldness;
surrender a portion of what we earn;
think deeply and critically about what is really important;
love with abandon.

Consecrate us now, Lord, so that we will be
ever, only, all for thee.

(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.

*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 hymn #708

Open our minds, stir our intellects, and burn in our hearts, O Holy Spirit,
so that however dim our faith may be,
we would hear and believe
God's Word written,
God's Word proclaimed,
and God's Word revealed in Jesus.

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.)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Amos 8:4-7

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

GOSPEL READING Luke 16:1-13

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 #708

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Hymnal, p.14

Jonathan Hutchins

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Leslee Hughes, Brenda & Jonathan Hutchins

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S 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

Do Not Be Afraid

Philip Stopford

Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name; you are mine.
When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you; you will never sink
beneath the waves.
When the fire is burning all around you, you will never be consumed by the flames.
When the fear of loneliness is looming, then remember I am at your side.
When you dwell in the exile of a stranger, remember you are precious in my eyes.
You are mine, O my child, I am your Father, and I love you with a perfect love.

— George Markland

Amy Finka, soprano

*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)

Gracious God,

source of our daily bread and Sabbath trust,
you feed us with your love
and equip us to share in your purpose.

Receive the offerings of our wounded spirits,

our guarded purses,
our meager strength,
and continue to expand our hearts,

until we live with the boldness and joy of Easter morning;

for we pray in the name of your son, Jesus,

and by the power of your Spirit. Amen.

We Seal God's Word Upon Our Hearts

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION & 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.

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

We Bear God's Word Into the World

*HYMN #771

“What is the World Like”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

Join us after worship

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

Nursery Childcare

If childcare is needed anytime during the service, please see an usher for assistance.

JuveNiles Fall 2019

Our JuveNiles choir begins their fall 2019 semester with a Fun Day on **Saturday, September 7, 2019** at 9:30 a.m. We will rehearse, have fun music theory games, and see the new soundBox exhibit at the Adventure Science Center! Our Fun Day ends at 3 p.m.

The JuveNiles choir is open to all rising kindergartners and up. We rehearse weekly through the school year at 9 a.m. each Sunday morning.

Please feel free to contact William Taylor, DPC's Director of Music, if you have any questions.

First Sunday Lunch Meet-up

First Sunday Lunch Meet-up is TODAY and will be held at the Corner Pub right next door!

A table has been reserved for us (folks can order as they get seated). And our parking validation is good till 3pm!



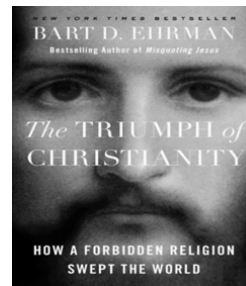
Art Crawl September 7th, 6-9, DPC Artists-in-Residence Exhibition at Browsing Room Gallery

This month, the gallery presents works by the latest group of DPC artists-in-residence: Hans Schmitt-Matzen, Richard Feaster, Cary Gibson and newcomers Sarah Hart Landolt and Carri Jobe. The exhibition highlights the artists' wide-ranging and diverse creative practices, how they cohere and contrast, and celebrates the ongoing vibrancy of the residency program, which turned 25 this year. Music in the Sanctuary by DPC's Emily & George Williamson.

Tours as usual! We welcome guests, visitors, and volunteers!

DPC Book Group: *The Triumph of Christianity* by Bart D. Ehrman

The DPC Book Group has chosen its next read! Please consider joining us on **Thursday, September 12th**, to discuss it. Time generally about 6:30. Place TBD. The book is less than \$12 at most stores! Email Joel Dark at joelhdark@gmail.com to get in the book club google group or for more information!



OTHER SOCIAL DATES in the works

Sunday, September 29th: Picnic in the park!

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

Thursday, December 5th: 94th Annual Waffle Shop!

AMAZON WISH LIST

The Amazon wish list for children's ministry has been updated. If you'd like to make a donation for our children, visit shorturl.at/diuE9 to see what is needed.

Questions? Contact Suzie at suzielane0@gmail.com.

SIGN UP FOR HABITAT !

The DPC Outreach Committee is helping out with Westminster Presbyterian on their Habitat house! We are providing breakfast, lunch (and snacks) on 9/7.

Please sign up to help at the site on the 7th, or any Saturday/Sunday in September:

1. Log into: www.nashvillewpc.org
2. Click on the box labeled "Sign-ups"
3. Click on "Habitat for Humanity Build" (if you don't see it, search Habitat and you will be directed to the correct links)
5. Choose the day you want to help out and fill out the liability waiver
6. Show up and work with the family whose life you are helping to change forever!



Are you ready for some DODGEBALL?!



The DPC Outreach Committee is sponsoring two dodgeball teams at this year's Siloam Health fundraiser. The tournament will be at Tailgate Brewery on Charlotte Pike from 3-6pm on **Saturday, September 28.**

They are going with a 90s theme, so get out your old concert Ts and flannel shirts!! Coach Brandon Bell will make sure we are all having the best possible time! If you aren't interested in playing, please come cheer us on!!

Email Samera if you have any questions: eszavaro@yahoo.com

Sunday School: Conversations

DPC Christian Education is hosting a morning conversation based on the Luke parables! Each Sunday a DPC member or friend will host a conversation.

The host of the class will start the morning with their own impressions, intuitions, experiences, and lessons they gain within a parable. The goal is to have everyone to join in and be heard and to learn something we individually might not have seen or felt.

It's an easy and fun way to learn more about the Gospel of Luke and to discuss how we all hear the Word through the Bible. Join "Conversations" 9:45 - 10:45 on Sundays!

To learn more or to be a host e-mail Dave Coleman (Dave_four@hotmail.com)

Join DPC's Grant-Writing Team!

Do you like to write? Do you like asking for money? Do you love DPC? If so, will you please think about joining the Team of SuperFriends of DPC in grant-writing? If you have a hankering to help out DPC by joining this group of friends, WE WANT YOU! Please see Chuck Cardona or David Maddox after worship!

Committee Corner

Come be a part of the teams that guide DPC! All are welcome to come and join the conversations.

Upcoming Committee Meetings:

- ◆ Building and Finance - **Wednesday, September 18**, 5pm at DPC
- ◆ Outreach - **Thursday, September 19**, 6pm at Calypso Café
- ◆ Hospitality - **Monday, September 23**, 6:30pm at Calypso Café

*Calypso Café is located at 700 Thompson Lane near 100 Oaks

2019 Shakespeare in the Park



DPC's composer-in-residence, Jodie O'Regan, has been busy this summer by composing the music for the Nashville Shakespeare Festival's adaptation of the play *Pericles*. Mark your calendars to attend on a **Friday -- September 6, 13, or 20 --** at ONEC1TY in Nashville. Another Shakespeare play, *The Tempest*, will be featured on Thursdays, Saturdays, & Sundays - September 1-22 or September 26-29 in Franklin at Academy Park Performing Arts Center.

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

And please offer a huge congratulations to Jodie!

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.

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!

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

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

222 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on August 24.

121 people visited the clothes closet on August 24.

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:67, Children:5

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

12:15 First Sunday Lunch Meetup
- Corner Pub

Monday, September 2

Labor Day - Church Closed

Tuesday, September 3

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Wednesday, September 4

Thursday, September 5

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Friday, September 6

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Saturday, September 7

8:30 Breakfast served to homeless

7:00 Habitat for Humanities

9:30 JuveNile's Fun Day

6:00 Art Crawl

Sunday, September 8

9:00 JuveNiles Rehearsal

9:45 Adult Choir Rehearsal

9:45 Sunday School: Conversations

11:00 Worship - The Chapel

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

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