

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 8, 2019

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(*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

We Gather in God's Name

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 139

L: If we went up to heaven,

P: **God would be there.**

L: If we went down to the grave,

P: **God would be there too!**

L: If we could fly on the wings of dawn
to the far side of the ocean,

P: **even there God's strong hand
would hold us tight.**

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN #436 "God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us"

CALL TO CONFESSION

based on Psalm 139

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

What do you see when you examine us, our God?

Do you see our selfishness and our idolatry?

Do you see our disregard for your creation -

your land, your sky, your sea;

the birds of the air, the inhabitants of water,

all life that shares the land?

Do you see our anger and our hatred?

continued

We are embarrassed and ashamed for what you must witness.
And we are ready to experience your grace that allows us
to try again, to try harder, to be better.
Help us to reclaim our true identities as those who are marvelously
set apart; as those ready to walk your eternal path.

(Time for silent confession)

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE AND PASSING THE PEACE** based on Psalm 139

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"

The musical score is written on six staves in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are: "Come and sing the praise of the Lord: sing hal - le - lu - jah! Come and sing the praise of the Lord: sing hal - le - lu - jah! Let all that lives, all that has breath, sing the praise of God, hal - le - lu - jah! Let all that lives, all that has breath, sing the praise of God." The melody is simple and repetitive, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes, and some rests.

Come and sing the praise of the Lord: sing
hal - le - lu - jah! Come and sing the
praise of the Lord: sing hal - le - lu - jah!
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praise of God, hal - le - lu - jah! Let all that lives,
all that has breath, sing the praise of God.

PARISH LIFE & CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

God's Word Is Proclaimed

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Brilliant God,
your Word shines bright day.
May your Spirit open our eyes and ears,
our hearts and minds,
so that through reading and proclamation
we might live in its radiance.
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

Psalm 139

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

SECOND READING

Jeremiah 1:4-10

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

SERMON

Rev. Sarah Jordan

We Respond to God's Word

*HYMN #29

"O God, You Search Me"

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

Today's prayer response is:

L: Lord, in your mercy,

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

Thou Knowest, Lord, the Secrets of Our Hearts

Henry Purcell

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts. Shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayers, but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty. O holy and most merciful Saviour, Thou most worthy judge eternal, suffer us not at our last hour for any pains of death to fall from thee. Amen.

– Sentences from the Burial Service

*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)

God of incomprehensible creation

your claim on us is total;

your desire for us, complete.

You gave us our lives and we dedicate them back to you.

We ask that you would receive us this day

and use what we bring.

We dare to pray in the name of Jesus,

who gave his life out of love for your world.

Amen.

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

*HYMN #543

“God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”

*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

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

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 https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/3JATI740I3B3V/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_2 to see what is needed.

Questions? Contact Suzie at suzielane0@gmail.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!

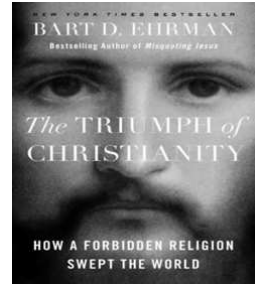
To learn more or to be a host e-mail Dave Coleman (Dave_four@hotmail.com)

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!

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!



Are you ready for some DODGEBALL?!



SILOAM
HEALTH

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

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!

Please help DPC make more friends!

We have something pretty neat here at the Downtown Presbyterian Church and we should share it with the world, right? Social media is a great way to spread the word (and the Word). But unfortunately, due to currently limited "likes" and followers, the DPC page does not show up very high in Facebook searches. We're trying to change that because low Facebook followership means that it's harder for us to reach Nashville visitors and residents who are looking for a place to worship or might be interested in our programs and activities. To improve our search standings, we plan to start doing a better job of posting interesting and relevant content regularly -- without overloading your Facebook feed (we promise).

We are also asking you to help by doing two things. First, please "like" our page at <https://www.facebook.com/downtownpresbyteriannashville/> (if you haven't already) and make a point to visit the page and react to it -- periodically "liking" and commenting on posts. (In Facebook lingo, this is called "engagement" and helps us in the search algorithm.) Next, please invite your Facebook friends, especially those who live in Nashville, to "like" our page as well. (There's a nifty little tool in Facebook that you can use to invite friends to like a page. When you're on our page look to the right under the "Community" heading for "Invite friends to like this page.")

Our Facebook page is like our digital billboard to the world, so we want to get it in front of as many people as possible. Please contact Justin Near (justinnear@gmail.com) or Holly Kellar (holly.kellar@gmail.com) with any questions and thank you for your help!

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

Tour the Siloam Clinic, October 5th at 11:00 a. m.

The Director of Engagement, Wes Harrell, will be leading, and he really wants us to see the Clinic in action. DPC has been supporting this group for many years. They serve Nashville's uninsured, underserved and culturally marginalized. Their patients and clients come from over 80 homelands and speak more than 70 languages. Their mission has always been to share the love of Christ by serving those in need through health care. Ridley and Irene Wills' son Morgan is the President and CEO and has been with them for a number of years in leadership positions. Please give consideration to taking the visit to Siloam - it is truly amazing! Send Jim Dickson your e-mails of acceptance of this invitation. His address is deserata1@hotmail.com. We look forward to a nice crowd of DPC folks attending.

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 8-22 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!

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!

OPEN TABLE TRAINING SESSION *Establishing Calm in Tense Situations*

If you are involved in an activity such as the Downtown Presbyterian Church Saturday Breakfast for the homeless and urban poor - where people who have experienced stressful circumstances congregate - you might be interested in attending Nashville's Open Table training. This training session will give us tools to understand emotional situations and be better prepared with intervention strategies. The session will be interactive and draw from evidence-based practices like Trauma Informed Care.

**In the Fellowship Hall of the Downtown Presbyterian Church
On Sunday, October 13, 2019 from 12:30 - 2:30 PM**

If you can attend (and we hope you can), please contact Jeff Koontz, Stephanie or Dave Coleman, Vickie Coffin, or the DPC office (615-254-7584). Or you can send an email to dpcbreakfast@gmail.com.

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.

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

222 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on August 31.

121 people visited the clothes closet on August 31.

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:43, Children:6

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

Monday, September 9

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Tuesday, September 10

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Wednesday, September 11

Thursday, September 12

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

6:30 DPC Book Club

Friday, September 13

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Saturday, September 14

8:30 Breakfast served to homeless

Sunday, September 15

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

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