

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 12, 2017

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

OPENING VOLUNTARY

The Lord's Prayer

Timbre

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 sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Ave Maria

Sergio Rachmaninov

Hail, O virgin mother, bearer of God, Holy Mary, full of grace; The Lord is with thee.
Blessed are thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb;
For thou hast brought forth the Savior, Who redeemed our souls.

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 46:1; Philippians 4:4

L: Who is our refuge and strength?

P: **God is!**

God is always near in times of great trouble.

L: Then let us rejoice and worship God!

*HYMN #667

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

CALL TO CONFESSION

There are a lot of things that can make us anxious. Guilt or shame over things done or left undone should not be among them because God has already offered us forgiveness and grace. It is with that confidence that we come to God in confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God, we are encouraged to be glad in you and not be anxious.
And yet our trust in you is fragile,
easily crushed by our bent toward indifference –
the dismissal of your faithfulness as a result of our forgetfulness.
Our trust is fragile,
easily broken by the slightest pause –
an answer to prayer not instantly given,
a request for peace not immediately felt.
Our trust is fragile,
easily displaced by gods of our own making –
the god of self-sufficiency, chased at any cost,
the god of illusion, pursued in any form.
Lord, have mercy on us,
through Christ, our Lord. Amen

(time for silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

based on Philippians 4:4-5

L: The Apostle Paul tells us to, “Rejoice in the Lord always!”
And we can, because even before our prayers are heard,
God offers us forgiveness and grace.

P: Thanks be to God!

L: Paul also says, “Let your gentleness be known to everyone.”
You can do that now by extending to each other signs of
reconciliation and friendship. May the peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

*GLORIA PATRI #581

*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

God's Word Is Proclaimed

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Holy Spirit of God, shine your light upon this Word and into our hearts that we may be enlightened with fresh understanding. 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.

(Infants and small children are dismissed to the care of the nursery staff.

Older children are invited to remain and worship.)

*OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 46 (responsively, people read **bold**)

God is our refuge and strength,

a help always near in times of great trouble.

That's why we won't be afraid when the world falls apart,

when the mountains crumble into the center of the sea,

when its waters roar and rage,

when the mountains shake because of its surging waves.

There is a river whose streams gladden God's city,

the holiest dwelling of the Most High.

God is in that city. It will never crumble.

God will help it when morning dawns.

Nations roar; kingdoms crumble.

God whispers; the earth melts.

The LORD of heavenly forces is with us!

The God of Jacob is our place of safety.

Come, see the LORD's deeds,

what devastation God has imposed on the earth –

bringing wars to an end in every corner of the world,

breaking the bow and shattering the spear,

burning chariots with fire.

“That's enough!” says the LORD. “Now know that I am God!

I am exalted among all nations; I am exalted throughout the world!”

The LORD of heavenly forces is with us!

The God of Jacob is our place of safety.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Philippians 4:1-7 (NT p.198)

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

SERMON Anxiety Antidote Rev. Warner Durnell

We Respond to God's Word

ANTHEM FOLLOWING SERMON Beati Quorum Via Charles V. Stanford

Beati quorum via integra est Qui ambulant in lege Domini

Translation:

Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of God.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
& THE LORD'S PRAYER (people read **bold**)

Let us pray for the needs of the world, saying,
Eternal God,
hear our prayer.

God of life, you created the world and called it good.
In Jesus Christ you came to redeem us;
his resurrection is our promise of eternal life.
By the power of your Spirit you claim us, strengthen us,
and prepare us to live with you in glory.
In sure and certain hope, we pray for your world,
that we may live into your coming reign of justice and peace.

For the church, wherever it thrives and wherever it struggles—
keep us faithful to your gospel...
Eternal God,
hear our prayer.

For those who govern — grant them wisdom
and a commitment to justice...
Eternal God,
hear our prayer.

For planet Earth – heal its wounds and make us better stewards
of its wonders and gifts...

Eternal God,
hear our prayer.

For those who are dying – calm all fears
and welcome them into your peace...

Eternal God,
hear our prayer.

For those who suffer from anxieties and ills – give them relief...

Eternal God,
hear our prayer.

For those who endure the days and nights without food or shelter –
feed and protect them...

Eternal God,
hear our prayer.

For those who suffer in silence –
comfort those who carry secret sorrows...

Eternal God,
hear our prayer.

For all who we name now, aloud or in the silence of our hearts...

[Here you may say aloud your individual prayers and petitions]

Eternal God,
hear our prayer.

With thanks that you hear our prayers, spoken and unspoken,
we entrust all of life to you, gracious God, our Alpha and Omega, our only
hope in life and in death; through Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray ...

**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

Ubi Caritas

Paul Mealor

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsultemus, et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen

Translation

Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart. Amen

DOXOLOGY #609

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures



high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise



God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it



one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (*unison*)

Gracious God, receive our gifts, tokens of thanks for your extravagant blessings, signs of trust in your coming reign of justice, peace, and love; in Jesus's name. Amen.

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

*HYMN #362 "Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers"

CHORAL BENEDICTION

A Prayer of Saint Patrick

John Rutter

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ above me, Christ beneath me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Postlude in C

Henry Smart

Our guest preacher today is Rev. Warner Durnell, the Executive
Presbyter of Middle Tennessee Presbytery.

Please give him a warm welcome!

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!

MUSIC NOTES

We welcome SONUS today as our guest choir. SONUS is a modern a'cappella choir born from the desire to create beautiful music with excellence and passion, with an emphasis on modern music. They are dedicated to a collective leadership, working together to create a transcendent experience, not only for the listener, but for the performer as well. Every member of the choir has input in the shaping of the music and experience as a whole, which creates a truly vibrant and unified sound.

Soprano

Timbre Cierpke
Kathleen Dunn
Sadie Dunn
Holly Rudge
Danielle Taylor

Tenor

Jordan Conover
Brian Entwistle
Tyler Evick
Zachary Shockley

Alto

Joy Baker
Tetra Cierpke
Makenzie Conard
Jami Dendler
Olivia Kelley
Mara Miller
Alaina Edens Ray

Bass

Christopher Anderson
Griffin Dunn
Devon Halliburton
Benton Quarles

Waffle Shop 2017

Waffle Shop 2017 is Thursday, December 7. Lots of help is needed and sign-up sheets are in the narthex!

Andrew Bird in Concert at DPC

Andrew Bird debuts his intimate *Gezelligheid* performances in Nashville this winter for a two-night residency at DPC on Friday and Saturday, December 8 & 9. Appropriating a Dutch term that loosely translates to cozy, the performances concentrate mainly on instrumental violin pieces amplified only by his signature giant Victrola horns.

Bird notes, "What I hope to do with these shows is adapt my music completely to the atmosphere of the space and the season. I want the audience to be both lifted and comforted as we head into another cold and dark winter. I feel the space should be sacred so the audience can experience my music in a different atmosphere."

Go to andrewbird.net for more information and tickets. Note: the December 9 show is already sold out!

DPC Book Group

ARLIE RUSSELL
HOCHSCHILD
STRANGERS
IN THEIR
OWN LAND

The DPC book group will have its next meeting on Tuesday, December 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the club room of the Viridian Condos two doors down from the church. We will be discussing *Strangers in Their Own Land* by Arlie Russell Hochschild.



Please contact Joel (joelhdark@gmail.com) for more information.

Electronic Giving!

Want an easy way to donate to DPC? Just text "**dpchurch offering**" 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!

Liturgist Training

For two months now you've seen and heard announcements about our anticipated move to using as many as three liturgists in our Sunday worship, each one specifically trained as a dialogical, scriptural or prayer leader. The training sessions for each of the three areas will happen after worship on the following Sundays:

- November 26 - Scriptural
- December 3 - Prayer

Even if you haven't already signed up to be a part of the liturgical team, you can still sign up in the narthex or simply attend one or more of the sessions.

New Member Inquirer Sessions

If you're interested in becoming a member of DPC or just learning more about the church or being Presbyterian, Pastor Mike will be holding sessions on the following Sundays:

- November 19
- November 26



This is a great opportunity to explore membership, meet new people and hang out with Mike. And attending the sessions in no way obligates you to actually join the church.

We'll meet at 9:45 in the Morning Brew Lounge (the comfy room by the parking lot door). Coffee and snacks will be provided! So Mike knows how much new member material to order, please let him know you're coming at: mikewilson@dpchurch.com

Parking

Parking for Sunday worship is in the Premier lot at **147 4th Ave. N.**

You must come down 4th from Church Street. Parking in this lot is complimentary from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Parking vouchers are necessary to exit the lot without having to pay. To get one, just ask one of our greeters.

Our Ministries Last Week

Saturday Breakfast Ministry

150 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on November 4 .

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:63, Children12

Visitors and Tourists

162 visitors came to view the sanctuary during the week.

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

4:00 Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Monday, November 13

11:30 AA Meeting—Parlor 2

Tuesday, November 14

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 1

12:00 Bible Lunch

Wednesday, November 15

Thursday, November 16

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Friday, November 17

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Saturday, November 18

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

Sunday, November 19

9:00 Juveniles Rehearsal

9:45 Adult Choir Rehearsal

9:45 New Member Inquirer Session
- Morning Brew Room

9:45 Christian Education – all ages

11:00 Worship – the Sanctuary

4:00 Handbell Choir Rehearsal

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 2017

Rev. Mike Wilson, Moderator

Betsy Bahn, Clerk

Jeff Koontz, Treasurer

Class of 2017

Tom Byl
Michael Arwood
Ridley Wills II
Claire Armbruster

Class of 2018

Cary Gibson
Michael Korak

Class of 2019

Chuck Cardona
Jack Henderson
Justin Near

THE CHURCH STAFF

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