

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Second Sunday of Lent
February 25, 2018

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

“When you're accustomed to privilege, equality feels like oppression.”

— Franklin Leonard, American film executive

OPENING VOLUNTARY Chorale Prelude on *O Gott, du frommer Gott*
Translation—O God, Thou Faithful God Johannes Brahms

WELCOME

EXTINGUISHING THE LENTEN CANDLES

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Lent calls us to journey, this and every day,
following Jesus wherever he leads us.

P: Lent calls us to journey:
to receive the new names we are given.

L: Lent calls us to worship together,
to proclaim the good news.

P: Lent calls us to practice justice,
to bring God's hope to all people.

L: Lent calls us to faithful living,
to trust the One who gives us life.

P: Lent calls each of us to take up our cross,
to trust the One who bears it with us.

*HYMN #459

“O Word of God Incarnate”

CALL TO CONFESSION

based on Mark 8:33

In confession we are offered the opportunity to turn from human thoughts, desires and motivations, and open ourselves to the inspiration of Christ.

Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

based on Mark 8:34-37

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not been sincere Christians.

We claim to follow Jesus,

but have not taken his path of sacrificial love.

We profess to be disciples,

but we are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship.

We affirm the virtue of self-denial,

but we indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for sincere repentance

through Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE

based on Mark 8:35-36

L: Those who offer sincere confession
have traded their old lives for new ones.

They have gained the whole world.

P: Thanks be to God!

L: And as God's brand new people, let's celebrate
with signs of reconciliation and friendship.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

Please return to your seats when the music begins.

PARISH LIFE & CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

God's Word Is Proclaimed

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

based on Hymn #459

From the radiance that shines forth from the hallowed page,
we give you thanks. And may our hearts be warmed and our
minds illuminated as your Word is read and proclaimed.

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 Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 (OT p.13)

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 8:31-38 (NT p. 44)

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 #718

"Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said"

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

based on Mark 8:35; Psalm 22:24-28

Trusting in God's promises,
let us pray for the world and for our needs, saying,
Holy God,
hear our prayer.

God, Jesus your Son called disciples
to follow his way of sacrificial love.
For all pastors, elders and teachers,
that they lead the church by humble example,
take up their cross in faithful service,
and live for the sake of the gospel,
Holy God,
hear our prayer.

God, your reign encompasses all the earth,
though many do not remember your gracious realm.
For peace among the nations
and for integrity within governments,
that your will be done on earth as in heaven,
Holy God,
hear our prayer.

God, you hear the cry of the poor,
and you satisfy the hungry with good things.
For the poor and the oppressed,
that they may find deliverance,
and for all who voluntarily take up the cross of self-denial
to serve the poor and alleviate human misery,
Holy God,
hear our prayer.

God, you know the needs of the afflicted
and you hear their cries.
For those who suffer illness of mind or body,
that they may find relief from suffering
and be restored to wholeness,
Holy God,
hear our prayer.

God, you know that there are other prayers among us.
We offer them to you now.
[Here you may say aloud your individual prayers and petitions.]

Holy God,
hear our prayer.

And continue to listen as we encourage each other
by saying together:

**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, So Lowly

Harold Friedell

Jesus, so lowly, Child of the earth: Christen me wholly, bring me new birth.
Jesus, so lonely, weary and sad; teach me that only love maketh glad.
Jesus, so broken, silent and pale; be this the token love will not fail.
Jesus, victorious, mighty and free; teach me how glorious death is to be.

— Edith Williams

DOXOLOGY #605

“Praise to God the Father”



Praise to God the Fa - ther; praise to God the Son;



praise to God the Spir - it: praise to the Three - in - One.



Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.



Praise to God Al - might - y; praise to the Ho - ly One.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (unison) based on Mark 8:35-36

In your realm, O God, there is no gain or loss, only sharing. So please accept what we have shared today. May these offerings be used wisely by this church to provide tangible evidence of your kingdom. Amen.

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

*HYMN #819

“Be Still, My Soul”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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!

First Saturday Art Crawl is coming up this Saturday, March 3. The crawl is from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and DPC is a popular stop. Volunteers are needed to be hosts. Hosts need to be at the church by 6:00 p.m. Email Michael Arwood (dagmal@aol.com) if you'd like to help out this Saturday.



First Sunday Lunch Meet-up

Join us next Sunday, March 4, right after worship, at the Nashville Farmers' Market for our First Sunday Lunch Meet-up! Get some food from one of the fantastic vendors, then look for friendly faces in the dining area.

Nashville Farmers' Market is at 900 Rosa L. Parks Blvd.



Sunday School During Lent

Lent is here and so is Intergenerational Sunday School! All ages are invited to be in Sunday School together February 18 - March 25. Join us in Parlor 1 for breakfast goodies, fellowship and Bible study.

Questions? Contact Suzie.

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross are featured in our Sanctuary and other spaces.

The Stations – also called The Way of the Cross or Way of Sorrows – depict fourteen images of Jesus on the day of his crucifixion. Long a feature of Roman Catholic churches, the Stations have become increasingly popular with Protestant congregations.

Walking the Stations is a pilgrimage that invites us to contemplate the Passion of Jesus. Our Stations will come from the imaginations of several DPC members who are constructing their work based on a passage from one of the four gospels.

Throughout Lent, we will also be featuring a blog post for each station, one at a time - those can be found at:

dpchurch.com/tag/stations-of-the-cross/

And for further reflection and conversation, follow DPC on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook.

Good Friday Cottage Dinners | Everyone Welcome!

We will gather in church members' homes (or at DPC) for a meal and devotion after dinner.

Hosts will provide the main course, guests bring sides and desserts!
This is an annual tradition at DPC for sharing good food, connection to community and spiritual growth.

Where: DPC Members' homes
When: Friday, March 30th
How & Time: See sign up sheets in DPC Narthex

Children and Worship

Note to Parents of Small Children: The presence of children in worship is a gift to our church. We welcome them, wiggles and all. Families are encouraged to sit together in worship, at least through the children's message. After that, parents may take younger children (5 and under) to our nursery, staffed by loving caregivers. A greeter can direct you to the nursery.

For effective faith development, we value older children (over 5) experiencing the entire worship service. To help, children's bulletins and activities to keep little hands occupied can be found on the table in the narthex.

If you have questions or ideas for children's ministry, please contact Suzie Lane at suzielane@dpchurch.com.

DPC Directory Update

We want to stay in touch with our Members and Friends, so please take a minute to update your contact information for the Church Directory! There is a table in the narthex with our current directory and instructions for providing new information.

If you have any questions please call Dena in the office at 615-254-7584 or email info@dpchurch.com.

Congregational and Corporation Meeting - Today

Notice is hereby given of the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Corporation of The Downtown Presbyterian Church of Nashville to be held in the Fellowship Hall of the Church today, February 25, 2018 following the 11:00 AM morning worship service for the purpose of (i) receiving the financial report of the Corporation, (ii) electing three (3) Directors to the class of 2020, and (iii) transacting such other business as may come before the meeting. **All members of the church are likewise members of the Church corporation.**

The congregation will meet at the same time and place to: receive the 2018 church budget and 2017 annual report; and transact such other business under the provisions of G-1.0503 of the Book of Order.

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.

If you can volunteer, please respond to dpcbreakfast@gmail.com.

Clothes Closet Help!

We maintain a clothes closet to help our homeless and urban poor guests on Saturday morning. We are in need of many items, including:

- Men's and Women's long sleeve shirts: all sizes
- Men's and Women's sweatshirts: all sizes (hoods preferred)
- Men's and Women's jeans – all sizes
- Men's and Women's underwear—New Only
- Socks for men and women—New Only
- Sample Size Toiletries
- WINTER COATS
- Gloves, hats, and scarves

Perhaps you have some things you haven't worn in a while and can donate. Or maybe you can pick up a few extra items at Target or the drugstore. And remember, your clothing dollars can go a long way at one of Nashville's several Goodwill locations!

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 February 17.

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:78, Children:8

Visitors and Tourists

41 visitors came to view the sanctuary during the week.

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

12:00 Congregational Meeting

Monday, February 26

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Tuesday, February 27

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

12:00 Bible Study – Parlor 1

Wednesday, February 28

Thursday, March 1

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Friday, March 2

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Saturday, March 3

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

6:00 Art Crawl

Sunday, March 4

9:00 JuveNiles Rehearsal

9:45 Adult Choir rehearsal

9:45 Christian Education

11:00 Worship – the Sanctuary

12:30 First Sunday Lunch Meet-up at Nashville Farmers' Market

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 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 2018

Cary Gibson
Michael Korak
Jim Dickson

Class of 2019

Chuck Cardona
Jack Henderson
Justin Near

Class of 2020

Dave Coleman
Debra Gentry
Vickie Coffin

THE CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Mike Wilson, Pastor

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