

# THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 18, 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

##### Directions For Singing (Nos. III - VII)

From John Wesley's *Select Hymns*, 1761

III. Sing all. See that you join with the congregation as frequently as you can. Let not a slight degree of weakness or weariness hinder you. If it is a cross to you, take it up, and you will find it a blessing.

IV. Sing lustily and with good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half dead, or half asleep; but lift up your voice with strength. Be no more afraid of your voice now, nor no more ashamed of its being heard, than when you sung the songs of Satan.

V. Sing modestly. Do not bawl, so as to be heard above or distinct from the rest of the congregation, that you may not destroy the harmony; but strive to unite your voice together, so as to make one clear melodious sound.

VI. Sing in time. Whatever time is sung be sure to keep with it. Do not turn before nor stay behind it; but attend close to the leading voices, and move therewith as exactly as you can; and take care not to sing too slow. This drawling way naturally steals on all who are lazy; and it is high time to drive it out from us, and sing all our tunes just as quick as we did at first.

VII. Above all sing spiritually. Have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim at pleasing him more than yourself, or any other creature. In order to do this attend strictly to the sense of what you sing, and see that your heart is not carried away with the sound, but offered to God continually; so shall your singing be such as the Lord will approve here, and reward you when he cometh in the clouds of heaven.

WELCOME

EXTINGUISHING THE LENTEN CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP "Come and Fill"



Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord are ho - ly.



Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al - le - lu - ia!

ANTIPHONAL PSALM 119:9-16, (CEB translation, alt.)

left side reads **bold**, right side reads *italics*

**How can young people keep their paths pure?**

*By guarding them according to what you've said.*

**We have sought you with all my hearts.**

*Don't let us stray from any of your commandments!*

**We keep your word close, in my hearts,**

**so that we won't sin against you.**

*You, LORD, are to be blessed!*

**Teach me us statutes.**

*We will declare out loud*

*all the rules you have spoken.*

**We rejoice in the content of your laws**

**as if we were rejoicing over great wealth.**

*We will think about your precepts*

*and examine all your paths.*

**We will delight in your statutes;**

**We will not forget what you have said.**

“Sing, Praise and Bless the Lord”

Sing, praise and bless the Lord. Sing, praise and bless the Lord, peo - ples!

na - tions! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

CALL TO CONFESSION

based on Psalm 51:10

Let us pray for the cleansing of our hearts, confessing our sins to the One whose mercy is everlasting.

HYMN OF CONFESSION #421

“Have Mercy, God, Upon My Life”

(Time for silent confession)

\*SONG OF ASSURANCE

“O Lamb of God”

O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins

of the world; have mer - cy on us,

Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

L: The peace of our Lord Jesus 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**

**"Lord, To Whom Shall We Go?"**

Lord, to whom shall we go? Yours are the words of e - ter - nal life.

The image shows a musical score for the prayer. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The music is in a 2/4 time signature and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with vertical lines connecting the notes to the words. The lyrics are: "Lord, to whom shall we go? Yours are the words of e - ter - nal life." The music ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

**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** Jeremiah 31:34-31 (OT p.139)

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

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** John 12:20-33 (NT p. 94)

L: The gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ. P: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**SERMON**

Rev. Mike Wilson

## We Respond to God's Word

### "Christ Jesus"

Christ Je - sus, Lord and Sav - ior! Christ Je - sus, Lord and Sav - ior! Christ

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the treble clef. It features a repeat sign at the beginning. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' and a bracket) and a 'fine' marking at the end of the piece.

### "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing.

Lord, send your Spir - it in this place. Lord lis - ten to your chil - dren

pray - ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

The musical score is written for a single staff in treble clef, in 3/4 time with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is simple and consists of three lines of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION (people read **bold**)

based on Hebrews 5:7, 9

Create in us a clean heart, O God,  
**and renew a right spirit within us.**

During the final days of his earthly life,  
Jesus offered up prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears,  
and in faithful obedience, he opened the way to eternal salvation.  
Let us open our hearts this day as we lift up our deepest needs and concerns  
to the One who is mighty to save.

We pray for all leaders and people,  
that by the power of your cross  
you would drive out all violence, domination, and injustice in our world  
as you draw us to your Christ.

Create in us a clean heart, O God,  
**and renew a right spirit within us.**

We pray for our war-ravaged world,  
that you would teach us to walk together  
in your way of righteousness and peace.

Create in us a clean heart, O God,  
**and renew a right spirit within us.**

We pray for the vocation of the church,  
that our prayers would bear the fruit of action  
as we hear the cries of pain and suffering of those in need.

Create in us a clean heart, O God,  
**and renew a right spirit within us.**

We pray for the poor, the terrified, and the oppressed,  
and those who are too much alone,  
that they may find a home in you as we serve them in your name.

Create in us a clean heart, O God,  
**and renew a right spirit within us.**

As your son anticipated his death on the cross in light of your steadfast love,  
may all who have died or who are dying be at rest in your eternal care.

Create in us a clean heart, O God,  
**and renew a right spirit within us.**

And may our spirits be renewed now as we encourage one another  
with these words:

**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.**

## INDIVIDUAL PRAYER, ANNOINTING AND CANDLE LIGHTING

*Pastor Mike will be available for individual prayer. Any desiring prayer or anointing with oil are invited to come forward. Please wait in the aisle if the station is full.*

*You may also come forward and offer your prayer by lighting a candle.*

### “O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, Hear my prayer.  
When I call, an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O  
Lord, hear my prayer, come and lis - ten to me.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a whole note G4, followed by a half note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The second staff begins with a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F#5, and a quarter note G5. The third staff begins with a quarter note A5, a quarter note B5, a quarter note C6, and a quarter note D6. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

### “Wait for The Lord”

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.  
Wait for the Lord: be strong, — take heart!

The musical score is written in treble and bass clefs with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of two systems of music. The first system begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic marking. The second system begins with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic marking. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## OPPORTUNITY FOR GENEROUS GIVING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Tears of Sorrow”  
(see insert)

John Bell & Graham Maule

\*DOXOLOGY

“For Yours is the Kingdom”

For yours is the king - dom, the pow'r and the  
glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er, A - men.

For your is the king-dom, the pow'r and the  
glo-ry, for ev - er and ev - er, A - men.

The musical notation consists of four staves in a single system. The first two staves are for the vocal line, and the last two are for the piano accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the notes.

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (unison) based on John 12:24

**O God, may these offerings be like seeds planted in good earth. Counsel and guide those into whose care this money is entrusted. Help these offerings to take on new life as they are used to reveal and grow your kingdom. Amen.**



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

\*CLOSING SONG

"May the Love of the Lord"



May the love of the Lord rest up - on your soul.



May God's love dwell in you, through - out ev - ery day.



May God's coun - te-nance shine up - on you and be gra-cious to you.



May God's Spir - it be up - on you as you leave this place.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### Good Friday Cottage Dinners Everyone Welcome!

Our DPC tradition is to gather in people's homes on Good Friday, March 30, for a meal and worship. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex and everyone is encouraged to gather with friends old and new to mark Jesus's last day so that we might come together on Easter to truly celebrate Resurrection.

This year Pastor Mike will also host a cottage dinner at the church. Hosts will provide the main course, guests bring sides and desserts! This is an annual tradition at DPC for sharing good food, connecting to community and spiritual growth.

## **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/](http://dpchurch.com/tag/stations-of-the-cross/)**

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

## **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](mailto:info@dpchurch.com).

## **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 Lane!

## **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!

## **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!

## **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](mailto:suzielane@dpchurch.com).

### **Our Ministries Last Week**

#### **Saturday Breakfast Ministry**

113 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on March 10.

#### **11:00 Worship Service Attendance**

Adults:61, Children:7

#### **Visitors and Tourists**

26 visitors came to view the sanctuary during the week.

### **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.

### **Schedule of Weekly Events**

#### **Today**

1:00 Session - Parlor 2

#### **Monday, March 19**

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### **Tuesday, March 20**

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

12:00 Bible Study – Parlor 1

#### **Wednesday, March 21**

#### **Thursday, March 22**

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### **Friday, March 23**

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### **Saturday, March 24**

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

#### **Sunday, March 25**

9:00 JuveNiles Rehearsal

9:45 Adult Choir rehearsal

9:45 Christian Education

11:00 Worship – the Sanctuary

## 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

Dena Swoner, Office Manager

Suzie Lane, Director of Children's Education

Paulino Jarquin, Facilities Manager

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