# 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. I 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



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ANTIPHONAL PSALM 119:9-16, (CEB translastion, 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

Come and fill our hearts with your

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.

all the rules you have spoken.

# "Sing, Praise and Bless the Lord"



## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

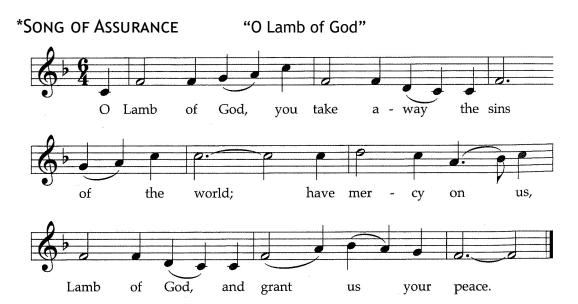
based on Psalm 51:10

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)



### \*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?"



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)

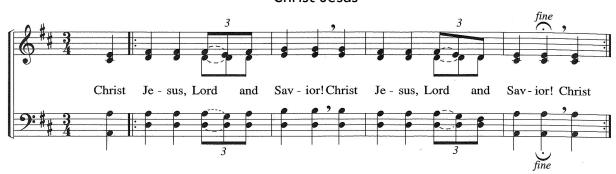
L: The gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ. P: Glory to you, O Lord.

SERMON

Rev. Mike Wilson

# We Respond to God's Word

"Christ Jesus"



"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"



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

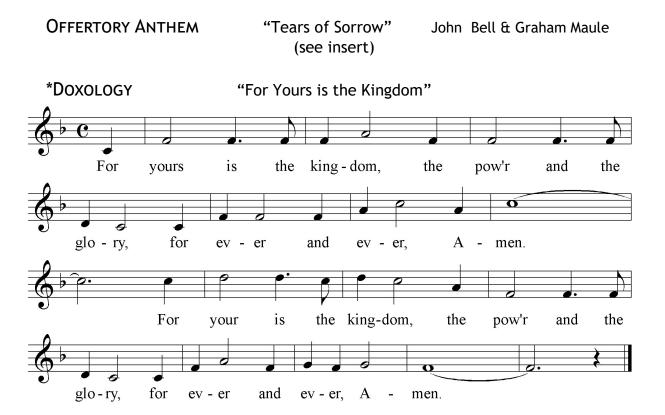
Pastor Mike will be available for individual prayer. Any desiring prayer or anointing with oil are invited to come forward. Please wait in the aisle if the station is full.

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





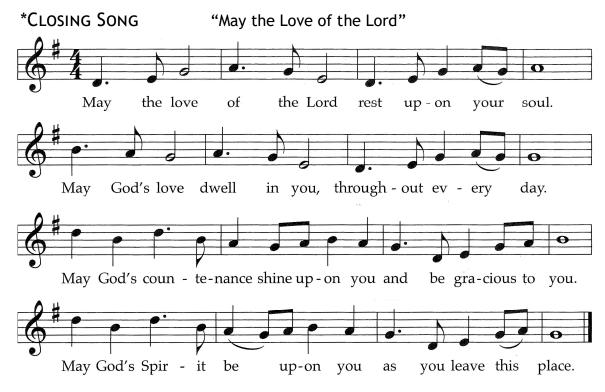
## OPPORTUNITY FOR GENEROUS GIVING



\*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



## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

# Good Friday Cottage Dinners <u>Everyone Welcome!</u>

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 encourage 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 becoming 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 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.

## **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.

## 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.

Our Ministries Last Week		Schedule of Weekly Events
Saturday Breakfast Ministry 113 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on March 10.	1:00	<u>Today</u> Session - Parlor 2
11:00 Worship Service Attendance	11:30	Monday, March 19 AA Meeting - Parlor 2
Adults:61, Children:7 <u>Visitors and Tourists</u>	11:30 12:00	<u>Tuesday, March 20</u> AA Meeting - Parlor 2 Bible Study — Parlor 1
26 vistors came to view the sanctuary during the week.		Wednesday, March 21
<u>Parking</u>	11:30	<u>Thursday, March 22</u> AA Meeting - Parlor 2
Parking for Sunday worship is in the Premier lot at <b>147 4th Ave. N.</b>	11:30	<u>Friday, March 23</u> AA Meeting - Parlor 2
You must come down 4th from Church Street. Parking in this lot is complimentary from 7:00	8:30	Saturday, March 24 Breakfast served to Nashville's homeless and urban poor
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.	9:00 9:45 9:45 11:00	Sunday, March 25 JuveNiles Rehearsal Adult Choir rehearsal Christian Education 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 2018Class of 2019Class of 2020Cary GibsonChuck CardonaDave ColemanMichael KorakJack HendersonDebra GentryJim DicksonJustin NearVickie Coffin

#### THE CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Mike Wilson, Pastor Paulino Jarquin, Facilities Manager Dena Swoner, Office Manager Dr. William Taylor, Director of Music

Suzie Lane, Director of Children's Education

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