

# THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Pentecost Sunday

May 20, 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

Without Pentecost the Christ-event - the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus - remains imprisoned in history as something to remember, think about and reflect on. The Spirit of Jesus comes to dwell within us, so that we can become living Christs here and now.

— Henri Nouwen

#### OPENING VOLUNTARY

Choral Prelude *on Nettleton* arr .Rebecca Groom te Velde

#### WELCOME

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Veni, Creator Spiritus

Eric Near

Alison Letcher and Justin Near, handbells

#### \*HYMN #475

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

based on hymn #475

Our hearts are prone to wander, we are prone to leave the God we love. But God's son continues to seek us out and guide us back to the fold of God's grace. Trusting that we are already rescued from danger, let us offer our confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

based on Acts 2; Joel 2

L: The Spirit comes with fire of justice  
and we offer the extinguisher of complacency.

**P: *Lord have mercy,  
Lord have mercy,  
Lord have mercy upon us.***

L: *The Spirit comes with the rain of love  
And we offer an umbrella of reserve.*

**P: *Christ have mercy,  
Christ have mercy,  
Christ have mercy upon us.***

L: *The Spirit comes bearing fresh winds of change  
and we close the windows.*

**P: *Lord have mercy,  
Lord have mercy,  
Lord have mercy upon us.***

(Time for silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**\*PASSING THE PEACE** (sung to the tune of “Come, Thou Fount”)

Let us welcome everybody  
sharing peace with grace and love.

We are called to grow together  
doing justice from above.

Called to seek God’s true communion  
with diverse and varied lives;

Telling tales of joy and struggle,  
caring for a world that thrives.

— Eric Near

L: May the peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you.

*Pease return to your seats when the music begins*

## PARISH LIFE & CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### God's Word Is Proclaimed

JUVENILES' ANTHEM

Jesus Loves Me

William B. Bradbury  
arr. Margaret R. Tucker

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know, as He loved so long ago,  
Taking children on His knee, saying "Let them come to Me."

Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way,  
Wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live.

— St. 1, Anna B. Warner; St. 2-3, David Rutherford McGuire

Justin Near, flute

*(Infants and small children are dismissed to the care of the nursery staff.  
Older children are invited to remain and worship.)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(sung to the tune of "Come, Thou Fount")

Like a river ever flowing,  
soothe our hearts to make us whole.  
Keep us close and ever knowing;  
we abide within your soul.  
Let the river firmly guide us;  
in your presence let us hear  
Soothing waters of your spirit,  
safe and wholesome hold us dear.

— Dixie Williamson

FIRST READING                      Genesis 11:1-9                      (OT p.9)  
L: The Word of the Lord. P: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING                      Acts 2:1-21                      (NT p.119)  
L: The word of the Lord. P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON    Rev. Mike Wilson

## **We Respond to God's Word**

\*MORE SINGING!                      (sung to the tune of “Come, Thou Fount”)

God we need thee as we walk on  
this long journey of our lives.  
Though the path is long and winding,  
from your hand our strength derives.  
Make the valleys safe and level  
in our world and in our hearts.  
Let us praise your omnipresence  
and respond with living love.

— Jack Henderson

Let us see God's spark in others,  
know God's fount flows for them, too;  
Strive for patience, care and mercy  
in all that we say and do.  
May our faith be more than feeling,  
let it shine through every choice!  
Say "God loves you" with our actions  
and not only with our voice.

— Nina Cardona

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

Let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need, saying,  
hear us, O God,  
**your mercy is great.**

In gratitude for all that you have done for us, Holy God, we pray:  
For the people of God in every land;  
    for those who continually teach the faith;  
    for witnesses who by their example show your steadfast love;  
    for all who are estranged from the church;  
    and for the strength to walk in your ways, hear us, O God,  
**your mercy is great.**

For nations, communities, and families torn by violence;  
    for leaders and protesters, for managers and visionaries;  
    for dictators and peacemakers;  
    for the allies of our nation and for our enemies; hear us, O God,  
**your mercy is great.**

For Earth and its riches;  
    for soil and wetlands, trees, bushes, rivers and lakes, oceans and air;  
    and for all the peoples who inhabit this great creation;  
    for the ability to choose life for all creatures  
    and to honor the welfare of generations to come; hear us, O God,  
**your mercy is great.**

For all people who are victims of injustice;  
    for those who are unemployed or underemployed;  
    for those living on the streets of our cities;  
    for everyone affected by divorce;  
    for people struggling with addiction, anger, fear, or illness;  
    for all who have asked this congregation for prayer;  
    for those we name now aloud or in our hearts [*silence*];  
    hear us, O God,  
**your mercy is great.**

For this community of faith;  
    for those who come to worship every week  
    and those who cannot come;  
    for the young and the old;  
    for newcomers and long-familiar faces;  
    for the newly baptized in every land;  
    for those who are seeking to know you; hear us, O God,  
**your mercy is great.**

For all else that this assembly is concerned with today,  
named aloud or in our hearts [*silence*];  
hear us, O God,  
**your mercy is great.**

Into your promises, we entrust all those  
whose needs are known to us today  
and those whose needs are only known to you.  
Grant peace to all, through your Son, Jesus Christ, who inspires us to say,

**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

Veni, Creator Spiritus

Eric Near

Véni, Creátor Spíritus, méntes tuórum vísita,  
imple supérna grátia, quae tu creásti, péctora.

Qui díceris Paraclítus, dónum Déi altíssimi,  
fons vívus, ígnis, cáritas, et spiritalís únctio.

Tu septifórmis múnere, déxtrae Déi tu dígitus  
tu ríte promíssum Pátris, sermóne dítans gúttura. Amen.

#### *Translation*

Come, Creator Spirit, visit the souls of your devoted,  
With your divine grace fill the hearts which you have created.

You are called Comforter, Gift of the highest God,  
Fount of life, fire, love, and spiritual unction.

You are seven-fold in your gifts, the finger of God's right hand,  
You are the one duly promised by the father, enriching our tongues with  
speech. Amen

**DOXOLOGY #655****“What Shall I Render to the Lord” (verse 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)**

The Holy Spirit was sent to increase our compassion and to make us glad to spread good news. May the use of this generous offering be guided by the Spirit’s wisdom to accomplish those goals. Amen.

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

**\*MORE SINGING!**

(sung to the tune of “Come, Thou Fount”)

Howling winds and tongues of fire  
filled disciples with a power;  
Singing like a Babel choir,  
they refused to hide and cower.  
Pour your Spirit out upon us:  
Sons and daughters, old and young.  
Give us words to sing the chorus  
of our own salvation song.

— Mike Wilson

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

L: Let all God’s people say,    P: Alleluia, Amen!

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

Fanfare

Gordon Young

## Pentecost Call to Worship and Offertory Anthem

Today we premier a new Call to Worship for handbells and an anthem for adult choir and organ by Eric Near, DPC's composer-in-residence. You will remember Mr. Near composed a companion anthem for adult choir and organ, *Symbolorum Apostolorum* (Apostles' Creed), which premiered on Palm Sunday, March 25, 2018.

Mr. Near writes the following information about today's new compositions, *Veni, Creator Spiritus* (Come, Creator Spirit):

*Veni, Creator Spiritus is written in two parts for use in worship. The first is a brief interlude for four handbells that is designed to "ring in" the worship service. The second is a setting of a 9th century text used commonly for Pentecost. Consider while listening how creation plays a role in your life. How might a spirit of creation inspire you to welcome God's kingdom in a new way?*

*This piece is dedicated to the memory of one of the creators of my own family: my great-grandmother, Ruth Allgyer Baumgartner (1898-1998.) A teacher and musician, she was widowed at 48. She took on the task of raising three children, knowing God's grace was sufficient.*

## 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).



## New Adult Education Experience *Living the Questions*



Many people have an intuitive sense that there is more to Christianity than the rigid rules and shallow platitudes that so often pass for theology in many churches. *Living the Questions* hopes to expose people to ideas and concepts that have been taught and discussed in seminaries, but sometimes not in our churches. So if

you've ever found yourself puzzled by or disillusioned about religion this may be a dialogue you might like to join.

We're meeting at 9:45 a.m. in Parlor 2 for one more week. Each session includes a video presentation and a written lesson; all materials will be provided.

Video presenters include some of the leading voices in progressive Christianity including Marcus Borg, John Dominic Crossan, Amy-Jill Levine, John Bell, Helen Prejean, Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza and many more.

DPC moderators for our sessions include Rev. Mike Wilson, Jim Dickson, David Maddox and Samera Zavaro.

**Please join us!**

### The DPC Website

Have you visited [dpchurch.com](http://dpchurch.com) recently? If you haven't you're missing a chance to go deeper into the life of the church and catch up things you might have missed. Our homepage always has our latest news and events including information about small groups, special worship experiences, art shows and concerts, mission opportunities and more.

There are several menu bar selections that open you to the history of the church, staff and elder bios and pictures, worship information, the event calendar, details on our Artist-in-Residence and Composer-in-Residence programs, mission projects, and wedding rental info...just to name a few things.

Of particular interest is the "media" menu. Here you can find audio of Sunday sermons, the latest church bulletin, session minutes and reports, a blog written by various DPC members and friends, and an expanding selection of other video and audio recordings.

The DPC website is dynamic and always changing. And everyone - longtime members *and* people who have never visited - will find something interesting, informative or fun.

## **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!**

## **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](mailto:dpcbreakfast@gmail.com).

## **Clothes Closet Help!**

We maintain a clothes closet to help our homeless and urban poor guests on Saturday morning. We are currently in need of the following items.

- 1) JEANS for Men and Women - all sizes
- 2) SOCKS for Men and Women - **New Only**
- 3) UNDERWEAR for Men and Women - **New Only**

**Thank you for your support!**

## **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!

### **Our Ministries Last Week**

#### **Saturday Breakfast Ministry**

171 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on April 28.

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

Adults:55, Children:4

#### **Visitors and Tourists**

27 visitors came to view the sanctuary during the week.

### **Schedule of Weekly Events**

#### **Today**

1:00 Session - Parlor 2

#### **Monday, May 21**

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### **Tuesday, May 22**

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

12:00 Bible Study - Parlor 1

#### **Wednesday, May 23**

#### **Thursday, May 24**

10:00 NBA Memorial - Sanctuary

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### **Friday, May 25**

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### **Saturday, May 26**

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

#### **Sunday, May 27**

9:30 Adult Choir rehearsal

9:45 Christian Education

11:00 Worship - the Sanctuary

7:00 Salvation Army Spring Festival  
- Sanctuary

## **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 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

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