

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 13, 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

Courtroom: A place where Jesus Christ and Judas Iscariot would be equals,
with the betting odds favoring Judas.

— H.L. Mencken

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Organ Sonata II, Op.65: Grave: Adagio Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Psalm 1:1-3

L: Truly happy people,
those who follow God's instruction
P: are like trees planted by streams of water.
L: They bear fruit at just the right time,
and their leaves don't fade.
P: Whatever they do succeeds!
May our worship today be successful
and bring us happiness!

***HYMN #238**

"Thine is the Glory"

CALL TO CONFESSION

based on Psalm 1:6

God is intimately acquainted with us. It is because God knows us so well that we can trust in God's grace. In that confidence, let us offer our confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

based on John 17:15, 17

**God, though you call us to delight in your teachings,
we can become cynical and full of doubt.
Do not judge us, we pray, but heal us
and restore us to you.
Guard us and protect us from evil,
and encourage us in truth;
in Jesus's name. Amen.**

(Time for silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE

based on Psalm 1

L: We are no longer blown about in the winds of the world,
we are grounded, yesterday, today, tomorrow
in God's forgiveness, hope and love.

P: Today, tomorrow, forever:
we can bear good fruit,
sharing God's peace and joy with everyone we meet.

L: Then why wait? Let's do that now!
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)

based on John 17:13, 17

May the reading and preaching of your Word
sanctify us in the truth
and bring us to perfect joy.

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.)*

FIRST READING

Psalm 1

(OT p. 488)

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

SECOND READING

1 John 5:9-13

(NT p. 241)

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

SERMON

Rev. Mike Wilson

We Respond to God's Word

*HYMN #451

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

& THE LORD'S PRAYER (people read **bold**) based on Psalm 1:1-3; Acts 1:25

Let us pray for the world
and ask that we may be given the grace
to be faithful disciples of Jesus.

May we be like trees planted by streams of water.

Holy God, this world is filled with
those who delight in your teachings
and those who scoff at your ways.
Guide us to meditate on you day and night,
that we may be an influence for good in the world.

May we be like trees planted by streams of water.

We pray for the people and the leaders of the world in all our diversity.
Guide us and them by your many revelations
that there may be peace and harmony on earth.

May we be like trees planted by streams of water.

We pray for those who are sick or suffering,
that they may know your protection and care
through our faithful service.

May we be like trees planted by streams of water.

We pray for your church,
that by the marriage of your grace and our faith
we may serve you and our neighbors.

May we be like trees planted by streams of water.

We pray for Earth itself, your marvelous creation.
Inspire and help us to be the good stewards
that you ask us to be, now and for the future.

May we be like trees planted by streams of water.

Make holy all for which we pray –
the poor, the infirm, the church, the world –
and these prayers we offer now, aloud or in silence.

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

Holiness and wholeness come from you, O God.
Receive these prayers both spoken and unspoken,
including the one we offer now saying,

**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

Above All Praise and Majesty Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

Above all praise and all majesty,
Lord Thou reignest evermore, for evermore. Hallelujah.

DOXOLOGY #606 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (unison) based on John 17:6

**Jesus has made God known to us. We already belong to God.
And so we dedicate these gifts to God’s service
and to the glory of Christ’s name.**

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

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

*HYMN #249

“Because You Live, O Christ”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Organ Sonata II, Op: Allegro maestoso e vivace Felix Mendelson-Bartholdy

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.

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* 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.

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!

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.

Pentecost Hymn Challenge

On Pentecost Sunday, May 20, we're going to feature the well-known hymn *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (#475 in our hymnal) sung to accompaniment in multiple styles and varying instrumentation. The problem is that there are only three verses in our hymnal. So we're inviting *you* to write new verses to this old hymn!

A quick internet search will bring up many different versions of *Come, Thou Fount* and you'll find plenty of inspiration. And just to show you what's possible, here's a new verse written by Dixie Williamson:

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.

We are eager to see what *you* come up with.

We will make sure that your new verses are sung on Pentecost! Send your work to:
mikewilson@dpchurch.com

Leadership Training

Generations, Relationships, Christ: Getting Along, Discovering Gifts, Equipping Leaders

GenOn Ministries' training to empower leaders

Saturday, June 9 8:30 am - 12:15 p.m.

Second Presbyterian Church

What can every church learn from GenOn Ministries' 50+ years of ministry?

- That treating each other as a child of God helps us all to get along and that spreads way beyond the church
- That God gives gifts to everyone to use in building up the church
- That equipping and empowering leaders is Kingdom living
- That setting goals is paramount to moving forward in ministry

GenOn Ministries wants to teach your church what we know. Join Suzie Lane for this Saturday morning training where participants will understand Christ-centered relationships, learn ways to help others discern their gifts, discover effective ways to equip and empower leaders, and leave with plans to put new learnings into practice immediately. *Generations, Relationships, Christ* is perfect for elders, deacons, committee moderators and members, Sunday school teachers and leaders, other church leaders, and anyone who has been recognized as a potential leader.

Registration is covered by the church. To attend, contact Mike Wilson.

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!

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

129 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on May 5.

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:58, Children:6

Visitors and Tourists

31 visitors came to view the sanctuary during the week.

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

Monday, May 14

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Tuesday, May 15

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

12:00 Bible Study - Parlor 1

6:00 Finance & Administration,
Building & History and
Personnel Committee Meetings
- The Cookery

Wednesday, May 16

Thursday, May 17

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Friday, May 18

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Saturday, May 19

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

Sunday, May 20

9:00 JuveNiles Rehearsal

9:45 Adult Choir rehearsal

9:45 Christian Education

11:00 Worship - the Sanctuary

1:00 Session — Parlor 2

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

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