

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 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

“Justice is the body of love and love is soul of justice.”

— John Dominic Crossan

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Land of Rest

George Shearing

Melody taken from Hymn #796

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on 1 Samuel 2:1-2

L: Our hearts rejoice in the LORD!
Our strength rises up in the LORD!

P: No one is holy like the LORD —
no, no one except God alone.
There is no rock like our God.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN #39

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

CALL TO CONFESSION

based on Samuel 2:3

Our matriarch Hannah sang,

“Don't go on and on
talking so proudly,
spouting arrogance from your mouth,
because the LORD is the God who knows,
and God weighs every act.”

Remembering Hannah's wise counsel, let us offer our confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

We have to admit, Holy Listener,
that we are more likely to be irritated by the lives of others,
rather than being provoked to love them.

When we are called to encourage those around us,
too often our actions and words discourage them.

Offered lives of peace and hope,
we wander around filled with anxiety and despair.

Forgive us, Rock of Redemption.

Cleanse our hearts, so we might be more loving;

Keep us on the path of faithfulness,
so we might find those whom we are called to serve,

Give us your words, so we might confess your hope
offered to all who are broken, who are lost, who cry out to you.

This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

(Time for silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE

based on Psalm 146

L: This is the good news:

God gives us hope, God gives us peace, God gives us joy
so we may share these gifts with everyone we meet.

**P: Thanks be to God, who has forgiven us and provoked us
to love others and to serve all who are around us.**

L: And let us show the love we have for each other
with signs of friendship and affection.

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 1 Samuel 2:9

God of the poor and the powerful,
the weak and the strong,
speak your Word to us, and guide our feet,
that we might be hearers and doers of your word. Amen.

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

Mark 3:1-8

(NT p. 37)

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

SECOND READING

1 Samuel 1:1-20

(OT p.244)

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

SERMON

Mike Wilson

We Respond to God's Word

*HYMN #324

"For All the Faithful Women"

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

Let us join our hearts and minds in prayer, saying,
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Source of all wisdom,
the nations are fraught with anxiety and fear,
and violence is all around us.
Guide all peoples in the way of peace...
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of the covenant,
our churches are torn by disputes and mistrust.
Soothe our angry spirits and reconcile us to your will...
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Creator of the cosmos,
we are killing your creation with our toxic ways.
Restore your good Earth and make us better stewards
of all you have given us...
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Fount of compassion,
your children suffer from diseases and addictions.
Heal us, we pray, and make us whole...
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Source of all life,
in spite of your promises, we fear death
and cannot help but grieve for those we have lost.
Comfort us, and restore our hope...
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Holy God,
you know our needs even before we ask.
Hear now our secret prayers,
both those we hold in our hearts and those we say aloud.
[Here you may say aloud your individual prayers and petitions.]
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Keep us, O Lord, in the sure and certain hope
of your providence
and guide us in your ways of justice, peace, and love,
until that day when we welcome Jesus,
who gave us this prayer...

**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.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Dr. Morgan Wills

At **Siloam**, loving health care also means excellent health care. They have been caring for under-served, culturally marginalized patients in Nashville for 25 years. Nashville is a better community as a result.

Dr. Morgan Wills is the CEO and President of Siloam Family Health Center. He graduated from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in 1996. Important to us at DPC is that he is the son of Ridley and Irene Wills and grew up here attending DPC.

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENEROUS GIVING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal

Tune: INVITATION
arr. Alice Parker

Hark, I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore,
As I near those swollen waters with their deep and solemn roar.

And my soul, tho' stain'd with sorrow, fading as the light of day,
Passes swiftly o'er those waters, to the city far away.

Souls have cross'd before me, saintly, to that land of perfect rest;
And I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest.

Refrain:

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, praise the lamb!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, glory to the great I AM!

— Words attributed to F.R. Warren

***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 1 Samuel 2:2-9

**We who are full can now give bread to others.
We who are well-off can reach out to raise up the poor.
We who have everything can offer a seat of honor to those who have nothing.
We who are blessed by you, God of all, can be blessings to others.
And so we pray that the gifts we have may give hope to the despairing,
give strength to the weak, and justice to the oppressed. Amen.**

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

***HYMN #837** "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"
"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Recessional

Gordon Young

93rd Annual Waffle Shop

The 93rd Annual Waffle Shop is just around the corner! We hope you are making plans to attend on December 6th from 11am-1pm. We've revised the menu this year! Waffles will always be available - but yikes, we're "so Nashville" that we're adding some hot chicken! Please email Mary Turner at Mturner2614@gmail.com for more information and tickets.

We've got some new, can't-miss items for the Silent Auction too, but would love some more! If you'd like to contribute an item to the Silent Auction, please contact Erin Bell by email (erinleebell@gmail.com). Thank you to those who have already graciously contributed. As a reminder, items donated to the auction are recognized as charitable contributions to Downtown Presbyterian Church and we are happy to provide you with a receipt of in-kind donation for tax purposes.

HAWKTAIL "Unless" CD Release Event at DPC

Original Acoustic Instrumental
Americana/Bluegrass/Roots Music

Haas Kowert Tice (HKT) brought on mandolinist Dominick Leslie to form Hawktail. Music fans will recognize them from their various other outfits (Punch Brothers, David Rawlings, Crooked Still, A Prairie Home Companion) and enjoy this unique instrumental offering.

Brittany Haas; fiddle Paul Kowert; bass
Jordan Tice; guitar Dominick Leslie; mandolin

Hawktail recorded several tracks from their album "Unless", which came out in May of 2018, in the sanctuary of the Downtown Presbyterian Church.

When: **Wednesday, November 28th, 7:30pm**. Doors open at 6:30.

General admission tickets: www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3899118 or at the door the night of the event.

The Liturgists Gathering and Podcast

DPC is excited to host *The Liturgists Gathering* on Friday, November 30 and Saturday, December 1, 2018.

The Liturgists are a global community working to subvert the barriers our society builds around religion, race, gender, ability, and sexuality. Their work is centered around compelling discussion, non-judgmental community, and thoughtful, evocative art. Currently, that work is expressed through a popular podcast called The Liturgists Podcast, hosting events world-wide for the spiritually estranged called The Liturgists Gathering, and producing liturgies, educational resources, and meditations for their community.

The Liturgists Podcast is a chart-topping, genre-bending exploration of faith, science, and art for the spiritually homeless and frustrated. It attracts a diverse listenership of believers and skeptics including denomination Christians, atheists, and religiously unaffiliated. The show hosts a global, safe discussion about what it means to be a follower of Christ in the 21st century. It produces clarity and insight by looking at essential topics through the lenses of art, faith, and science--and has helped millions start the journey to growth and recovery following spiritual estrangement.

The conference is a safe place to have honest discussions about doubts, hopes, fears, and faith and will a recording of the podcast. There will also be ample opportunity to engage the hosts with questions and conversation.

We'll need volunteers for the events on both days. Friday's event is from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and on Saturday's sessions are from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Volunteers will help with guiding people around the building, light security (making sure people don't wander into off-limits parts of the building) and general hospitality. If you are interested in helping out or have questions, contact Pastor Mike Wilson.

For more information and to buy tickets for the Nashville event go to:

www.theliturgists.com

DPC Children's Advent Play *The Angels' Songs*

The DPC children will present an Advent play in worship on **December 9**. They will tell the stories of angels visiting Zachariah, Mary and Joseph. Make plans to be in worship for this special worship service!

Children and Worship

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 today by McKennan Henninger.

For effective faith development, children over 5 years old are encouraged to experience the entire worship service with their parents. To help, children's bulletins, books and coloring pages are available on the table outside the sanctuary.

If you have questions about children and worship, please contact Suzie Lane at suzielane@dpchurch.com or 615-406-4915.

Children's Sunday School

School-age children (kindergarten and up) gather for Sunday School in room 211 from 9:45 am-10:45 am. Following Sunday School, their leaders will bring them to the sanctuary to meet their parents for worship.

It is wonderful for adults to share their gifts in ministry with children. If you would like to help with children's Sunday School, please contact Suzie Lane at suzielane@dpchurch.com or 615-406-4915.

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.

DPC Clothes Closet

We at DPC maintain a clothing closet to help meet the needs of our homeless and urban poor guests on Saturday morning. As we head into the winter season, the clothing closet needs a few extra items to help our guests stay warm and dry.

Items of greatest need are:

- sweatshirts (hoods preferred)
- coats
- hats
- gloves (larger sizes for men are most needed)
- scarves.
- thermal under-layers in all sizes

We also need sample-sized toiletries:

- bars of soap
- sample-sized shampoo & conditioner
- trial sized deodorant
- toothbrushes and trial or sample sized toothpaste
- chapstick (not lip gloss/lipstick)

Lastly, we always need the following items for men and women:

- Jeans (sizes 30-36 for men are in highest demand)
- Socks - MUST be new
- Underwear - MUST be new

Due to space and time constraints, we ask that you please limit donations to these items of greatest need for the winter season. Thank you for supporting the clothing ministry of Downtown Presbyterian Church!

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 SP+ garage at 147 4th Ave. N.

You must come down 4th from Church Street. Parking in this garage is complimentary from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Parking vouchers are necessary to exit the garage without having to pay. To get one, just ask one of our greeters.

Our Ministries Last Week

Saturday Breakfast Ministry

175 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on November 10.

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:44, Children:11

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

1:00 Session - Parlor 2

Monday, November 19

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

3:00 Music Video Recording - Sanctuary

Tuesday, November 20

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

12:00 Bible Study - Parlor 1

Wednesday, November 21

Thursday, November 22

Thanksgiving - Church Closed

Friday, November 23

Church Closed

Saturday, November 24

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

Sunday, November 25

9:45 Adult Choir Rehearsal

9:45 Adult Education – Parlor 2

9:45 Children's Education - Rm #211

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

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Class of 2020

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