

**THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**Sixth Sunday After Epiphany**  
**February 17, 2019**

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(\*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

**We Gather in God's Name**

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

“God made enough for everyone’s need,  
but not enough for everyone’s greed.”

— something someone’s grandmother once said

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**      Pastorate on *The Morning Star*      Daniel Pinkham

**WELCOME**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**      based on Jeremiah 17:5-8

**L:** When we turn our hearts away from God and toward ourselves,  
putting trust in our own strength,

**P:** **we become like a shrub in the desert,  
living in a parched, salty place.**

**L:** When we trust in God, when our trust *is* God,  
we are like a tree planted by water.

**P:** **Our roots go deep, we are ever-green;  
even in a drought we are not anxious,  
but bear fruit, full and beautiful,  
gifts of the God who made us.**

**\*HYMN #652**      “A Grateful Heart”

## CALL TO CONFESSION

based on Jeremiah 17:10

The prophet Jeremiah says that God probes our hearts and discerns our motives, because the condition of mind and heart affects actions. Trusting in God's grace, let us invite God to search us, so that God might also lead us into God's kingdom.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

based on Luke 6:20-26: Jeremiah 17:8

**Forgive us, Heartbroken God, for our self-centeredness.  
Forgive us for not entering into the heartbreak of others.  
Forgive our reluctance to be vulnerable;  
to be truly known by others and by you.  
Forgive our failures to take risks and make sacrifices  
for the sake of your kingdom.  
Pour your living water into us,  
so we might send down roots deep into your heart,  
and so become those people who are blessings to others,  
as we have received the gift of new life from Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
Amen.**

(Time for silent confession)

## \*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE AND PASSING THE PEACE

based on Luke 6:23

L: Blessed are you, and happy:  
for God forgives us and restores us to new life.  
Rejoice in this day and dance for joy!  
And with joy share this blessing:  
May the peace of Christ be with you.  
P: And also with you.

## \*GLORIA PATRI #581

Glory Be to the Father

*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 Jeremiah 17:8,10; Luke 6:25

O God, whose Word is like water to the root of the tree,  
let your Word now flow into us that we might flourish—  
bearing gospel fruit for a hungry world.  
In the name of Jesus, the Living Word, we pray. 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 Jeremiah 17:5-10 (OT p.719)  
L: The word of the Lord. P: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Luke 6:17-26 (NT p.64)  
L: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. P: Glory to you, O Lord.

SERMON Rev. Mike Wilson

## We Respond to God's Word

\*HYMN #773 "Heaven Shall Not Wait"

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

based on Luke 6:17-26; Psalm 1:1; Jeremiah 17:5, 7

Holy One, you have created us with the ability to choose  
between life and death, blessings and curses.  
Help us to reject the advice of the wicked or sit with the scoffers,  
and by your grace, empower us to put our trust in you.  
**Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.**

We pray for those who put their trust in themselves instead of in you.  
**Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.**

We pray for those who put their trust in princes and politicians,  
and find themselves deceived and misled.  
**Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.**

We pray for those who are poor, who hunger, who weep.  
**Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.**

We pray for those who are making poor choices in their lives;  
may they turn to you for guidance.  
**Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.**

We pray for the trees, for the rivers and streams, and for all your creation:  
turn us from our exploitative ways to help you renew the earth.  
**Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.**

We pray for those who need healing and provision  
in body, mind or spirit;  
those who need rescue and relief from difficult circumstances,  
and all those others who have occupied our hearts and minds.  
*[Here you may say aloud your individual prayers and petitions.]*

God, you demand much, but promise that your yoke is easy.  
Guide us throughout our lives,  
keeping us ever mindful of the good news  
of your forgiving and renewing grace;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who invited us to pray...

**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 SONG

Light

Deen E. Entsminger

And God said, "Let there be Light." And there was light.  
Let the light of Your face shine upon us, O Lord. You are my lamp, O Lord.  
Come, O house of Jacob let us walk in the light of the Lord.  
I have made you a light for the Gentiles,  
    that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.  
The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear?  
The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.  
Arise, shine for your light has come.  
And the Glory of the Lord rises upon you. Arise, shine.

— Text from Genesis, 2 Samuel, Psalms, Isaiah, Matthew, and Acts

## \*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 Jeremiah 17:7-8; Luke 6:20

Holy One, bless and multiply these gifts we give  
as tokens of our trust in you.  
Use them to bless the poor, feed the hungry,  
and comfort those who weep;  
in Jesus's name. Amen.

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

## \*HYMN #767

"Together We Serve"

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Chorale Prelude on *They'll Know We Are Christians* Gordon Young  
Tune taken from Hymn #300

## **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!

### ***New Adult Education Experience!***

**Sundays, February 17 and 24**

### **Exploring the Apocrypha**

Does your study Bible have a bunch of strange unfamiliar books between the Old and New Testament? What is all this business about Bel and the Dragon and the “Additions to Esther?” These perhaps unfamiliar books are not part of the Protestant Biblical canon (seven are in the official Roman Catholic canon) but they are included in some Bibles because they can tell us a great deal about events that form the historical backdrop of the New Testament and the Judaism that Jesus was part of.

Scot Robinson will lead this two-part session and will discuss the history of these books, the reasons some of them weren’t canonized and what we can learn from them. And of course we will read some of the most interesting and enlightening passages together!

If you have a Bible with the Apocrypha feel free to bring it, but Scot will also provide copies of the verses you’ll read so that everyone can follow along. As a bonus, since Purim, the Jewish festival that commemorates the events recorded in the book of Esther, is soon and we will be looking at Esther, Kelli will make a batch of hamantashen pastries for the occasion. Come join us an exciting study of the Apocrypha – and pastry!

***Sessions will be at 9:45 in Parlor 2 on February 17 and 24***

## Congregational and Corporation Meeting - February 24

Notice is hereby given of the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Corporation of The Downtown Presbyterian Church of Nashville to be held in the Fellowship Hall of the Church on Sunday, February 24, 2019 following the 11:00 AM morning worship service for the purpose of (i) receiving the financial report of the Corporation, (ii) electing three (3) Directors to the class of 2021, and (iii) transacting such other business as may come before the meeting. **All members of the church are likewise members of the Church corporation.**

The congregation will meet at the same time and place to: receive the 2019 church budget and 2018 annual report; and transact such other business under the provisions of G-1.0503 of the Book of Order.

The Congregational Meeting on Feb. 24th will be a potluck. Four members will be bringing soups/chilis and are asking the rest of the congregation to bring sandwiches, side dishes, or desserts. Beverages will be provided.

### *Coming Up...*

### **More New Adult Education Experiences!**

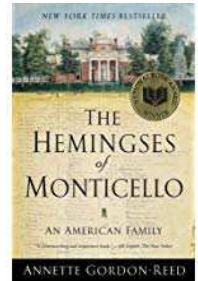
Join us on Sundays March 3 and 10 for two sessions led by Rev. Sarah Jordan titled **Visual Art, Bodies and Faith** in conjunction with the Vanderbilt Divinity School art show currently running in our Browsing Room Gallery.

Sarah, a former DPC field education student, will be discussing the intersection of art, theology, the Bible and lived experience and exploring how the current exhibit fits in. The sessions will meet in Parlor 2 at 9:45 on March 3 and 11.

## DPC Book Group

"The DPC book group will have its next meeting on Thursday, March 14, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Samera Zavaro. We will be discussing Annette Gordon-Reed's *The Hemingses at Monticello*.

Contact Joel Dark (joelhdark@gmail.com; be sure to include the "h") for more information."



## 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 are making a few changes to the clothing closet ministry to better maximize volunteer availability and the space available.

Please plan to drop off donations on Thursdays from 11-1 or Saturday from 9:30-10 as the breakfast program is winding down.

We currently need the following items for men and women:

- jeans in good condition
- casual T-shirts
- Sweatshirts (hoods preferred)
- tennis shoes in good condition
- Sample size toiletries

Monetary contributions can be made electronically by texting “dpchurch” to 73256 and selecting clothes closet from the drop-down menu.

For more information about the clothes closet please go to [www.dpchurch.com](http://www.dpchurch.com).

Thank you for supporting this important ministry!

## **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!**

## **Nursery Childcare**

After the Word For Our Youngest Disciples, parents may take younger children (5 and under) to our nursery, staffed today by Catherine DeSimone.

## **Children's Ministry Wish List**

A wish list for children's ministry is on Amazon at <http://a.co/c7zJzAG>. If you'd like to contribute snacks or toys, please consult and purchase items from the list. Another need for our youngest children is a play kitchen. It can be brand new or, if used, very clean with all parts working correctly.

Contact Suzie if you'd like to donate a play kitchen or if you have questions about the wish list.

## **Nursery Position Open**

We currently have an opening in our nursery for a caregiver on Sunday mornings. If you know someone who loves children and would like to spend time with them here, send the person's name and contact information to Suzie at [suzielane@dpchurch.com](mailto:suzielane@dpchurch.com). Suzie can answer questions about the position.

## 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

134 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on February 2.

98 people visited the clothes closet on February 2.

#### 11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:53, Children:12

### Schedule of Weekly Events

#### Today

1:00 Session - Parlor 2

#### Monday, February 18

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### Tuesday, February 19

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

12:00 Bible Study - Parlor 1

#### Wednesday, February 20

#### Thursday, February 21

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### Friday, February 22

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### Saturday, February 23

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

#### Sunday, February 24

9:00 JuveNiles Rehearsal

9:45 Adult Choir Rehearsal

9:45 Adult Education – Parlor 2

**Exploring the Apocrypha**

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

Class of 2019

Chuck Cardona  
Jack Henderson  
Justin Near

Class of 2020

Dave Coleman  
Debra Gentry  
Vickie Coffin

Class of 2021

Mary Turner  
Jim Hoobler  
David Maddox

### THE CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Mike Wilson, Pastor

Dena Swoner, Office Manager

Suzie Lane, Director of Children's Education

Paulino Jarquin, Maintenance Manager

Dr. William Taylor, Director of Music

Scot Robinson, Vanderbilt Divinity Intern

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