

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 21, 2019

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

In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies,
but the silence of our friends.

— Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Hymn #24

L: Great Creator, still creating,

P: **show us what we yet may do.**

L: Great Creator, give us guidance

P: **till our goals and yours are one.**

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN #24 “God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

CALL TO CONFESSION

based on Hymn #24

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

based on Hymn #24

God who stretched the spangled heavens,
we confess that while we admire your creation,
we don't always tend it responsibly.

We look with pride at our accomplishments
but not always with compassion on
the lonely, those who feel purposeless,
those who feel life has no meaning.

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May we remember the challenge of the gospel
and our identities as children of creative purpose,
serving others, and honoring you.

(Time for silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE AND PASSING THE PEACE based on Hymn #24

L: May the peace of 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 (unison)

based on Luke 11:13

God of Wisdom,
you promise to give your Spirit to those who ask.
Overwhelm us with your Word,
that we may know you more fully,
love you more passionately,
and follow you more closely;
in Jesus's name 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.

*(Children under age 6 may go to the nursery. Parents who have not signed
their child into the nursery today should go with their child.)*

FIRST READING Psalm 138, antiphonally (CEB, alt.)

left side reads *bold*, right side reads *italics*

We give thanks to you with all our hearts, LORD.
We sing your praise before all other gods.

*We bow toward your holy temple and thank your name
for your loyal love and faithfulness
because you have made your name and word
greater than everything else.*

*On the day we cried out, you answered us.
You encouraged us with inner strength.*

**Let all the earth's rulers give thanks to you, LORD,
when they hear what you say.**

*Let them sing about the LORD's ways
because the LORD's glory is so great!*

**Even though the LORD is high,
God can still see the lowly,
but God keeps God's distance from the arrogant.**

*Whenever we are in deep trouble,
you make us live again;*

**you send your power against our enemies' wrath;
you save us with your strong hand.**

The LORD will do all this for our sake.

Your faithful love lasts forever, LORD!

Don't let go of what your hands have made.

SECOND READING

Luke 11:1-13

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 #175

"Seek Ye First"

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

based on Psalms 85, 138; Luke 11

Today's prayer response will be

L: Restore us again,

P: **O God of our salvation.**

*During the prayer, the leader will open a space for you to say aloud your
individual prayers.*

*You may come forward during the prayer to light a candle at the prayer
table.*

THE LORD'S 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.

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENEROUS GIVING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Hear My Prayer, O God

Jacob Arcadelt

Hear my prayer, O God, turn not from me.
Hearken unto the voice of my supplication.
I will call on God, He alone will be my salvation.
He endureth for all generations.
O Lord almighty, turn not Thyself from me, I pray Thee.
Amen.

– Words from the Psalms

*DOXOLOGY #655

“What Shall I Render to the Lord” vs.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) based on Psalm 138:1

Holy One, we give you thanks for your steadfast love and faithfulness.
Bless these offerings and transform them into gifts of hospitality
for those who need them most. Amen.

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

*HYMN #741

"Guide My Feet"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

Join us after worship

at the coffee pot by the Chapel for interesting conversation and light refreshments. A good way to meet the pastor and make new friends at DPC!

Nursery Childcare

Nursery caregivers today are Catherine DeSimone and Samantha Barclay.
If childcare is needed anytime during the service, please see an usher
for assistance

Come for Hospitality; Stay for Bingo

The Hospitality Committee's next meeting is at Smokin' Thighs! (611 Wedgewood Ave) If you think "hey this looks like a biker bar, then you're at the right place! But it turns out it's kid friendly and has great food.

Date: **Monday, July 22!** 5:30 pm Hospitality Committee convenes. Post meeting, folks can stay for bingo! It's free and fun. You can also just come about 6:30 for bingo!



Art Crawl - Saturday, August 3rd, 6-9 p.m.



DPC supports Downtown Art Crawl the first Saturday of every month with art in the Browsing Room; music in the sanctuary; and tours starting in the narthex. It's an active night of mingling with locals and tourists!

The Browsing Room will feature an annual show of work by DPC's Studio Artists.

Music in the sanctuary for August Art Crawl will be a celebration of singing presented by Australian acappella duo Emlyn and Jodie O'Regan, DPC's Composer-in-Residence, who are excited to bring their music to Nashville. Drawing from different vocal styles - choral, gospel, blues and Celtic roots, the duo will perform arrangements from roaring footstompers to haunting laments.

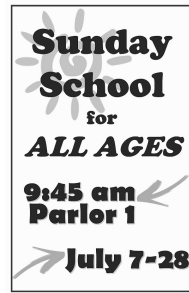
Emlyn and Jodie will be joined by Amy Finka and Sara Chang to form the new vocal quartet - Three Quarters Hungover! To round out the venue, our Director of Music, Dr. William Taylor will provide piano accompaniment for a range of solo songs. Please join us!

Want to Volunteer for Art Crawl? If you're interested in volunteering for "tour" duty - contact either Michael Arwood dagmal@aol.com or Mary Turner mtturner2614@gmail.com

Sunday School for all ages!

Sunday School for children, youth and adults is being held in Parlor 1 **each Sunday in July** from 9:45-10:45. We are studying the creation stories in Genesis. All are welcome to come for the food, fellowship, learning and fun!

For additional information, contact Suzie Lane at SuzieLane0@gmail.com or 615-406-4915.



DPC Nominating Committee Seeks Your Help

The 2019 Nominating Committee - Betty McConnell, Paul Coffin, Tom Wills, Justin Near, Chuck Cardona (chair) and Pastor Mike Wilson (ex-officio) - have begun their work identifying potential nominees for ruling elders for the session class of 2022 and at-large members of next year's nominating committee.

DPC members are invited to submit suggestions for potential nominees to replace the outgoing class of 2019: Chuck Cardona, who is serving as chair of the Finance Committee; Jack Henderson, who is serving as clerk of session; and Justin Near who is serving as chair of Christian Education & Evangelism and the Communications Task Force.

How to make a suggestion for our consideration:

Please submit your suggestions by email to Chuck Cardona:

chuck.cardona2@gmail.com

You can also use the suggestion form on the DPC website:

dpchurch.com/elder-nomination-suggestion-form

The deadline for suggestions is **Thursday, August 1, 2019** and suggestions should include a brief explanation of why you believe that person would be a good ruling elder and member of session. You may also recommend yourself to the committee.

Just Two Sundays to Help MNPS Students!



Our Central Precinct Community Coordinator, Sgt. Brion DeLap, passed on a request from the School Resource Unit and Youth Services Division to support MNPS students with a Back-2-School supply drive. The deadline is very tight, so DPC is focusing on providing toiletries, gift cards (Walmart, Dollar General), and polo shirts which comply with MNPS's dress code. The toiletries and gift cards can be dropped in the basket in the chapel entrance.

Folks can also contribute financially to the effort by designating MNPS clothing drive on the envelope or check and remitting by **July 31st**. We have also set up a line item labeled "Back2School" if you would like to contribute electronically. We'll buy polo shirts with the financial contributions, which are available from Walmart for under \$10! If you would like to personally pick up some polo shirts, please drop them off to DPC by July 31st to the office. Contact Samera for more information: eszavaro@yahoo.com

New Member Inquirer Sessions

If you're interested in becoming a member of DPC or just learning more about the church or being Presbyterian, Pastor Mike is continuing sessions on the following Sundays:

- July 28
- August 11

Ideally inquirers will attend the first three Sundays with the fourth as a make-up day, if necessary.

This is a great opportunity to explore membership, meet new people and hang out with Mike. And attending the sessions in no way obligates you to actually join the church.

We'll meet at 9:45 in the Morning Brew Lounge (the comfy room by the parking lot door). Coffee and snacks will be provided! So Mike knows how much new member material to order, please let him know you're coming at: mikewilson@dpchurch.com



2019 Shakespeare in the Park



DPC's composer-in-residence, Jodie O'Regan, has been busy this summer by composing the music for the Shakespeare play, *Pericles*. So mark your calendars to attend August 15-22 at oneCITY. Free entry with a \$10 suggested donation. More information is available at nashvilleshakes.org.

And please offer a huge congratulation to Jodie!

Who's Getting Cranky?!

We're excited that several folks are! Looks like we'll have about a half dozen or more crankers!

When: **Sunday, August 4th** This will be our FIRST SUNDAY LUNCH DATE but we'll stay "home". Weather permitting we'll take it outside in our court yard alley way, but we can always duck inside if it gets too hot.

REMEMBER, if you're not cranking, please bring some simple fare to share. Finger sandwiches, salads, & chips would be great. We'll set up a little friendly ice cream tasting contest!



Email Mary Turner @ mturner2614@gmail.com for more information.

OTHER SOCIAL DATES in the works

Saturday, August 24th: Summer time "cottage" dinners.

Sunday, September 29th: Picnic in the park!

Sunday, October 20th: Chili cookoff & Pumpkin Carving Contest!



DPC has its very own Little Free Library graciously donated by Faye & Jim Dickson. Find it outside the Chapel and borrow a book (or two)!

Meetups With Mike

The Personnel Committee and Pastor Mike would like to invite you to set up an informal one on one (or two) get together with him this summer. Call or email (mikewilson@dpchurch.com) to schedule coffee, a meal - breakfast, lunch or dinner are all possible - a walk in the park, a home visit, or just some time at the church. Let's all get to know Mike better and let him know us!

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.

SAVE THE DATE FOR HABITAT !



We're partnering with Westminster Presbyterian Church to build a Habitat house! Come lend a hand, a hammer, or most importantly help prepare/serve some chow!

We're providing breakfast and lunch for the volunteers on **Saturday, September 7th!**

Feel handy? You can also sign up to help with the build on any Saturday or Sunday in September by following the link in the e-votion.

Feel free to reach out to any member of the Outreach Committee, Samera Zavaro, Faye and Jim Dickson, Leslee Hughes, Erin Bell, and Pam Swoner or just email or call Betty McConnell to signup/have your questions answered: (615) 513-3646 btymcc@aol.com.

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 3:00 p.m. Parking vouchers are necessary to exit the garage without having to pay. To get one, just ask one of our greeters.

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!

Our Ministries Last Week

Saturday Breakfast Ministry

144 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on July 13.

98 people visited the clothes closet on July 13.

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:50, Children:2

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

1:00 Session- Parlor 2

Monday, July 22

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Tuesday, July 23

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

12:00 Bible Study - Parlor 1

Wednesday, July 24

Thursday, July 25

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Friday, July 26

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Saturday, July 27

8:30 Breakfast served to homeless

Sunday, July 28

9:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal

9:45 New Member Inquirer Sessions

9:45 Sunday School for All - Parlor 1

11:00 Worship - The Chapel

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

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