

**THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 25, 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**

"If you board the wrong train, it is no use running along the corridor in the other direction."

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** based on "The Morning Star" by Jodie O'Regan and Genesis 1

L: God is the singer.

P: **God sings the sun,  
God sings the wind,  
God sings the earth.**

L: God is the song.

P: **God is the planets' turning,  
God is the oceans' waves  
God is pulsing breath.**

L: God is the singer, God is the song.

P: **And we sing back;  
we sing "Gloria!"**

\*HYMN #11 "Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud"

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of Song, we confess that  
we prefer to sing joy rather than lament;  
we wish to hear songs of affirmation rather than challenge;  
we would rather witness pleasant harmony and not  
bear the dissonance of the world.

Open our ears, our eyes, our hearts, O great composer,  
so that we might sing and see what is true,  
even when it clangs and crashes,  
even when the rhythm is frustrating,  
even when the melody makes no sense.

And help us to sing new songs - to be new songs -  
so that one day all creation might dance together.

(Time for silent confession)

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

L: May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

\*ASSURANCE RESPONSE #389 "Come and Sing the Praise of the Lord"  
*see insert*

## PARISH LIFE & CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### God's Word Is Proclaimed

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

God of ear and eye, God of voice and movement,  
help us to hear your word for us today  
through scripture read;  
help us to create your word for us today  
through our ideas, our voices, our hands and our hearts.

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.)*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Psalm 119:169-176 antiphonally (CEB, alt.)  
right side reads *bold*, left side reads *italics*

**Let our cries reach you, LORD;**

**help us understand according to what you've said.**

*Let our request for grace come before you;*

*deliver us according to your promise!*

**Let our lips overflow with praise**

**because you've taught us your statutes.**

*Let our tongues declare your word,*

*because all your commandments are righteous.*

**Let your power help us**

**because we have chosen your precepts.**

*LORD, we long for your saving help!*

*Your Instruction is our joy!*

**Let us live again so we can praise you!**

**Let your rules help us!**

*We've wandered off like a sheep, lost.*

*Find your servants*

*because we haven't forgotten your commandments!*

### GOSPEL READING

Luke 15:1-10

### PROCLAMATION THROUGH ART

Sarah Hart Landolt

## We Respond to God's Word

\*HYMN #442

“Just as I Am, without One Plea”

### PRAYER OF INTERCESSION, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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

The Morning Star

Jodie O'Regan

I am the song of the planets turning.  
I sing the longest day.  
I sing the midnight sun as she turns on slanted rings.  
I sing the sun. Sing Gloria.

I am the song of the earth.  
I sing the oceans to the shore.  
I sing the four winds to the far lands.  
I sing the storm rising in the desert.  
I sing the earth. Sing Gloria.

I am the song of the pulsing breath.  
The lovers' ballad.  
The soldier's oath.  
The crone's ancient story.  
I sing the baby's sleeping sigh.  
I sing the breath.  
I am the song of the planets turning and I sing the pilgrims home. Sing Gloria.

Bethany Hill, soprano

**\*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)**

**God the singer, God the song; God the artist, God the art,  
we present this money, a reflection of our labor,  
so that this church may continue to sing and create.  
Help us to remember that life is more than toil  
and that the church can and much participate  
in the revelation of joy and beauty.  
Help us, too, to see the beauty all around us,  
most especially in each other.  
Amen.**

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

**\*HYMN #649** "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

Sarah Hart Landolt, artist-in-residence

Sarah is an abstract artist who specializes in painting emotions. She engages the public by involving their input about which colors and shapes they associate with an emotion and where they feel them in their bodies. She curiously seeks to externalize our inner landscapes and investigate where there is consensus and diversity in how we experience emotion.

## **Join us after worship**

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

## **Nursery Childcare**

Nursery caregiver today is Samantha Barclay. If childcare is needed anytime during the service, please see an usher for assistance.

## **Vocal Concert at DPC TODAY at 1:30 in Chapel**

Australian soprano, Bethany Hill, will present a works composed by DPCs current composer-in-residence. Joining in the concert is Nina Cardona as a narrator and Chris Szalaj, cellist.

Ms. Hill is described as “impressive...a confident, powerful soprano” by Bachtrack, Bethany is a versatile Australian soprano. A Graduate with Honours from the Elder Conservatorium of Music, Bethany is comfortable as a soloist on both the concert and operatic stages. She is currently a principal artist for the State Opera of South Australia, having made her debut in 2018 as Dido in Purcell’s Dido & Aeneas. She regularly appears as an artist in the Adelaide Festival of Arts, including Barry Kosky’s adaptation of Handel’s Saul (Glyndebourne’s touring production), and Can You Hear Colour? - an original opera for children, which she also co-wrote.

Bethany has performed with Ludovico’s Band (Melbourne Recital Centre, 2018) and The Song Company (Sydney Opera House, 2019). In 2017 Bethany performed Bach Cantatas under the baton of Masaaki Suzuki, with Juilliard 415, for the Nelson Bach Residency in New Zealand.

Ms. Hill’s upcoming professional engagements include Schoenberg’s Erwartung, Kate Pinkerton in Puccini’s Madama Butterfly, Pitti-Sing in Gilbert & Sullivan’s The Mikado, and as a returning soloist for the Adelaide Festival.

## **First Sunday Lunch Meet-up**

First Sunday Lunch Meet-up on September 1 will be held at the Corner Pub right next door!

A table has been reserved for us (folks can order as they get seated). And our parking validation is good till 3pm!



## JuveNiles Fall 2019

Our JuveNiles choir begins their fall 2019 semester with a Fun Day on **Saturday, September 7, 2019** at 9:30 a.m. We will rehearse, have fun music theory games, and see the new soundBox exhibit at the Adventure Science Center. Our Fun Day ends at 3 p.m.

The JuveNiles choir is open to all rising kindergartners and up. We rehearse weekly through the school year at 9 a.m. each Sunday morning. Please feel free to contact William Taylor, DPC's Director of Music, if you have any questions.

### *Join DPC's Grant-Writing Team!*

Do you like to write? Do you like asking for money? Do you love DPC? If so, will you please think about joining the Team of SuperFriends of DPC in grant-writing? If you have a hankering to help out DPC by joining this group of friends, WE WANT YOU! Please see Chuck Cardona or David Maddox after worship!

### *SIGN UP FOR HABITAT !*

The DPC Outreach Committee is helping out with Westminster Presbyterian on their Habitat house! We are providing breakfast, lunch (and snacks) on **9/7**.

Please sign up to help at the site on the 7th, or any Saturday/Sunday in September:

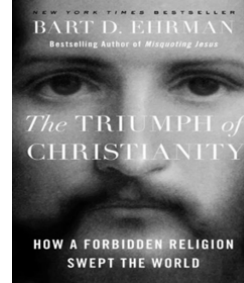
1. Log into: [www.nashvillewpc.org](http://www.nashvillewpc.org)
2. Click on the box labeled "Sign-ups"
3. Click on "Habitat for Humanity Build" (if you don't see it, search Habitat and you will be directed to the correct links)
5. Choose the day you want to help out and fill out the liability waiver
6. Show up and work with the family whose life you are helping to change forever!



## **DPC Book Group: *The Triumph of Christianity***

by Bart D. Ehrman

The DPC Book Group has chosen its next read! Please consider joining us on **Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**, to discuss it. Time generally about 6:30. Place TBD. The book is less than \$12 at most stores! Email Joel Dark at [joelhdark@gmail.com](mailto:joelhdark@gmail.com) to get in the book club google group or for more information!



## **Art Crawl September 7th, 6-9, DPC Artists-in-Residence Exhibition at Browsing Room Gallery**

This month, the gallery presents works by the latest group of DPC artists-in-residence: Hans Schmitt-Matzen, Richard Feaster, Cary Gibson and newcomers Sarah Hart Landolt and Carri Jobe. The exhibition highlights the artists' wide-ranging and diverse creative practices, how they cohere and contrast, and celebrates the ongoing vibrancy of the residency program, which turned 25 this year. Music in the Sanctuary by DPC's Emily & George Williamson.

Tours as usual! We welcome guests, visitors, and volunteers!

### **OTHER SOCIAL DATES in the works**

*Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>: Picnic in the park!*

*Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>: Chili Cookoff & Pumpkin Carving Contest!*

*Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>: 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Waffle Shop!*

### **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](mailto: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!



## Are you ready for some DODGEBALL?!



The DPC Outreach Committee is sponsoring two dodgeball teams at this year's Siloam Health fundraiser. The tournament will be at Tailgate Brewery on Charlotte Pike from 3-6pm on **Saturday, September 28.**

They are going with a 90s theme, so get out your old concert Ts and flannel shirts!! Coach Brandon Bell will make sure we are all having the best possible time! If you aren't interested in playing, please come cheer us on!!

Email Samera if you have any questions: [eszavaro@yahoo.com](mailto:eszavaro@yahoo.com)

## Sunday School: Conversations

DPC Christian Education is hosting a morning conversation based on the Luke parables! Each Sunday a DPC member or friend will host a conversation.

The host of the class will start the morning with their own impressions, intuitions, experiences, and lessons they gain within a parable. The goal is to have everyone to join in and be heard and to learn something we individually might not have seen or felt.

It's an easy and fun way to learn more about the Gospel of Luke and to discuss how we all hear the Word through the Bible. Join "Conversations" 9:45 - 10:45 on Sundays!

To learn more or to be a host e-mail Dave Coleman ([Dave\\_four@hotmail.com](mailto:Dave_four@hotmail.com))

## Committee Corner

Come be a part of the teams that guide DPC! All are welcome to come and join the conversations.

### **Upcoming Committee Meetings:**

- ◆ Building and Finance - **Wednesday, September 18**, 5pm at DPC
- ◆ Outreach - **Thursday, September 19**, 6pm at Calypso Café
- ◆ Hospitality - **Monday, September 23**, 6:30pm at Calypso Café

\*Calypso Café is located at 700 Thompson Lane near 100 Oaks

## 2019 Shakespeare in the Park



DPC's composer-in-residence, Jodie O'Regan, has been busy this summer by composing the music for the Nashville Shakespeare Festival's adaptation of the play *Pericles*. Mark your calendars to attend on a Friday -- August 16, 23, 30, September 6, 13, or 20 -- at ONECITY in Nashville. Another Shakespeare play, *The Tempest*, will be featured on Thursdays, Saturdays, & Sundays - August 15-22 or September 26-29 in Franklin at Academy Park Performing Arts Center.

Free entry with a \$10 suggested donation. Food trucks and pre-show entertainment begins @ 6 and the performances begin at 7 p.m. More information is available at [nashvilleshakes.org](http://nashvilleshakes.org).

And please offer a huge congratulations to Jodie!

## 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.

## *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 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.

### Our Ministries Last Week

#### Saturday Breakfast Ministry

222 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on August 17.

121 people visited the clothes closet on August 17.

#### 11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:43, Children:6

### Schedule of Weekly Events

#### Today

1:30 DPC Vocal Concert - The Chapel

#### Monday, August 26

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### Tuesday, August 27

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### Wednesday, August 28

#### Thursday, August 29

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### Friday, August 30

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### Saturday, August 31

8:30 Breakfast served to homeless

#### Sunday, September 1

9:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal

9:45 Sunday School: Conversations

11:00 Worship - The Chapel

12:15 First Sunday Lunch Meetup  
- Corner Pub

## 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

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