

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 11, 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

The common argument that crime is caused by poverty is a kind of slander on the poor.

- H.L. Mencken

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Hymn #267

L: Come, Christians, join to sing!

P: Alleluia! Amen!

L: Come, fill your hearts on high!

P: Alleluia! Amen!

L: Praise yet our Christ again!

P: We will sing forever more:

Alleluia! Amen!

*HYMN #267 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

We are always uncomfortable, Watching God,
when you notice how we want to sit in the seats of honor.

We can be so proper, so good, so well-off,
that it is easy to imagine we are superior to the poor.

We are so busy completing our 'To Do' list each day,
that we forget to do good when we have the chance.

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Forgive us, Welcoming God.

Fill our emptiness with your grace and humility
that we would spend our lives alongside Jesus, our Lord and Savior,
throwing a party for the poor, the damaged,
the prisoner, the lost, the oppressed.

Amen.

(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"**

The musical score is written on six staves in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are: "Come and sing the praise of the Lord: sing hal - le - lu - jah! Come and sing the praise of the Lord: sing hal - le - lu - jah! Let all that lives, all that has breath, sing the praise of God, hal - le - lu - jah! Let all that lives, all that has breath, sing the praise of God." The score includes various musical notations such as quarter notes, half notes, and dotted notes, with some notes beamed together. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

God's Word Is Proclaimed

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

God of wisdom, your word is a light in darkness
and a source of blessing.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us;
enliven our hearts and minds
as we hear your word for us today;
through Jesus Christ 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.)*

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 14:7-24

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 #762

"When the Poor Ones"

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (people read **bold**)

*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 Sing to the Lord a New Song Gordon Young

Sing to the Lord a new, new song, sing to the Lord the whole day long;
Sing out God's praises, sing to the Lord a new, new song.

Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice, sing to the Lord, let earth rejoice;
Sing out God's praises, sing to the Lord a new, new song.

Sing out the good news, heart and soul, sing out the good news, let it roll.
Sing unto God, O sing unto God forevermore.
Alleluia, alleluia, praise the Lord.
Sing to the Lord, O sing to the Lord a new, new song.

*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)

Yesterday, today, and tomorrow,
we are offered opportunities to reach out
to those who are in need of hope, healing, and friendship.
This is why you pour out your blessings upon us,
trusting that we will share from our abundance to bless others,
even as we have been blessed.
Receive the gifts we offer, multiply them,
and use them in the work of grace and justice.
In Jesus's name, we pray. Amen.

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

*HYMN #722 "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"

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

Thanks for an Amazing Ice Cream Crankin' Day!

Thanks to everyone for making last Sunday's ice cream crank' a tasty success! We had several teams participate and the weather cooperated so we tasted outside under canopies in the alley. The competition was fierce but friendly and wicked tasty! Check the bulletin board and website for pictures. Congrats to Jeff Koontz (big ice cream dog); Denny & Glenda Harris and Samera Zavarolo!



OTHER SOCIAL DATES in the works

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

Sunday, September 1st: First Sunday lunch at The Corner Pub

Sunday, September 29th: Picnic in the park!

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

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.

And please offer a huge congratulations to Jodie!

Vocal Concert at DPC on Sunday, August 25, 2019, 1:30 p.m.

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.

Safe Haven Tour

Please join the DPC Outreach Committee to tour the Safe Haven Family Shelter on **Saturday August 17**, at 1pm. Safe Haven is located at 1234 3rd Ave S. Safe Haven is one of our long supported agencies. They are the only program of its kind in Tennessee, providing housing and services for the entire family. From homelessness to housing!

Faye Dickson is our coordinator for this vent. Please text or call her so we have an idea of how many will be taking the tour: 615-545-1914.



John Bell in Nashville



On **Saturday, September 28**, Second Presbyterian Church and The Downtown Presbyterian Church will co-host a day with John Bell at Second Presbyterian.

John is a Scottish hymn-writer and theologian with 18 credits in our hymnal, *Glory to God*. He's also Church of Scotland minister and longtime member of the Iona Community. In addition to several volumes of hymns and songs, John has also published books on the teaching and renewal of congregational singing, collections of liturgies, and biblical studies.

His ecumenical work deeply engages issues of social justice throughout the world. Recent efforts have taken him to South Africa, New Zealand and Australia. He regularly travels to churches and conferences in the UK, US and Canada. His primary passion is the renewal of congregational worship at the grass roots level.

While in Nashville John will conduct two Saturday sessions. The first will be on congregational singing in which we'll learn by doing. Using methods honed over thousands of sessions, John will have us singing in ways we might not think possible. He'll also make a case for congregational song as an indispensable centerpiece of worship and why not only *can* everyone sing, but why we must.

The second session will be based on his book *Ten Things They Never Told Me About Jesus: A Beginners Guide to a Larger Christ*. John will explore facets of the personal life, relationships and ministry of Jesus which are seldom the stuff of preaching or conversation, but which are all rooted in the Gospels and are necessary if we are to be freed from the passive stereotypes which still dominate thinking about Christ.

The Saturday sessions will begin at 10:00 a.m. and conclude at 3:30 p.m. with lunch in between.

There will be a fee for the lunch and a suggested donation to cover John's costs.

On Sunday, September 29, John will speak in worship at Second Presbyterian but DPC folks are more than welcome to worship there if they are so moved.

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!

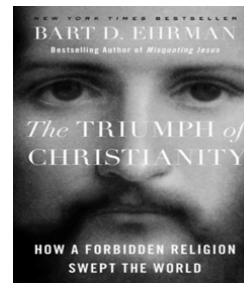
We're providing breakfast and lunch for the volunteers on ***Saturday, September 7th!***

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 sign up/have your questions answered: (615) 513-3646 btymcc@aol.com.

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 12th**, 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 to get in the book club google group or for more information!



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.

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

166 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on August 3.

117 people visited the clothes closet on August 3.

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:54, Children:10

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

Monday, August 12

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Tuesday, August 13

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Wednesday, August 14

Thursday, August 15

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Friday, August 16

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Saturday, August 17

8:30 Breakfast served to homeless

1:00 Safe Haven Tour

Sunday, August 18

9:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal

11:00 Worship - The Chapel

1:00 Session – Parlor 1

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

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