

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 18, 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

"Anything that just costs money is cheap."

- John Steinbeck

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Hymn #5

L: God is the sculptor of the mountains,
the miller of the sand,

P: God is the jeweler of the heavens,
the potter of the land.

L: God is the unexpected infant,
the calm determined youth,

P: God is the table turning prophet,
the resurrected truth.

L: God is present every moment.

P: And in this moment we ask God to
shape us, lead us,
feed us and meet us.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN #5 "God the Sculpture of the Mountains"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God,

like children long indulged,
we are quick to presume your pardon,
and your sanction of the way we live.

We turn to you, we follow Jesus, we welcome the Holy Spirit
only after our other cravings have been met.

Wonderful Maker,

you created us for better use; remake us now.

Where we are distorted

re-center and reshape us,
bring us low and raise us up.

Then fire our hearts

until we shine with your glory and find our place in your purpose.

(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)

based on Hymn Jeremiah 18:7-11; Luke 14:27

Revealing God,

we have come to hear your word.

Help us to bear it.

Break down in us all that resists your will

and plant in us a willingness to turn,
for we would live; we would be your disciples.

By your Spirit, come to us, now,
in ancient texts, in everyday visions,
in the need of our neighbor;
we pray in the name of Jesus, our light. 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 1

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

GOSPEL READING Luke 14:25-33

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 #724

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

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 King of Glory, King of Peace Harold W. Friedell

King of glory, King of peace, I will love Thee;
And that love may never cease, I will move Thee.
Thou hast granted my request, Thou hast heard me;
Thou didst note my working breast, Thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing Thee,
And the cream of all my heart I will bring Thee.
Though my sins against me cried, Thou alone didst clear me;
And alone, when they replied, Thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise Thee;
In my heart, though not in Heaven, I can raise Thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort to enroll Thee:
E'en eternity's too short to extol Thee.

— George Herbert

*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?

O God, the dresser of the vineyard,
the planter of the wheat,
the reaper of the harvest,
the source of all we eat –
O God, the host at every table;
please accept this harvest and inspire us to use its bounty
so that all may feast in your kingdom.
Amen.

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

*HYMN #742

“We Will Walk with God”

*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. A good way to meet the pastor and make new friends at DPC!

Nursery Childcare

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

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)

Summer Cottage Dinners: Saturday, August 24th

We're cooking up a summer take on our traditional DPC cottage dinners. Sign-up sheets are on the table outside the Chapel. Everyone is welcomed to gather with friends old and new as we celebrate the best of summer 2019. Hosts will provide the main course - guests are asked to bring sides and desserts!

Where: DPC Members' homes

When: **Saturday, August 24th 2019**

OTHER SOCIAL DATES in the works

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!

Thursday, December 5th: Waffle Shop #94!

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.

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.**

The sign-up sheet will be up outside of the chapel for one more Sunday (8/18).

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

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.

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.

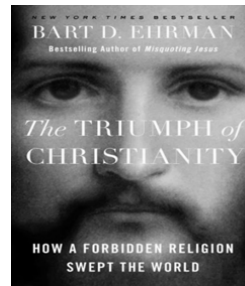
Please sign up to help at the site on the 7th, or any Saturday/Sunday in September:

1. Log into: www.nashvillewpc.org
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 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!

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 ONEC1TY 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!

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.

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

177 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on August 10.

100 people visited the clothes closet on August 10.

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:55, Children:5

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

1:00 Session – Parlor 1

Monday, August 19

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Tuesday, August 20

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Wednesday, August 21

Thursday, August 22

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Friday, August 23

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Saturday, August 24

8:30 Breakfast served to homeless

6:00 DPC Cottage Dinners

Sunday, August 25

9:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal

9:45 Sunday School: Conversations

11:00 Worship - The Chapel

1:30 DPC Vocal Concert - 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

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