

# THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 4, 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

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Fanfare

Henry Purcell

arr. By Martha Lynn Thompson

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Hymn #362

L: Friends, brothers, sisters,  
who is our hope and expectation?

P: **Jesus is our hope and expectation;  
our Sun so longed for!**

L: Then rejoice, rejoice, believers!  
Arise, O heirs of glory!

P: **Our Savior is at hand!**

\*HYMN #362

"Rejoice! Rejoice! Believers"

CALL TO CONFESSION

based on Hymn #362

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

based on Genesis 15:5; Hebrews 11:1; Luke 12:34, 40

Holy God,

you promise us a life full of blessing,  
but we do not always believe.

You incite us to hope,

but we fall back into fear.

You urge us to give freely,

but we cling to what we have.

You call us to watch at all times for you,

but we grow lazy and self-absorbed.

continued

Forgive us.

Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts,  
and keep us alert to the wonders you work  
in the world every day.

(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"**

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 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 printed below the notes. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a clear emphasis on the phrase 'hal - le - lu - jah!'. The score ends with a double bar line.

## God's Word Is Proclaimed

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Holy God, by your Spirit enlighten us;  
illumine us;  
inspire us;  
not for our sakes, but for the sake of Jesus Christ,  
in whom we live. 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

Genesis 15:1-6

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

SECOND READING

Luke 12:32-40

L: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. P: Glory to you, O Lord.

SERMON

Rev. David Sawyer

## We Respond to God's Word

\*HYMN #749

"Come, Live In the Light"

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.*

God of blessing,  
you fling the stars into the heavens  
and show us more blessings than we can count.  
You give us treasure that cannot be destroyed.  
You promise us a feast and peace without end.  
And you hear our prayers.

We pray for your world, wounded and scarred:  
**heal earth's body, and lead us to care.**

We pray for your church, divided and angry:  
**unite us in mission, and grow us in love.**

We pray for the lost, the forgotten, the lonely:  
**gather them in, and show us how to love.**

We pray for the addicted:  
**save them and strengthen them.**

We pray for those who have no hope:  
**give them faith in you.**

We pray for the greedy:  
**make them generous.**

We pray for the poor:  
**sustain them and give them hope.**

We pray for all those whose burdens we carry in our hearts,  
and offer them up to you, aloud or in silence, including:  
Dixie Williamson, Heidi Hall,  
Betty Hout, Irene Wills  
*[Here you may say aloud your individual prayer and petitions]*

Heal them, comfort them, guide them.  
Bring them to whatever wholeness of body, mind or spirit is possible.

Now increase our faith, and amplify our hope,  
that by the power of your Spirit  
we might serve you well and be ready to greet you  
when Christ comes.

And hear us now as we proclaim our faith and hope, praying...

## 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

Exsultate Justi

L. Grossi da Viadana

Exsultate justi in Domino: rectos decet collaudatio.  
Confitemini Domino in cithara. In psalterio decem chordarum psallite illi.  
Cantate ei canticum novum. Bene psallite ei in vociferacione.

Translation:

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just. Praise is fitting for the upright.  
Give praise to God upon the harp, play upon the ten-stringed psaltery.  
Sing to Him a new song, sing skillfully with a strong voice.

— Psalm 33:1-3

### \*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)

It is by faith that you bless us, hopeful God.

So, it is by faith that we offer back to you a portion  
of what we have and who we are,  
trusting that you will take these gifts  
and use them in the work of that kingdom of justice and hope,  
of grace and wonder, which is yours. Amen.

**We Seal God's Word Upon Our Hearts**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (people read **bold**)

God is with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us open our hearts.

**We open them up to our God.**

Let us give thanks to the God of Light.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Creator God,

we praise you for your love:  
bringing order out of chaos,  
breathing life into dust,  
leading captives into freedom,  
calling wandering children home,  
giving bread to the hungry,  
giving drink to the thirsty,  
raising the dead to life.

**Holy, holy, holy, the Eternal God,  
who was and is and is to come.**

**Blessing and glory,  
wisdom and thanksgiving and honor,  
be to our God forever and ever!**

Thank you, God –

we thank you for Jesus;  
Word made flesh,

light of the world,  
living water,  
shepherd and gate,  
way and truth,  
bread of heaven,  
cup of salvation,  
resurrection and life.

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died,**  
**Christ is risen,**  
**Christ will come again.**

Spirit come –  
come and live in us:  
in this bread,  
in this cup,  
in your people,  
one in the body,  
one in the blood;  
one with Christ,  
one in ministry,  
in this place,  
in every place;  
in this world,  
in the world to come.

**Amen.**

#### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION & COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*Christ is host of this table. **Everyone**, without exception, is welcome. We will receive the Lord's Supper by coming forward and dipping a piece of bread into the cup. Please eat as you are served.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Morning Light

Barry Braman

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

Gracious God,  
how can we thank you for such a gift?  
For you have met us, fed us, drawn us to you,  
and bound us to one another.  
Now send us out to share your love  
and proclaim your hope  
until Christ comes again.  
Amen.

## **We Bear God's Word Into the World**

\*HYMN #757 "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

\*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 McKennan Henninger and Catherine Desimone. If childcare is needed anytime during the service, please see an usher for assistance



## **Ice Cream Crankin' is TODAY!**

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.

Please join us for the potluck lunch then enjoy the home-made ice cream! We'll be having a friendly in-house competition to see who's the crankiest!



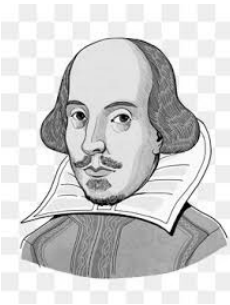
## **OTHER SOCIAL DATES in the works**

*Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>: Summer time "cottage" dinners.*

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

*Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>: 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 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](http://nashvilleshakes.org).

And please offer a huge congratulations to Jodie!

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

173 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on July 27.

90 people visited the clothes closet on July 27.

#### 11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:55, Children:6

### Schedule of Weekly Events

#### Today

12:00 Ice Cream Crankin!

#### Monday, August 5

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### Tuesday, August 6

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### Wednesday, August 7

#### Thursday, August 8

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### Friday, August 9

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### Saturday, August 10

8:30 Breakfast served to homeless

#### Sunday, August 11

9:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal

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

Paulino Jarquin, Maintenance Manager

Dr. William Taylor, Director of Music

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