

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 15, 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

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God calls to the lost, the least, and all who long for home.

P: **God calls when we wander from the path chosen for us
and waste the gifts we have been given.**

L: God calls and welcomes us to worship this day.

P: **Let us celebrate and rejoice in God's forever presence.
Let us worship God together.**

*HYMN #339 "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

L: God of Wisdom, we confess the foolishness of our ways.

P: **We confess our failure to follow you in your paths of right relationships
- with you and with others.**

We stray so easily. We get distracted and lose our way.

Lord have mercy, have mercy upon us.

[silence]

continued

L: We believe we are insignificant.

P: We are too timid to use our voices to speak truth
to the wars of the world and the wars internal.
We have failed to be generous with the poor.
We abandon our efforts to bring about justice.
Lord have mercy, have mercy upon us.

[*silence*]

L: Find, searching God.

P: Rescue us and bring us home.

(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 Psalm 51:10

Purifying God, send your spirit to create clean hearts in us
so that your Word might find its way deep inside us.
Amen.

WORD FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

*(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 51:1-10

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

SECOND READING

Psalm 51:10

P: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

THIRD READING

Luke 15:1-10

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

SERMON

Amy Harkness

We Respond to God's Word

*HYMN #833

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

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

Today's prayer response will be:

L: ...through Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: Amen.

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

Steal Away

African American Spiritual

Arr. Nicholas White

Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus!
Steal away, steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here.

My Lord, He calls me, He calls me by the thunder;
The trumpet sounds within my soul, I ain't got long to stay here.

Green trees are bending, poor sinners stand a-trembling;
The trumpet sounds within my soul, I ain't got long to stay here.

*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 hymn #5

Celebrate with us, O God, the generosity of all who have dedicated a portion of their income to your church.
Bless this offering to further the work of this congregation.
Help us to use it responsibly to seek the lost and proclaim the gospel.
Amen.

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

*HYMN #634 "To God Be the Glory"

*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 Catherine DeSimone and Samantha Barclay. 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)

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 -- September 6, 13, or 20 -- at ONECITY in Nashville. Another Shakespeare play, *The Tempest*, will be featured on Thursdays, Saturdays, & Sundays - September 8-22 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!

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

OTHER SOCIAL DATES in the works

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

Thursday, December 5th: 94th Annual Waffle Shop!

Tour the Siloam Clinic, October 12th at 11:00 a. m.

The Director of Engagement, Wes Harrell, will be leading, and he really wants us to see the Clinic in action. DPC has been supporting this group for many years. They serve Nashville's uninsured, underserved and culturally marginalized. Their patients and clients come from over 80 homelands and speak more than 70 languages. Their mission has always been to share the love of Christ by serving those in need through health care. Ridley and Irene Wills' son Morgan is the President and CEO and has been with them for a number of years in leadership positions. Please give consideration to taking the visit to Siloam - it is truly amazing! Send Jim Dickson your e-mails of acceptance of this invitation. His address is deserata1@hotmail.com. We look forward to a nice crowd of DPC folks attending.

OPEN TABLE TRAINING SESSION

Establishing Calm in Tense Situations

If you are involved in an activity such as the Downtown Presbyterian Church Saturday Breakfast for the homeless and urban poor - where people who have experienced stressful circumstances congregate - you might be interested in attending Nashville's Open Table training. This training session will give us tools to understand emotional situations and be better prepared with intervention strategies. The session will be interactive and draw from evidence-based practices like Trauma Informed Care.

**In the Fellowship Hall of the Downtown Presbyterian Church
On Sunday, October 13, 2019 from 12:30 - 2:30 PM**

If you can attend (and we hope you can), please contact Jeff Koontz, Stephanie or Dave Coleman, Vickie Coffin, or the DPC office (615-254-7584). Or you can send an email to dpcbreakfast@gmail.com.

Please help DPC make more friends!

We have something pretty neat here at the Downtown Presbyterian Church and we should share it with the world, right? Social media is a great way to spread the word (and the Word). But unfortunately, due to currently limited "likes" and followers, the DPC page does not show up very high in Facebook searches. We're trying to change that because low Facebook followership means that it's harder for us to reach Nashville visitors and residents who are looking for a place to worship or might be interested in our programs and activities. To improve our search standings, we plan to start doing a better job of posting interesting and relevant content regularly -- without overloading your Facebook feed (we promise).

We are also asking you to help by doing two things. First, please "like" our page at <https://www.facebook.com/downtownpresbyteriannashville/> (if you haven't already) and make a point to visit the page and react to it -- periodically "liking" and commenting on posts. (In Facebook lingo, this is called "engagement" and helps us in the search algorithm.) Next, please invite your Facebook friends, especially those who live in Nashville, to "like" our page as well. (There's a nifty little tool in Facebook that you can use to invite friends to like a page. When you're on our page look to the right under the "Community" heading for "Invite friends to like this page.")

Our Facebook page is like our digital billboard to the world, so we want to get it in front of as many people as possible. Please contact Justin Near (justinnear@gmail.com) or Holly Kellar (holly.kellar@gmail.com) with any questions and thank you for your help!

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

AMAZON WISH LIST

The Amazon wish list for children's ministry has been updated. If you'd like to make a donation for our children, visit https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/3JATI74OI3B3V/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_2 to see what is needed.

Questions? Contact Suzie at suzielane0@gmail.com.

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 Super Friends 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!

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.

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!

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.

The cost for lunch will be \$12 and an offering will be collected 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.

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

178 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on September 7.

74 people visited the clothes closet on September 7.

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:55, Children:10

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

Monday, September 16

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Tuesday, September 17

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Wednesday, September 18

6:00 Building & Finance Committee
- at DPC

Thursday, September 19

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

6:00 Outreach Committee
- Calypso Cafe

Friday, September 20

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Saturday, September 21

8:30 Breakfast served to homeless

Sunday, September 22

9:00 JuveNiles Rehearsal

9:45 Adult Choir Rehearsal

9:45 Sunday School: Conversations

11:00 Worship - The Chapel

1:00 Session - Parlor 2

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

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Jim Hoobler
David Maddox

THE CHURCH STAFF

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