

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 29, 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

You've been making all the wrong mistakes.

-Thelonious Monk

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Elegy

Gordon Young

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on hymn #804

- L: Rejoice, you pure in heart,
 rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
- P: We'll sing as full and strong as ocean's surging.**
- L: Rejoice, you pure in heart,
 rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
- P: We'll sing on through life's long path;
 we'll sing from youth to age;
 we'll sing by day and night;
 we'll sing in gladness and in woe!**
- L: Rejoice, you pure in heart,
 rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

*HYMN #804

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

based on Luke 16:19-31

We need to confess, God of Abraham and Lazarus,
how often we are not content with the simple gifts and lives you offer.
Tempted by everything, we can become insensitive
to those who have nothing.
Encouraged by the world to accumulate more,
we may miss the chance to gather your goodness and godliness.
Chasing after all which has no value,
we may not have the energy to pursue the faith,
the love, the gentleness you have for us.

Forgive us, God of Reversals.

You have sent the One who speaks the words we need to listen to
in order to have life.

Help us to remember how you have redeemed us, and in remembering,
may we make that good confession
that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior, now and forever.

Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

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

based on 1 Timothy 6:12

L: May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

***ASSURANCE RESPONSE #670** "From the Rising of the Sun"
see insert

PARISH LIFE & CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

God's Word Is Proclaimed

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison) based on 1 Timothy 6:13; Luke 16:21

Nurturing God, you give life to all things
and long to satisfy our needs;
our desire for healing and wholeness.
Send your Spirit upon us this day,
that as we hear your word we may meet Jesus,
the one in whom all our hungers are fed. 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

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

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

SECOND READING

Luke 16:19-31

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 #450

"Be Thou My Vision"

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

AND THE LORD'S PRAYER based on Psalm 91; Jeremiah 32; Amos 6; Luke 16

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.

Today's prayer response:

L: Answer us, O Lord, when we call on you;

P: show us your salvation.

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*

Psalm 146: Praise the Lord, O My Soul Michael Sitton

Praise the Lord, O my soul; while I live will I praise the Lord yea,
as long as I have any being, I will sing praises unto my God.
O put not your trust in princes, nor in any child of man for there is no help in them.
For when the breath of man goeth forth he shall turn again to his earth
and then all his thoughts perish.
Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help
and whose hope is in the Lord his God;
Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is
who keepeth his promise for ever.
Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong who feedeth the hungry.
The Lord looseth men out of prison the Lord giveth sight to the blind.
The Lord helpeth them that are fallen the Lord careth for the righteous.
The Lord careth for the strangers; he defendeth the fatherless and widow
as for the way of the ungodly, he turneth it upside down.
The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be King for evermore and throughout all generations.

— Psalter of *The Book of Common Prayer* (1662)

*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 1 Timothy 6

We give you thanks, generous God,
for every good gift that comes from your hand:
for food and clothing,
for life and health,
for family and friends,
above all for the treasure of your grace.

Make us rich in good works,
generous and ready to share,
taking hold of the life that really is life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

*HYMN #687 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Paeon

Gordon Young

Today's offertory anthem was commissioned in celebration of the Downtown Presbyterian Church, Nashville, TN, Pipe Organ's Centennial Installation, celebrated September 29-30, 2013. The anthem text was one of the appointed Psalms for the Sunday and some 100 years later, seemed an appropriate text given the church's ministry to the less fortunate and general mission to the downtown community.

Congregational Meeting – Sunday, Oct. 6

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, October 6, immediately after worship, for the sole purpose of electing three ruling elders to the Class of 2022.

Those standing for election are Holly Kellar, Jake Byl, and Erin Bell.

Thank you to the nominating committee for identifying three outstanding candidates.

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.

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)

Art Crawl, Saturday, October 5, 6-9 pm

DPC Artists, Les Kerr and Tours!

In the Sanctuary: Les Kerr

Up in the Sanctuary: Les Kerr - songwriter, recording artist and performer who brings blues, New Orleans music, Zydeco, rock and bluegrass together to create his "Hillbilly Blues Caribbean Rock & Roll." A Nashville resident since 1987 and a member of DPC!

In the Browsing Room: DPC Artists

And, as usual our tours starting in the Narthex! Interested in volunteering to do tours? Contact the church office at 615.254.7584 or email Mary Turner at mturner2614@gmail.com.

**Don't miss the last two Art Crawls of 2019!
Mark your calendars for November 2 and December 7.**

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.

DPC Book Group: *Small Great Things*

by Jodi Picoult

The DPC Book Group has chosen its next read!

Please consider joining us in November to discuss it. Book Group starts at 6:30. Place TBD.

Email Joel Dark at joelhdark@gmail.com to get in the book club google group or for more information!



OTHER SOCIAL DATES in the works

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

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

Committee Corner

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

Upcoming Committee Meetings:

- ♦ Worship & Arts - **Sunday, September 29**, at DPC after Church Picnic
- ♦ Communications Meeting - **Sunday, October 13**, 9:30am at DPC
- ♦ Building & Finance - **Wednesday, October 23**, 5:00pm at DPC

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!

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!

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!

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.

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

178 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on September 21.

74 people visited the clothes closet on September 21.

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:71, Children:10

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

12:30 DPC Annual Picnic in the Park
- Shelby Park

Monday, September 30

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Tuesday, October 1

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

12:00 Bible Study - Parlor 1

Wednesday, October 2

Thursday, October 3

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Friday, October 4

Saturday, October 5

8:30 Breakfast served to homeless

Sunday, October 6

9:00 JuveNiles Rehearsal

9:45 Adult Choir Rehearsal

9:45 Sunday School: Conversations

11:00 Worship - The Sanctuary

12:00 Congregational Meeting

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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