



## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

based on Psalm 119:97-101; Jer. 31:34; Luke 18:7; 2 Tim. 3:3-4

Gracious God,

we confess that we do not meditate on your commands  
and teachings all day long.

We do not keep your word before us always and in all things.

Instead, we turn away from your demanding truth  
and wander toward easier options.

Forgive us, we pray, for pursuing our own desires rather than yours.

Forgive us for growing weary in following you;

for failing to pray and work tirelessly for justice;

for losing hope in your power to transform the powers of this world.

Tune our ears to the sound of your justice.

Turn our hearts to your commandments  
and word of grace and mercy.

We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

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

L: Grace flows like a river;

mercy like a never-ending stream.

Believe the good news:

in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

And may God's grace and mercy flow among us now

as we greet each other in the Christ's name.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

\*ASSURANCE RESPONSE #670 "From the Rising of the Sun"

From the ris - ing of the sun to the go - ing down  
of the same, the name of the Lord shall be  
praised. From the ris - ing of the sun to the  
go - ing down of the same, the name of the Lord shall be  
praised. So praise ye the Lord.  
Praise ye the Lord. From the  
ris - ing of the sun to the go - ing down of the same,  
the name of the Lord shall be praised.

PARISH LIFE & CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

## God's Word Is Proclaimed

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison) based on 2 Timothy 3:16, 17, 4:2

Holy God,  
the words of Scripture are God-breathed words –  
inspired by you and given life  
through the power of your Holy Spirit.  
By your Spirit breathe your word into us,  
so that we become proficient in the language of faith  
and equipped to proclaim the message we receive,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Living Word. 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 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5  
L: The word of the Lord. P: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Jeremiah 32-27-34  
L: The word of the Lord. P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Mike Wilson

## We Respond to God's Word

\*HYMN #53 "O God, Who Gives Us Life"

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
based on Luke 18:7,8; 2 Timothy 3:14, 4:3-4

*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 will be:  
L: O God of justice and redemption  
P: we cry to you day and night. Help us, O God.

## 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      O Lord, Increase My Faith      Orlando Gibbons

O Lord, increase my faith, strengthen me and confirm me in Thy true faith:  
endue me with wisdom, charity, and patience, in all my adversity, sweet  
Jesus. Amen

— 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 Psalm 119; 2; Jeremiah 31:31-33; 2 Tim. 3:15-17

God of generous provision,

you have given us so many gifts that enrich our lives.

Our sacred writings that provide instruction, correction, and training;

the gift of the church;

covenantal love and faithfulness;

your own Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior;

the gift of the Spirit, our Advocate.

We belong to you, and all that we have belongs to you.

Use these offerings, we pray, in service of the justice you are establishing through your kingdom in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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

\*HYMN #373

“O Day of Peace”

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Flourish and Chorale

Michael McCabe

*We welcome Dr. Wilma Jensen as our guest choir director and organist today.  
Please extend your regards to her following the Closing Voluntary.*

**CHILDREN'S SABBATH**

Mark your calendar for Children's Sabbath on **OCTOBER 27**, a day set aside to think about the needs and gifts of children all over the world. In Worship, the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be the liturgists and the JuveNiles will be singing a beautiful anthem, *The Children of the World*, by Terre Johnson.

## Nursery Childcare

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

### **DPC's Annual Chili Cook-off and Pumpkin Carving Contest!**



**Today** is our annual competition for chilis, desserts and carved pumpkins! The event is in the Fellowship Hall, immediately following worship.

Entry for competition is not required--everyone is welcome to bring crockpots full of favorite dishes, as well as desserts.

Prize categories for this year are **TOP 3 Chilis**; no groupings this year! There are also prizes for **Top 3 Desserts AND 3 Winners for Scariest, Funniest, and Most Creative Carved Pumpkins!** Bring pumpkins that are pre-carved and ready to glow!

**All are welcome!!!**

### **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)

## **DOUBLE BABY SHOWER POTLUCK!**



First Sunday Lunch, on **November 3**, will actually be a **DOUBLE BABY SHOWER POTLUCK** for Dawn & Chris Leonard and Jen & Joel Peterson Morley! Both are due November 24!

Both have gift registries: Peterson Morleys (Target, Pottery Barn, BuyBuy Baby, Amazon): Leonards (Target, Buy-Buy Baby, Babylist)

Contact Mary Turner at [mturner2614@gmail.com](mailto:mturner2614@gmail.com).

## **Safe Haven Hike for the Homeless**

DPC Outreach and all who want to volunteer will be volunteering at Safe Haven Hike for the Homeless on **Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>** at Edwin Warner Park.

Emily Rattle has assigned us to serve lunch at 10:30 until 12:00 am. It would be nice if we could get 8 to 10 people for that.

Those who would like to do the hike can sign up at [hikeforhomeless.org](http://hikeforhomeless.org). Registration there begins at 9:00am and the trail hikes begin at 10:00am. One hike is 2.2 miles or you can choose the 3.1 mile trail.

**Sign-up sheet is in the narthex!**

## **DPC Book Group: *Small Great Things*** **by Jodi Picoult**

DPC neighbor Lydia Grubb will be hosting the next meeting of our book group at the Viridian Apartments, next to the church, on **Thursday, November 14**, at 6:30 p.m. We will be discussing Jodi Picoult's *Small Great Things*.

Please contact Lydia at [grubbla2003@yahoo.com](mailto:grubbla2003@yahoo.com) if you plan to attend, so that she can add your name to the list for the reception desk.





## **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](mailto:justinnear@gmail.com)) or Holly Kellar ([holly.kellar@gmail.com](mailto: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!

## **Mark Your Calendars!**

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

- *Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>: Holiday Decorating and Potluck*
- *Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>: 95<sup>th</sup> 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:**

- ◆ **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!

## **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

204 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on October 12.

100 people visited the clothes closet on October 12.

#### 11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:47, Children:9

### Schedule of Weekly Events

#### Today

12:00 Chili Cook Off - Fellowship Hall

#### Monday, October 21

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### Tuesday, October 22

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

12:00 Bible Study - Parlor 1

#### Wednesday, October 23

5:00 Building & Finance - DPC

#### Thursday, October 24

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### Friday, October 25

#### Saturday, October 26

8:30 Breakfast served to homeless

#### Sunday, October 27

9:00 JuveNiles Rehearsal

9:45 Sunday School: Conversations

11:00 Worship - The Sanctuary

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

Rev. Mike Wilson, Pastor

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