

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 13, 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

Voluntary in F

Eric H. Thiman

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on hymn #301 (alt.)

L: Let us be a house

P: **where love can dwell and all can safely live.**

L: Let us be a house

P: **where hands will reach to heal and strengthen.**

L: Let us be a house

P: **where all are named,
where songs and visions are heard,
and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.**

L: Let us be a house

P: **built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace.**

L: Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

P: **all are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome
in this place!**

*HYMN #772

"Live Into Hope"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God beyond borders,

we know that on our way to worship,
we may not have noticed the exiles in our neighborhoods.

We admit how easy it is for us to wander down the streets of temptation,
pausing at the corner of easy choices.

We fall silent in the presence of those who speak words of anger and hate.

We tolerate a culture that suspects all who are different from us.

Have mercy on us, O God,

for surely you take the side of justice.

Open our hearts to all the wonders you are performing in our lives.

You gift us with those of other cultures,
that our lives might be blessed.

You send us friends out of places we least expect,
that our community might be enriched.

You call us to be generous with our blessings,
so others might be graced with the gift of Jesus Christ,
our Lord and Savior.

Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

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

L: God challenges us, God encourages us.

God confronts us, and God accepts us.

God works wonders in our midst

and gives us the eyes, the hearts, the souls to see such miracles.

**P: God guides us through the wilderness of the world,
God leads us home.**

L: So now as those who are, even for this hour, home,
let us welcome each other with joy.

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 Jeremiah 29

These are your words, O God.
Humble us to speak their weight.
Strengthen us to hear their truth.
Unbind us to live their call.
Through the power of your Holy Spirit,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, we pray. 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 Luke 17:11-19

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

SECOND READING Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

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

SERMON

Rev. Mike Wilson

We Respond to God's Word

*HYMN #301 "Let Us Build a House"

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

based on Lamentations 1&3; Colossians 1:20; 2 Timothy 1:9-10; Luke 17:5-10

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.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

UKIRK

Lindsey Groves

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENEROUS GIVING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O God Beyond All Praising

Gustav Holst
arr. Richard Proulx

O God beyond all praising, we worship You today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift You send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end
We lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your word,
We honor and adore You, our great and mighty Lord.

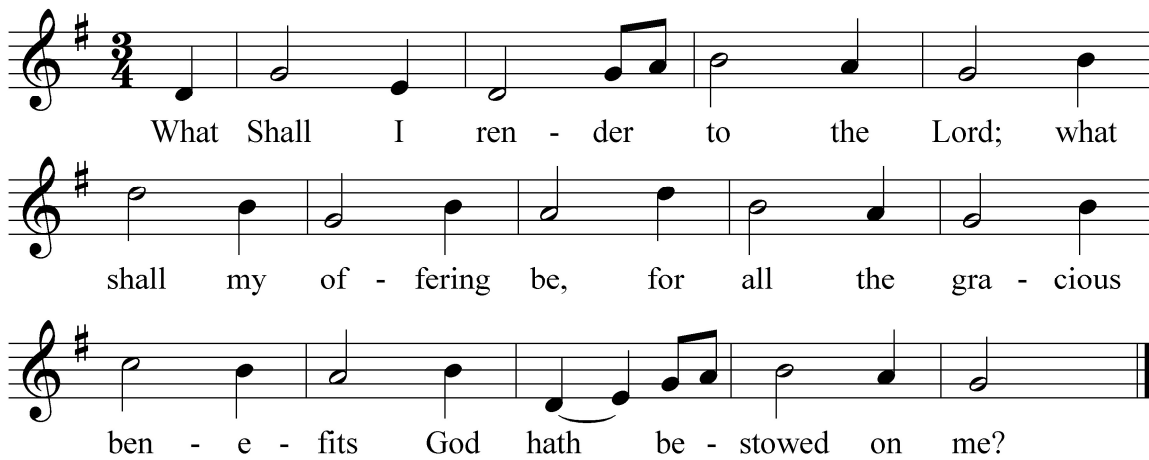
The flower of earthly splendor in time must surely die,
Its fragile bloom surrender to You, the Lord most high;
But hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown
Though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown
For Christ the man from heaven from death has set us free,
And we through Him are given the final victory.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
That we who know Your favor may serve You as our king;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You still
To marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

– Michael Perry

*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)

Small and humble in comparison,
we give to you these offerings
that you might mold our world anew. Amen.

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

*HYMN #394

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Highland Cathedral

arr. Charles Callahan

UKirk Nashville is a community dedicated to experiencing Christ on campuses through worship, service, and fellowship. We gather regularly for chats over coffee, food, the study of scripture, asking hard questions, music, also food, and loving our neighbors, prayers, food, high fives, and great laughter.

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!



Sunday, October 20 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!

Contact: Mary Turner at mturner2614@gmail.com

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 Morley's (Target, Pottery Barn, BuyBuy Baby, Amazon): Leonards (Target, Buy-Buy Baby, Babylist)

Contact Mary Turner at 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 9th** 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. We will put a sign up sheet on the sign-up board near the back door at DPC.

Those who would like to do the hike can sign up at 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.

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 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) 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!

Mark Your Calendars!

OTHER SOCIAL DATES in the works:

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

194 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on October 5.

114 people visited the clothes closet on October 5.

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:47, Children:6

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

Monday, October 14

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Tuesday, October 15

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

12:00 Bible Study - Parlor 1

Wednesday, October 16

Thursday, October 17

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Friday, October 18

Saturday, October 19

8:30 Breakfast served to homeless

Sunday, October 20

9:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal

9:45 Sunday School: Conversations

11:00 Worship - The Sanctuary

12:00 Chili Cook Off - Fellowship Hall

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

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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
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THE CHURCH STAFF

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