



THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
First Sunday of Advent
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
December 1, 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

And so this is Christmas (war is over)
And what have we done (if you want it)
Another year over (war is over)
A new one just begun (now)
And so happy Christmas (war is over)
We hope you have fun (if you want it)
The near and the dear one (war is over)
The old and the young (now)

— John Lennon, *Happy Christmas (War is Over)*

WELCOME

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING Matthew 24:35-44

CALL TO WORSHIP #84 “Creator of the Stars of Night” (vs. 1)

HYMN #105 “People Look East”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (people read **bold**)

Unexpected God,
 your advent alarms us.
We confess that our worship has been drowsy.
We have slumbered in love and service.
We have sedated ourselves with misdirected frenzy.

Awaken us now to your coming and help us to repurpose our
our hearts, our minds, our bodies and our souls
so that we can welcome you fully and with our whole selves.
Amen.

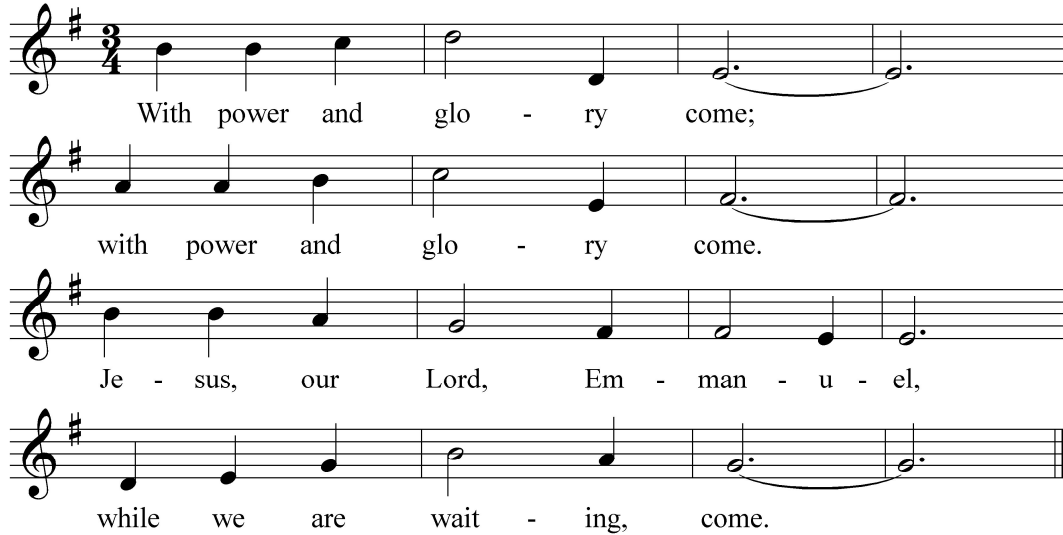
(Time for silent confession)

***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 #92 “While We Are Waiting”**



With power and glo - ry come;
with power and glo - ry come.
Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el,
while we are wait - ing, come.

PARISH LIFE & CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

God’s Word Is Proclaimed

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

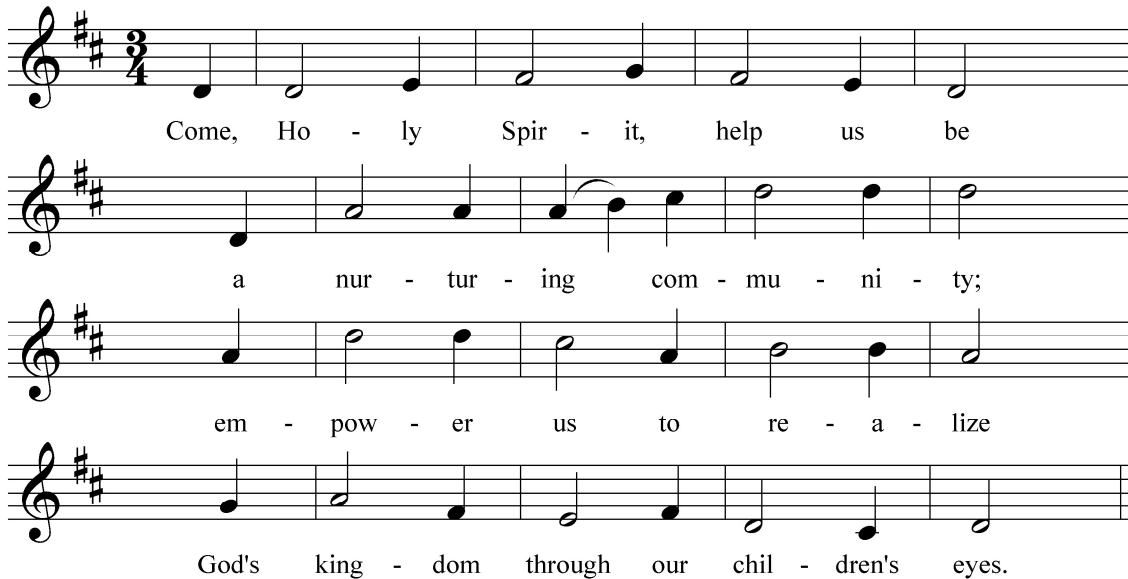
based on Isaiah 2:1-5

God of all people, our hope and strength, by the power of your Spirit
prepare the way in our hearts for the coming of your Word,
so that we may see the wondrous signs of your promises fulfilled;
through Jesus, the Christ. 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.)

BLESSING #487 "These Treasured Children" (vs. 4)



Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, help us be
a nur - tur - ing com - mu - ni - ty;
em - pow - er us to re - a - lize
God's king - dom through our chil - dren's eyes.

SECOND READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

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

SERMON

Rev. Mike Wilson

We Respond to God's Word

*HYMN #103

"Come Now, O Prince of Peace"

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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: God of our salvation, P: hear our prayer

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.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Eliza Bell

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENEROUS GIVING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come Paul O. Manz

Peace be to you and grace from Him Who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be.

Sing holy, holy to our Lord the Lord almighty God,
Who was and is, and is to come, sing holy, holy Lord.

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
For Christ is coming, is coming soon for Christ is coming soon!

E'en so Lord Jesus quickly come and night shall be no more;
They need no light, no lamp, nor sun, for Christ will be their All!

— Revelation 22, adapted by Paul O. Manz

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow.

Praise God all crea - tures here be - low.

Praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host;

Cre - a - tor, Christ and Ho - ly Ghost.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (unison)

Our gifts can seem so insignificant considering the need,
so paltry when we look at the brokenness around us.
But in the days to come, you promise to use them
so that others might be fed and clothed,
and embraced in your grace and hope.
And we pray that each giver might also be blessed by
the affection and care of this community. Amen.

We Seal God's Word Upon Our Hearts

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

L: The Lord be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L: [*the prayer continues...*]

With saints, with angles, and with the whole creation,
we join the ancient and eternal hymn:

P: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

L: [*the prayer continues...*]

With thanks and praise we offer ourselves to you, sharing this holy meal
remembering Christ's dying and rising,
and praying: Come Lord Jesus!

P: **When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the saving death of our risen Savior
until Christ comes again.**

L: [*the prayer continues...*]

THE 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

Raymond H. Haan

Chorale Prelude on 'Creator of the Stars of Night'

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our hope, we give you thanks
that you have given us this foretaste
of the justice, righteousness and peace of your promised creation.
Strengthen us with this heavenly food
as we seek to serve your holy realm.
Lead us to joyful expectation of the coming of
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

We Bear God's Word Into the World

*HYMN #791

"For You, My God, I Wait"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

L: And may all God's people say,

P: Alleluia, Amen!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Chorale Prelude on *Herr Christ, der einge Gottes Sohn*

J. S. Bach

Translation: Lord Christ, the Only Son of God

Today's bulletin cover is by DPC artist-in-residence Carri Jobe.
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Nursery Childcare

If childcare is needed anytime during the service, please see a greeter for assistance.

First Sunday Lunch, Today!

Our First Sunday Lunch is in house! It's potluck and we need to decorate for the holidays and Waffle Shop. Please come share a dish and help us decorate!



Items Needed for the Waffle Shop Gift Shop!

Calling all bakers to donate bake goods for the Waffle Shop Gift Shop! It would be helpful to package and price them. The gift shop will also take craft items and other items to sell. Please contact Jo Ann Byl with any questions via telephone 615-478-2436 or email joannbyl@comast.net.

Adult Eduction for December 8

On Sunday, December 8, gather in Parlor 2 for an as-yet-to-be-determined topic.

The conversation begins at 9:45!

Art Crawl - Saturday, December 7, 6-9 pm

In the Sanctuary: Jodie & Emlin O'Regan with the Three Quarters Hungover with Amy Finka & Sarah Chang

In the Browsing Room: Sarah Holt Landolt

In the Fellowship Hall: *The Disposables* - Pictures of a city in transition taken by Contributor vendors.

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.

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!

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. Next, please invite your Facebook friends, especially those who live in Nashville, to "like" our page as well. (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, December 11 at 5:00pm, DPC

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. 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!

Advent and Christmas Events

- ◆ **Thursday, December 5** - Waffle Shop
- ◆ **Sunday, December 15** - Lessons & Carols
- ◆ **Sunday, December 22** - Children's presentation
- ◆ **Tuesday, December 24** - Christmas Eve Service 6pm
- ◆ **Wednesday, December 25** - Christmas Day Service 10am

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

139 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on November 23.

100 people visited the clothes closet on November 23.

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:55, Children:14

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

12:00 Waffle Shop Decorating

Monday, December 2

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Tuesday, December 3

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

12:00 Bible Study - Parlor 1

Wednesday, December 4

Thursday, December 5

11:00 Waffle Shop #95

Friday, December 6

Saturday, December 7

8:30 Breakfast served to homeless

6:00 Art Crawl

Sunday, December 8

9:00 JuveNiles Rehearsal

9:45 Adult Choir Rehearsal

9:45 Adult Sunday School

11:00 Worship - The Sanctuary

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 2019

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

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