

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Christ the King/Reign of Christ
November 24, 2019

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(*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

We Gather in God's Name

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

The universe is not only stranger than we imagine;
it is stranger than we can imagine.

— J.B.S. Haldane

OPENING VOLUNTARY Chant from Nine Pieces Organ Gordon Young

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP based on Hymn #611

L: Mortals, join the happy chorus
 which the morning stars began.

P: Love divine is reigning o'er us,
 joining us in heaven's plan.

L: Ever singing, march we onward,
 victors in the midst of strife.

P: Joyful music leads us sunward
 in the triumph song of life.

HYMN #611 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (people read bold)

We confess that our lives weaken us, Strengthening God.

**We do not exercise our faith as we should,
and so fatigue easily.**

**We make our petty complaints about our friends and families,
rather than shouting our hosannas to heaven for the gift of their lives.**

You are our hope, Tender God, so forgive us.

**Create in us new hearts, and fill us with new energy
to serve our sisters and brothers,
bringing them to the deep wells of salvation,
where they can fill their parched souls,
even as we have been led to them by
Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. 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 #670 "From the Rising of the Sun"
*see page 5***

PARISH LIFE & CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

God's Word Is Proclaimed

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

based on Hymn #611

**May our hearts and minds unfold like flowers
before the radiance of your Word, Illuminating God.**

**May your light drive the dark of doubt away
so that we might hear the message you have already prepared for 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.)

BLESSING #487 “These Treasured Children” (vs. 4)

FIRST READING Luke 23:33-43
L: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus. **P: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SECOND READING Malachi 4:1-2
L: The word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Rev. Mike Wilson

We Respond to God’s Word

***HYMN #800** “Sometimes a Light Surprises”

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 in your mercy,
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.

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENEROUS GIVING

OFFERTORY SONG I Shall Not Cease to Sing D.P. McGeachy III
arr. by Brian Pappal

I shall not cease to sing, whatever life may bring.
I may grow weary and my hope may die, but I shall not cease to sing.

When my load is great a song can make it light.
It may seem crazy but I know it works, so I sing with all my might.

I sing because of the song. It's not just a means to an end.
God made me and He bids me sing and the song itself is my friend.

But when my heart is low His song can lift it high.
It touches me down too deep for words where it feels my spirit sigh!

— D.P. McGeachy III

*DOXOLOGY #655 “What Shall I Render to the Lord” vs.1

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (unison) based on Malachi 4:1-2

Oh Sun of Righteousness,
may these offerings sustain the work of this church
in our mission to bring
light where there is darkness,
hope where there is despair,
healing where this is brokenness,
and justice where there is oppression.

In the name Jesus, our light and hope, we pray. Amen.

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

*HYMN #666 “O Splendor of God's Glory Bright”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

L: And may all God's people say,

P: Alleluia, Amen!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Toccata on *Darwall's 148th* Gordon Young
Tune of Hymn 363, Rejoice, the Lord is King

*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



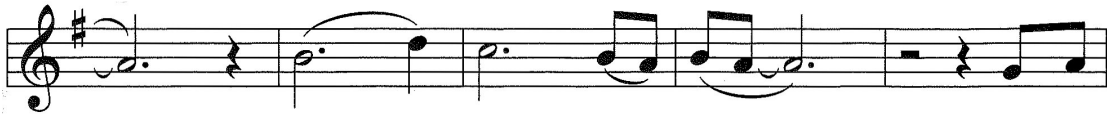
praised. From the ris - ing of the sun to the



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.

Nursery Childcare

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

Today's Offertory Anthem

The Reverend Daniel Patrick McGeachy III, one of our former ministers, wrote and composed a hymn tune and text titled "I Shall Not Cease To Sing." The estate of The Reverend McGeachy commissioned Brian Pappal to compose an anthem based on the tune and text. We are very fortunate to have received permission to premier this anthem today. As we end our liturgical year in celebration of Christ, this text seems most applicable to us Christians and we should never cease to sing our song of Christ's love for us.

Adult Eduction for December 1

On Sunday, December 1, Pastor Mike will lead a fascinating discussion on some topic – to be determined – that he's really interested in.

Gather in Parlor 2 at 9:45 to see what happens!

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.

Waffle Shop Tickets - On Sale Now!

Now's the time to get the word out! Invite your friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers to come enjoy delicious food, great holiday shopping, and an incredible silent auction! Let's make the **95th Waffle Shop** a huge success!

Tickets are just \$10 and all proceeds go to fund Downtown Presbyterian's Ministries. Pre-purchase your tickets before Thanksgiving and skip the line on December 5! To purchase call 615-254-7584 or email info@dpchurch.com.

Pay for tickets with text giving this year! Text **dpchurch** to **73256** and click on Waffle Shop in the dropdown menu. Let the church office know how many tickets you purchased, so they can be set aside in the office for you to pick up at your convenience.

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.

Monroe Harding Stocking Stuffer Drive



This year we are collecting Stocking Stuffers for the children and young adults at Monroe Harding. We have a wish list that goes from gummy bears to gift cards! Purchase as many items as you like and bring them (unwrapped) to DPC. We will have a box near the prayer table. All gifts must be delivered to the church by **12/1/19**. Let's bring some good cheer to some children in foster care. Email Samera (eszavaro@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

First Sunday Lunch, December 1

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!



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 and Finance - Wednesday, December 11 at 5:00pm, DPC

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!

Meeting of Saturday Breakfast Volunteers

The Fishes and Loaves People will meet today, November 24th, following the worship service. The meeting will be held in the DPC Fellowship Hall. The group will discuss organizing Saturday breakfasts for the homeless and urban poor. If you're interested, please join 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.

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!

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 16.

100 people visited the clothes closet on November 16.

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:68, Children:4

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

Monday, November 25

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Tuesday, November 26

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

12:00 Bible Study - Parlor 1

Wednesday, November 27

Thursday, November 28

Thanksgiving - Church Closed

Friday, November 29

Church Closed

Saturday, November 30

8:30 Breakfast served to homeless

Sunday, December 1

9:00 Adult Choir Rehearsal

9:45 Adult Sunday School

11:00 Worship - The Sanctuary

12:00 Waffle Shop Decorating

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

Suzie Lane, Director of Children's Education

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