

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

November 10, 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

Air, from *Preludes and Voluntaries, Book I* Eric Thiman

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come and seek the ways of Wisdom.

P: **Come and bring your whole self to this circle of worship.**

L: Come and listen for the wisdom whispered
in the margins of our ancient stories.

P: **Come and see what courage looks like.**

L: Come and stand with those who listen
for the voice from deep within.

P: **Come and tell your own stories
of how you've faced power with courage.**

All: **Come and seek the ways of Wisdom.**

*HYMN #4 "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

Distorted images surround us every day
feeding us lies about our own humanity.

They tell us we are not enough or we are too much.

These lies leave us misshapen.

Forgive us and reshape us.

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God, we forget that each person we meet is made in your image.
We use other people to fulfill our own desires.
We fear those who threaten our power and stability.
Forgive us and reshape us.

God, we forget that we are made in your image.
We hold on to warped understandings of ourselves.
We do not trust our own power and agency.
Forgive us and reshape us.

(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 6

PARISH LIFE & CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

God’s Word Is Proclaimed

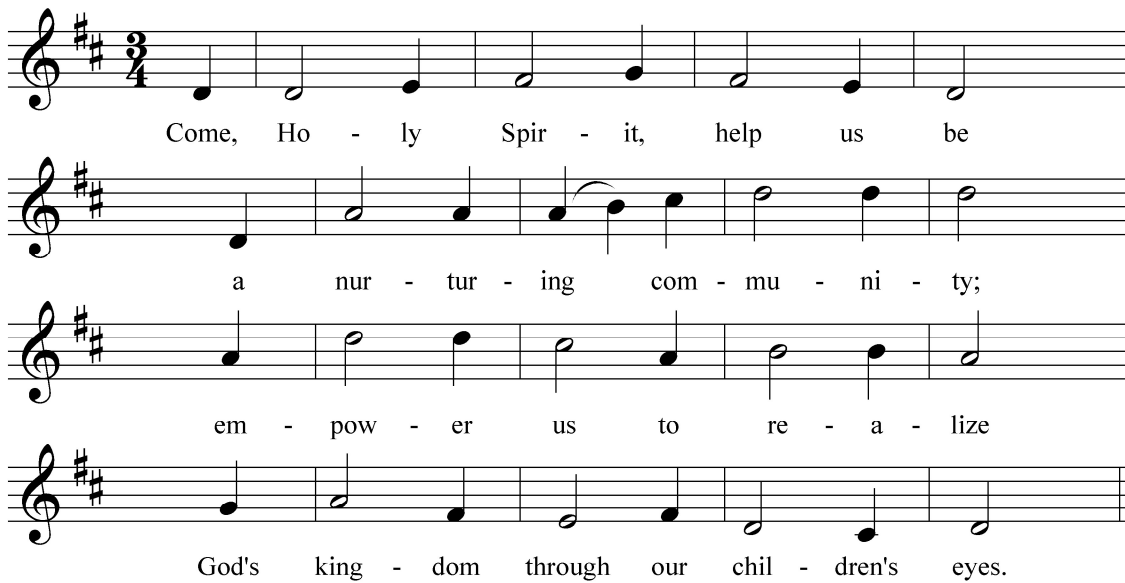
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison) based on 2 Timothy 3:16, 17, 4:2

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.)

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.

FIRST READING

Esther 1

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

SERMON

Rev. Sarah Jordan

We Respond to God's Word

*HYMN #174 "Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom"

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: Lord, 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.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Stephanie Coleman

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENEROUS GIVING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise Eric Thiman

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish, but nought changeth Thee.

Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

— Walter C. Smith

*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)

God of justice and mercy,
give breath to these gifts we share
and give breath to our own courageous hearts
so that we extend not only our finances,
but our bodies, our imaginations, our hands and feet,
all to the project of making your creation just and sustainable.
Amen.

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

*HYMN #307 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Gavotte: In the Style of Samuel Wesley Eric H. Thiman

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

Sunday School: Making Sense of the Bible

Please join us in Parlor 2 at 9:45!

For three consecutive Sundays from **Nov. 10 through Nov. 24**, Stephanie Coleman will lead the Sunday School discussion using the book "Making Sense of the Bible" by Adam Hamilton. We will attempt to wrestle honestly with the tough questions often raised by thoughtful Christians and non-Christians concerning things taught in the Bible. Nov. 10 will focus on the Old Testament, Nov. 17 will focus on the New Testament, and Nov. 24 will focus on difficult issues and questions raised by the Bible.

Questions? Contact Dave Coleman at dave_four@hotmail.com.

It Takes a Village or at Least More Folks!

Please Volunteer for Waffle Shop!

December 5th will be the 95th Waffle Shop! We are pleased to run Waffle Shop with the proceeds supporting Saturday Breakfast and the Clothing Closet. For newbies the Waffle Shop is really 3 events in one: A hot waffle lunch; a great Silent Auction; and an unbelievable Holiday Shop filled with home baked goods and holiday gifts.

Kitchen prep starts on Wednesday, the 4th, but our real need for volunteers is the day of from 10:15-1:30. We need folks on the 'floor' serving the \$10 lunch; refilling beverages; and doing 'bus boy' duty. We only serve for 2 hours (11-1) but then there's cleanup. Please consider giving a few hours of your time. Please email Mary Turner mturner2614@gmail.com if you would like to signup and have not done so yet or let the other co-chairs know: Rachel Hayes and Denny . There is also a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Monroe Harding Stocking Stuffer Drive

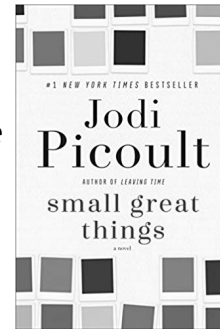


This year we are collecting Stocking Stuffers for the children and young adults at Monroe Harding. We have a wish list that goes from gummy bears to gift cards! Purchase as many items as you like and bring them (unwrapped) to DPC. We will have a box near the prayer table. All gifts must be delivered 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.

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.



Old Town Trolley Tours Special Deal for Locals!

Have you ever wanted to try the sightseeing buses, but didn't want to spend that much money to tour where you live? Well during the month of November, Davidson County residents can enjoy free admission to ride Old Town Trolley Tours! More details at www.trolleytours.com.

Mark Your Calendars!

OTHER SOCIAL DATES in the works:

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

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!

Christmas Trees Wanted!

Waffle Shop is getting geared up, and we need to borrow 2 fake Christmas Trees to spruce up the entry way and Chapel. If you have a spare tree we can use, please contact Mary Turner at mturner2614@gmail.com by Friday, November 15.

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, November 13**, 5pm 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 November 2.

100 people visited the clothes closet on November 2.

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:60, Children:9

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

Monday, November 11

Tuesday, November 12

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

12:00 Bible Study - Parlor 1

Wednesday, November 13

5:00 Building and Finance - DPC

Thursday, November 14

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Friday, November 15

Saturday, November 16

8:30 Breakfast served to homeless

Sunday, November 17

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

Mary Turner
Jim Hoobler
David Maddox

THE CHURCH STAFF

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