

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 17, 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

Life is political, not because the world cares about how you feel but because the world reacts to what you do.

– Timothy Snyder in *On Tyranny*

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Selah”

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Call to Worship. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 6/8. The melody consists of a series of eighth notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. The first staff ends with a fermata over the final note, and the second staff repeats the melody and ends with a repeat sign. Below the notes, the lyrics 'Se - lah.' are written with a long horizontal line under 'lah.' to indicate a long note.

- L: The God who is greater than we will ever understand,
P: **is humbled to become one of us.**
L: The God who is more loving than our hearts dare imagine,
P: **gives us more grace than we ever realize.**
L: The God who is wiser than we will ever know,
P: **teaches us all we need to become God's children.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

**We are so easily confused by what the world tells us, Watching God,
that we forget the stories of faith we heard as children.**

**We are so fearful of tomorrow,
we are not aware of your Spirit with us today.**

**We are so busy wondering 'what if?' or 'suppose?'
that we cannot hear the promises you whisper to us.**

So once again, Gracious God, have mercy on us.

You know our hearts so well -
touch them with your grace.

You see our deepest fears -
heal them with your peace.

You hear our secret longings -
speak to them of your hope.

This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

(Time for silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE AND PASSING THE PEACE

L: The One who searches our broken hearts
has found the way to mend them and make us new people.
The good news is that everything God has done in Christ is for us,
that we might be made whole.

**P: With kindness and with justice, God makes us new people.
From the rising of the sun to the sun's going down,
we will sing our thanks.**

L: As God's mended people, let us share our joy.
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

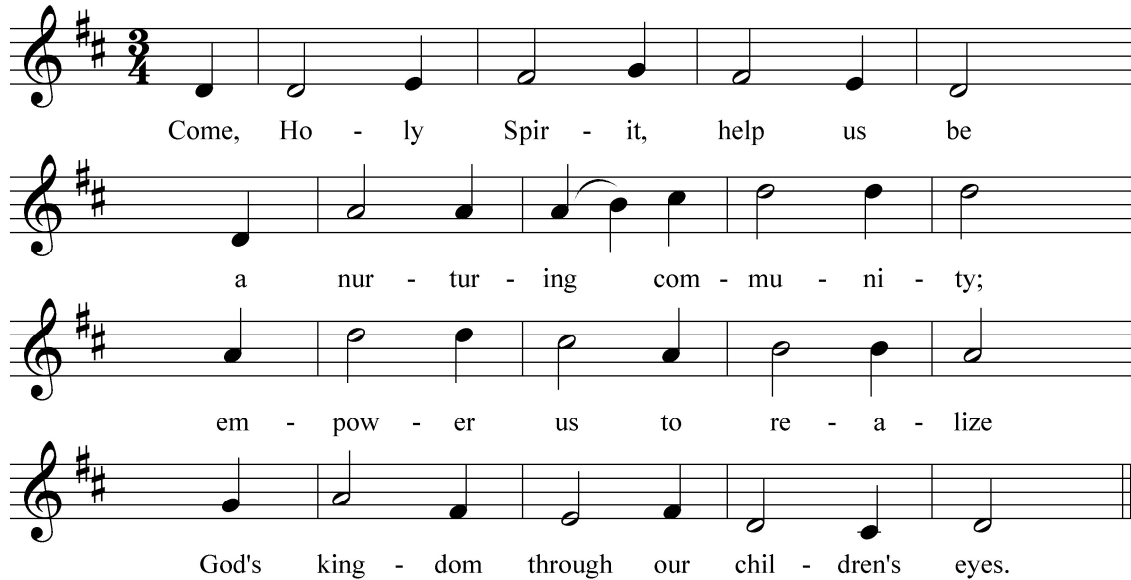
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Speak to us, Living God, as you have spoken to our ancestors:
through the voices of your prophets,
the breath of your Spirit,
and the life of your Son,
so that we may live according to your 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

Luke 21:5-9

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

SECOND READING

Haggai 2:1-9

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

SERMON

Rev. Mike Wilson

OFFERTORY SONG

To Be Announced

*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)

The gifts we offer are shared out of our prosperity,
O Lord of heavenly forces.

We pray that they would be blessed by you and used wisely
to sustain the glory of our worship, study, fellowship and mission
in this place and for our city.

Amen.

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

*HYMN #549

“May the Love of the Lord”

see page 7

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

L: And may all God's people say,

P: Alleluia, Amen!

*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.

*CLOSING SONG #549 "May the Love of the Lord"



May the love of the Lord rest up - on your soul.



May God's love dwell in you, through - out ev - ery day.



May God's coun - te - nance shine up - on you and be gra - cious to you.



May God's Spir - it be up - on you as you leave this place.

Nursery Childcare

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

Adult Education: Making Sense of the Bible

Please come and join us in Parlor 2 at 9:45!

Continuing next week, Stephanie Coleman will lead the discussion using the book "Making Sense of the Bible" by Adam Hamilton. This book is for those who love the Bible and look to it to help them find meaning and purpose for their lives. It is also for people who are willing to wrestle with portions of the Bible about which they have questions. Finally, it is for people who are largely unfamiliar with the Bible but who are curious and want to know more. We will attempt to wrestle honestly with the tough questions often raised by thoughtful Christians and non-Christians concerning things taught in the Bible. Next Sunday, November 24, will focus on difficult issues and questions raised by the Bible.

Questions? Contact Dave Coleman (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 sign up 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.

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!*

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!

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.

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!

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.

Meeting of Saturday Breakfast Volunteers

The Fishes and Loaves People will meet on **Sunday, 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 9.

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:64, Children:6

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

Monday, November 18

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Tuesday, November 19

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

12:00 Bible Study - Parlor 1

Wednesday, November 20

Thursday, November 21

10:00 NBA Memorial - Sanctuary

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Friday, November 22

Saturday, November 23

8:30 Breakfast served to homeless

Sunday, November 24

9:00 JuveNiles Rehearsal

9:45 Adult Sunday School:

Making Sense of the Bible

11:00 Worship - The Sanctuary

12:00 Fishes and Loaves Meeting
- 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

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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