



THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

First Sunday of Christmas

December 29, 2019

(*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

We Gather in God's Name

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

The day of my spiritual awakening was the day I saw and knew all things in God and God in all things.

– Mechtild of Magdeburg (1212-1282)

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Weihnachtsbaum: IV. Adeste Fideles* Franz Liszt

Tune taken from Hymn 41

Tom Ashley & William Taylor, pianists

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Hymn #28

L: With heart and soul and voice we proclaim:

P: Jesus Christ is born today!

L: With heart and soul and voice we proclaim:

P: Jesus Christ was born for this!

L: With heart and soul and voice we proclaim:

P: Jesus Christ was born to save!

*HYMN #28

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

O God,

Forgive us when we don't seem to see the light
shining forth from the divinity we witness each day.

Forgive us when we assign warmth and joy only to Christmas,
and then seem to dwell on the mundane the rest of the time.
Help us also be present and loving
for those who grieve during this time of the year.
Let us not be blinded by our own busyness
that we do not see our neighbor's lament.
Give us courage to live as people of the Light,
those who find your comforting, encouraging presence
in our lives at all times.
Let us shine the light of Christ on others.

(Time for silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE

L: May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you!

*GLORIA #23

“Angels We Have Heard On High”

*Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

PARISH LIFE & CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

God's Word Is Proclaimed

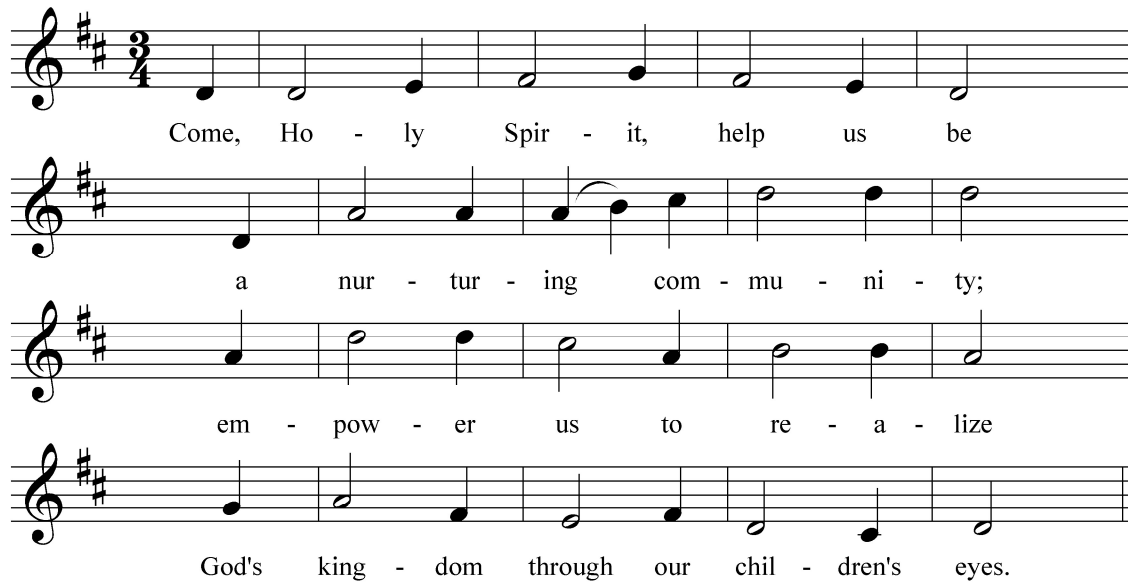
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison) from The Book of Common Worship

God, source of all light,
By your Word you give light to the soul.
Pour out upon us
the spirit of wisdom and understanding
so that our hearts and minds may be opened to know the things
that pertain to life and holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 "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 Isaiah 63:7-9

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

SECOND READING Matthew 2:13-23

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

SERMON

Rev. Mike Wilson

*HYMN #47

"Still, Still, Still"

We Respond to God's Word

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.

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 ANTHEM

Lully, Lulla, Lullay

Philip Stopford

Lully, lulla, lully, lulla by by, lully lullay.
Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child by by, lully lullay.

O sisters too, how may we do for to preserve this day?
This poor youngling, for whom we sing by by, lully lullay.

Herod, the king, in his raging, charged he hath this day.
His men of might in his own sight all young children to slay.

That woe is me, poor Child for Thee, and ever morn and day.
For Thy parting neither say nor sing, By by, lully lullay.

— Words from a traditional 15th century carol

*DOXOLOGY

tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

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*)**

In this gifting season, O God,
we are grateful for the gift of your dear Son,
our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Receive, we pray, these offerings we bring.

May they be used in the service of your grace and truth dwelling among us.

In Christ's holy name we pray. Amen.

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

*HYMN #53

"What Child Is This"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

This week's bulletin cover is a reprint of the DPC kids' artwork from the third Sunday of Advent in 2015. It invites more than a passing glance. The various conceptions of angels are wildly inventive by any standard.

Nursery Childcare

Nursery caregiver today is Catherine DeSimone. If childcare is needed anytime during the service, please see a greeter for assistance.

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 2:00 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

141 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on December 21.

83 people visited the clothes closet on December 21.

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:59, Children:12

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

Monday, December 30

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Tuesday, December 31

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Wednesday, January 1

Church Closed - New Year's Day

Thursday, January 2

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Friday, January 3

Saturday, January 4

8:30 Breakfast served to Nashville's homeless and urban poor

Sunday, January 5

9:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal

9:45 Children's Education - Rm #211

11:00 Worship - The Chapel

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

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Chuck Cardona
Jack Henderson
Justin Near

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