



THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 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

Religion is practice. Politics is practice. [Religion and politics are] what we do and how we speak and the way we think about other human beings.

— David Dark in *The Possibility of America*

OPENING VOLUNTARY Pastoral, from *Christmas Concerto* Arcangelo Corelli
Ann Landis Jetton, violin

WELCOME

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING Matthew 3:1-12 Evelyn Szalaj

CALL TO WORSHIP #84 “Creator of the Stars of Night” (vs. 1-2)

HYMN #97 “Watchman, Tell Us of the Night”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (people read **bold**) based on Matthew 3:1-9

Goodness Incarnate,

we must confess that we have not lived as your children.

We muddy the clear waters of baptism

with the debris of walking over those we claim we love.

We are reluctant to change our hearts and lives.

The fruit we produce is often bitter.

We wait for all our desires to be taken care of by you,

while you hope we would fill the lives of others

with your grace and hope.

Forgive us, God of this holy season,
and help us to be willing to draw near to others,
so we might heal their brokenness, touch their loneliness,
embrace their grief, and love them as you did
when you came to us so long ago, as well as in these moments.
In Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we pray. Amen.

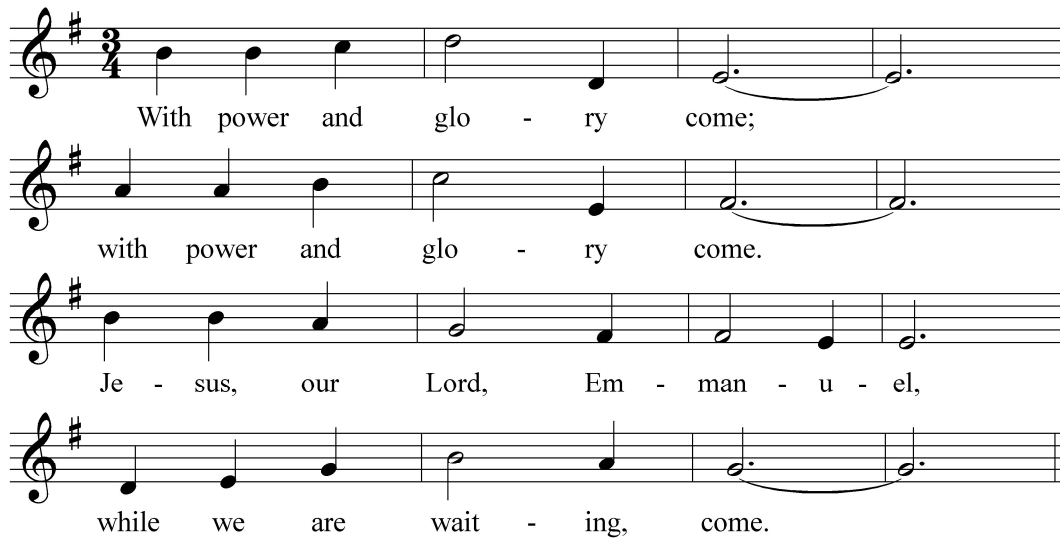
(Time for silent confession)

***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)

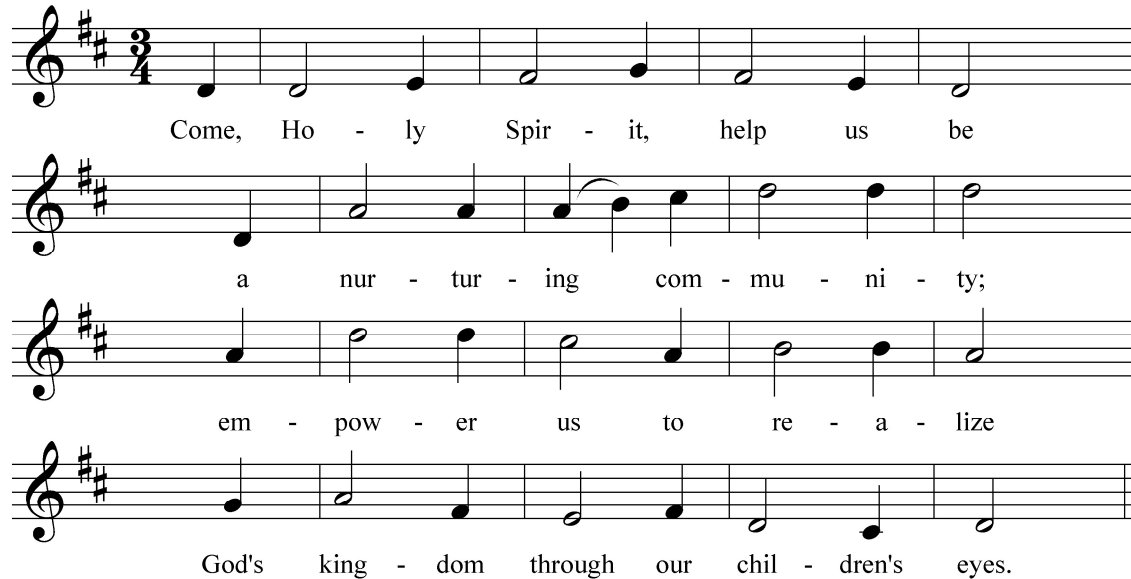
based on Matthew 3:3

By the power of your Spirit, O God, prepare the way in our hearts and minds so that we might be ready to hear your Word written and preached, and welcome your Word revealed in Jesus 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.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

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

SERMON

Rev. Mike Wilson

We Respond to God's Word

*HYMN #77 “Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old”

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: Hear us, O God

P: your mercy is great.

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

Holly Kellar

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENEROUS GIVING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Arise, Sons of the Kingdom

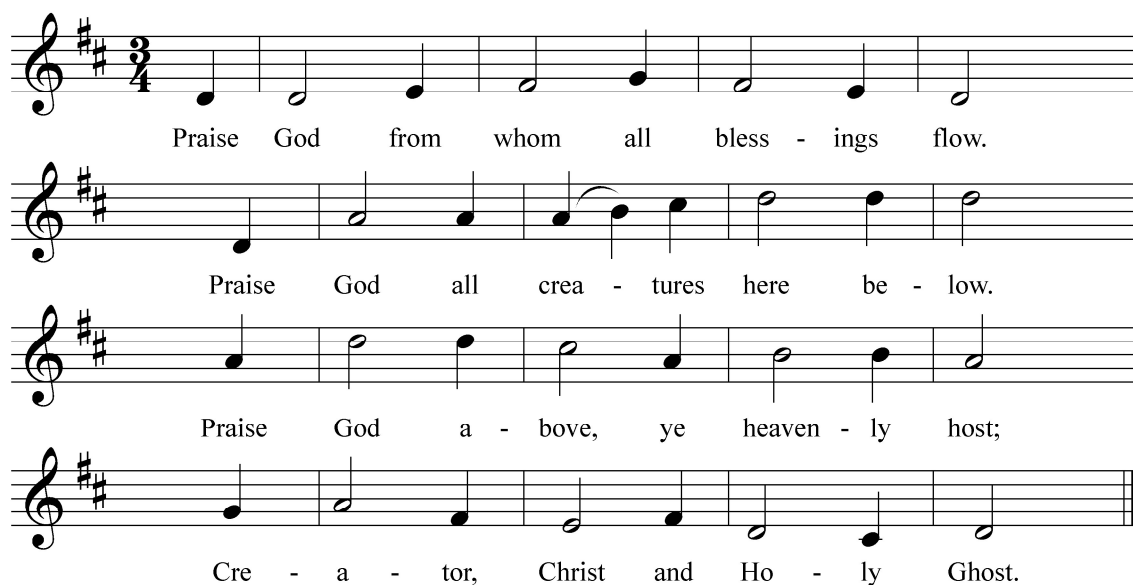
Dietrich Buxtehude
arr. Paul G. Bunges

Arise, sons of the Kingdom! The King is drawing nigh.
Arise, and hail with gladness the Ruler from on high.
Ye Christians, hasten forth! Your praise and homage bring Him
And glad hosannas sing Him, naught else your love is worth.

Be righteous, ye His subjects the King is just and true.
Prepare for Him a highway, make all things straight and new.
For, lo, He means it well; then willing bear the crosses
That He Himself imposes, not let your courage fail.

—Johann Rist; trans. by Catherine Winkworth

*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)

May your Spirit of generosity rest upon us, Caring God,
so that our giving does not end here,
but only begins to flow forth in a baptism of hope, of grace,
of healing, and of peace to all around us,
as well as those we may never meet.

In Jesus's name, we pray. Amen.

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

*HYMN #83 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

L: And may all God's people say,

P: Alleluia, Amen!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Chorale Prelude on *Stuttgart* Raymond H. Haan
 Tune taken from Hymn #83

Today's bulletin cover is by DPC artist-in-residence Richard Feaster and is inspired by images from today's scripture passages including sprouting, wilderness and stones.

Nursery Childcare

Today's nursery caregiver is Catherine DeSimone. If childcare is needed any-time 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 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

151 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on December 1.

68 people visited the clothes closet on December 1.

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:52, Children:6

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

Monday, December 9

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Tuesday, December 10

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

12:00 Bible Study - Parlor 1

Wednesday, December 11

5:00 Building and Finance - Parlor 1

Thursday, December 12

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Friday, December 13

Saturday, December 14

8:30 Breakfast served to homeless

Sunday, December 15

9:00 JuveNiles Rehearsal

9:45 Adult Choir Rehearsal

9:45 Adult Sunday School

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 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

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