

# THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 2, 2020

(\*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

### We Gather in God's Name

#### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“One day the religion of Christ will take another step forward on earth. It will embrace the whole man [sic], all of him, not just half as it does now in embracing only the soul”

— Nikos Kazantzakis, *Report to Greco*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Voluntary in F

Eric H. Thiman

#### WELCOME

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: When we seek justice for the other,  
when we love kindness more than ever,

**P: we live as God asks us to live.**

L: When we walk humbly through life,  
when we offer mercy to those who hurt us,

**P: we are the blessing God hopes we will be.**

L: When we are willing to look foolish by following Jesus,  
when we choose weakness rather than power,

**P: we reflect the One who is in our midst.**

\*HYMN #643

“Now Thank We All Our God”

#### CALL TO RECONCILIATION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

What have we done to you, dear God?  
We dishonor you every time we treat another with disrespect.  
We break your heart when we find it easier to break our word  
then to take the risk to keep it.  
We fill your ears with the gossip and speak ill of others.  
We hold grudges that erode our souls.  
We are reluctant to enter the pain and heartache of others.

You are wise enough to forgive our foolishness.  
You are strong enough to overcome our weakness.  
You are loving enough to heal the hurt  
we cause to you and to others.  
And you give us new hope and new life in Jesus Christ,  
our Lord and Savior.

(Time for silent confession)

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE      based on Matthew 5:12

L: May the peace of Christ be with you.  
P: And also with you.

\*GLORIA PATRI #581      Glory Be to the Father

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.*

## PARISH LIFE & CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### God's Word Is Proclaimed

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)      based on Matthew 5:6

God of Blessing,  
we are hungry and the thirsty for an anointing of your Spirit  
so that we might filled with new understanding  
through these ancient and eternal words.  
We pray in Christ's name that your Spirit would  
guide their proclamation and our hearing. Amen.



## 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

“Lord, Make Me an Instrument”

John Rutter

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is despair, hope. Where there is darkness, light. Where there is sadness, joy. And all for Thy mercy's sake.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

— Words attributed to Saint Francis of Assisi

### \*DOXOLOGY

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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*)**

based on Matthew 5:1-12

**We thank you, God, that you have blessed us with an abundance of gifts  
for the flourishing of your world and care of your people.  
May this offering of our life and labor reveal your love  
as we seek to participate in the revelation of your kingdom. Amen.**

**We Seal God's Word Upon Our Hearts**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*Christ is host of this table. Everyone, without exception, is welcome. We will receive the Lord's Supper by coming forward and dipping a piece of bread into the cup. Please eat as you are served.*

ANTHEM DURING COMMUNION      Be Known to Us      Austin Cole Lovelace

Be known to us in breaking bread but do not then depart; Savior, abide with us and spread Thy table in our heart.

There sup with us in love divine. Thy body and Thy blood, that living bread, that heavenly wine be our immortal food. Amen.

— James Montgomery (1771-1804)

**We Bear God's Word Into the World**

\*HYMN #774      "There Is Now a New Creation"

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY      Sortie in D      Benton Price

## **Nursery Childcare**

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

## **Maryland State Boychoir Visits DPC**

**Sunday, February 16, 2020**

The Maryland State Boychoir (MSB) will worship with us on Sunday, February 16, 2020 at our 11:00 a.m. service. Known as Maryland's "Official Goodwill Ambassadors," the boychoir is comprised of approximately 130 choristers, ages 7 to 20. Based in Baltimore, the boys represent nine Maryland counties, Baltimore, and the D.C. suburbs. Critically acclaimed and internationally received, the MSB's Young Men's Chorus, about 25 choristers, is singing as part of their tour to Nashville, TN and Knoxville, TN. Additional information about the MSB is available at <https://www.marylandstateboychoir.org/>.

## **DPC Directory Update**

We want to stay in touch with our members and friends, so please take a minute to update your contact information for the Church Directory! There is a current directory in the Narthex with instructions for confirming or updating your information. And forms are available if you aren't in the directory but would like to be.

And since this is a picture directory, feel free to submit a new photo even if your other information is the same.

If you have any questions please call Dena in the office at 615-254-7584 or email [info@dpchurch.com](mailto:info@dpchurch.com).

## **Shout Out for Scott!!!**

Scott & David McGinnis have indicated that rides for Scott would be a big help to them as Scott continues his chemotherapy treatments over the next few months. The needs and times are variable and it would be best to contact Scott directly if you can help out.

Scott McGinnis is about half way through his chemotherapy; he has 3 more scheduled hospitalizations at Vanderbilt. The stays are about 5 days in length and which room he'll land in is only known when he arrives! But he would love for DPC folks to stop in for a few minutes to say hello.

Folks can park via valet Monday through Friday; parking on one's own on the weekend is fairly easy though. One simply parks or valets at Vanderbilt's East Garage by entering Medical Center Drive just off 21st Avenue South.

So mark your calendar for a 30-60 minute pop in!  
Scott is expected to stay at Vandy these 3 dates: **February 6-10; February 28-March 5; March 16-23rd.**

**Text or call Scott at 615.870.4305 or email [scottemcginnis@gmail.com](mailto:scottemcginnis@gmail.com) to check his schedule! Magazines and treats are welcome!**

## **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.

Call or email ([mikewilson@dpchurch.com](mailto: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!

## **Homeless Valentine's Gift Bags!!**



**What:** Drive for hotel sized toiletries and individual snacks

**When:** From Sunday, January 12 - Sunday, February 9

**Where:** Collection box next to the prayer table in the sanctuary

We will take up items for the gift bags and have an after worship bag stuffing on Sunday, February 9, and give out the bags to our breakfast guests on the following Saturday, February 15!

If you have any questions, please ask Samera (eszavaro@yahoo.com)

## **Half for the Hungry**

Half for the Hungry training has begun and we are dodging rain, wind and temperatures and trying to get training in when we can. If anyone is interested in joining this strange group of people who challenge the weather and get out to get in condition and raise money for the homeless feeding program here at DPC call Jim Dickson at 615 545-1541 or e-mail deserata1@hotmail.com for more information.

## **Volunteers Needed for Saturday Breakfast**

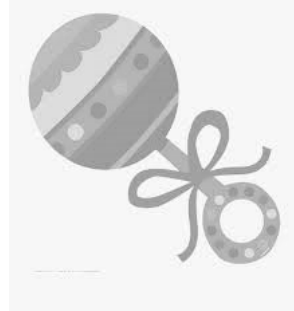
Every Saturday morning DPC opens its doors to Nashville's homeless and urban poor community to provide hot, nutritious meals in a warm, inviting space. Sign up through the Mission and Outreach link on our website [www.dpchurch.com](http://www.dpchurch.com).

We provide complimentary parking for all volunteers.



## Oh, Baby, Baby!

Wow, we're having another baby shower! Matthew and Amanda Abfalter have a due date of April 20, 2020! DPC Hospitality will host a baby shower the **FIRST SUNDAY IN MARCH, which is March 1st!** Let's gather in the Fellowship Hall for shared potluck and cake (cake to be supplied by Hospitality). The Abfalters have two registries, indicated below.



<https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/amanda-abfalter-april-2020-madison/1AUBQLIN861EJ>

[https://www.target.com/gift-registry/giftgiver?registryId=f3e0a4833fbb4926867c9fd0149c6aa5&lnk=registry\\_custom\\_url](https://www.target.com/gift-registry/giftgiver?registryId=f3e0a4833fbb4926867c9fd0149c6aa5&lnk=registry_custom_url)

## Lunch Meet-Up Update



We're forgoing our regular first Sunday lunch meet-up today (it's Super Bowl Sunday) and March (for the Abfalter baby shower).

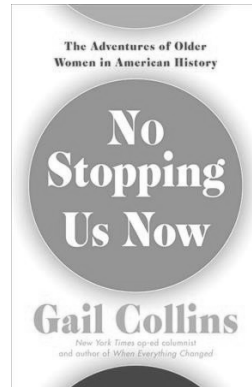
We'll be back with our regular lunch meet-ups on **Sunday, April 5!**

**DPC Book Group: *No One Can Stop Us Now***  
**by Gail Collins**

The DPC book group will have its next meeting on **Thursday, February 6, at 6:30 p.m.** (location TBD).

We will be discussing *No Stopping Us Now: The Adventures of Older Women in American History* by *New York Times* columnist Gail Collins.

Contact Joel Dark (joelhdark@gmail.com) for more information.



**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!**

## 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.

### Our Ministries Last Week

#### Saturday Breakfast Ministry

145 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on January 25.

#### 11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:62, Children:22

### Schedule of Weekly Events

#### Today

#### Monday, February 3

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### Tuesday, February 4

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### Wednesday, February 5

#### Thursday, February 6

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### Friday, February 7

#### Saturday, February 8

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

#### Sunday, February 9

9:00 JuveNiles Rehearsal

9:45 Adult Choir Rehearsal

9:45 Children's Education - Rm #211

11:00 Worship - The Sanctuary

## 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 2020

Rev. Mike Wilson, Moderator

Vickie Coffin, Clerk

Rachel Hayes, Treasurer

#### Class of 2020

Dave Coleman  
Debra Gentry  
Vickie Coffin

#### Class of 2021

Mary Turner  
Jim Hoobler  
David Maddox

#### Class of 2022

Erin Bell  
Holly Kellar  
Jake Byl

### THE CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Mike Wilson, Pastor

Dena Swoner, Office Manager

Suzie Lane, Director of Children's Education

Paulino Jarquin, Maintenance Manager

Dr. William Taylor, Director of Music

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