

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2020

(*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

We Gather in God's Name

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

In baptism one returns to the state of creation ... when all humanity was unified.

— L. Michael White, *From Jesus to Christianity*

OPENING VOLUNTARY Prelude in E-Flat, Op.41. no.1 Alexandre Guilmant

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: At the baptism of Jesus, God said:

P: **"You are my child whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness."**

L: When we hear God's call to prayer, God is summoning us:

P: **"You are my child whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness."**

L: When we hear God's call to service, God is inviting us:

P: **"You are my child whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness."**

L: When we hear God's call to repentance, God is welcoming us:

P: **"You are my child whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness."**

L: When we feel God's absence, God is still supporting us:

P: **"You are my child whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness."**

L: Let us worship the God of our baptism,

P: **the God who finds happiness in us!**

*HYMN #476 "Crashing Waters at Creation"

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Creating God, in the waters of baptism you claim us,
yet we resist your claim,
lining up with those coming to John at the Jordan,
awaiting a word of judgment.

Forgive our shallowness of trust.

Help us to follow your Son, our Lord,
who surrendered himself to you in baptism
and heard you speak happiness in him.

Deepen our faith that we, too, might surrender ourselves to you.

(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 #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*)

Still-speaking God, as these words from Scripture are read,
may it be to us as if the heavens are opening,
and we see your Spirit descending on us like a dove,
revealing your love for us as your beloved children. 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"

*Come Holy Spirit, help us be
a nurturing community.
Empower us to realize
God's kingdom through our children's eyes.*

FIRST READING Matthew 3:13-17
L: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. P: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

SECOND READING Isaiah 42:1-9
L: The Word of the Lord. P: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Rev. Mike Wilson

*HYMN #315 "In the Midst of New Dimensions"

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.

Today's prayer response is:
L: Give us strength, O Lord,
P: **and bless us with peace**

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

A Baptism Carol

Mark Wilson

When Jesus came to the Jordan to be baptized by John,
God's love surrounded those who gathered there.
The Spirit of the Lord descended as a dove, and a voice came from heaven, saying:
"This is My beloved Son, Who is pleasing in My sight.
This is My beloved Son, in Him I am well pleased."
As Christians follow Christ's example and come to be baptized,
His love is there to guide them on their way.
Bestow, O God, the gift of wonder and of joy on each lamb of Your Own calling.
"This is My beloved child, who is precious in My sight.
This is My beloved child, in whom I am well pleased."

— Text derived from Matthew 3:13-17 by Jane Foster Knox

*DOXOLOGY

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Cre - a - tor, Christ and Ho - ly Ghost.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (*unison*)

Great, saving God,
you have gathered us into one baptism,
regardless of our backgrounds and conditions.
Let these tithes and offerings be a sign of our gratitude.
And may they join with others to become a mighty river,
bringing your peace and healing to the world. Amen.

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

*HYMN #482

“Baptized in Water”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Processional March in A Major, Op.45, no.5 Alexandre Guilmant

Nursery Childcare

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

Active Shooter Presentation

On **Saturday, January 25**, from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m., there will be an active shooter presentation at Second Presbyterian Church and anyone from DPC is welcome and encouraged to attend. Session members, committee leaders, staff, frequent greeters and Saturday breakfast leaders are particularly encouraged.

The session will be led by Sgt. Michelle S. Coker, MNPD Midtown Hills Precinct Community Coordinator, and will include:

- Best practices of survival through Avoid, Deny, Defend formally known as Run, Hide, Fight
- Learn about the psychology of who survives & why during disastrous events
- Being situational aware of your surroundings during all times anywhere you are
- Getting in the proper mindset of having a script & practicing (whether at home, work, or anywhere). This includes having a contingency plan in place for your place of employment.
- Know what to expect when first responders respond.

The presentation will *not* include any viewings of persons injured or killed. The program is purely informational and uses techniques and information from:

<http://www.avoiddenydefend.org/> .



Art Crawl - always the first Saturday of each month; lands on February 1st this year. Come hear the father/daughter duo of George & Emily Williamson play in the sanctuary. Stay tuned for Browsing Room info.

Sanctuary guides needed! We have folks who open and close the church as well as conduct tours during Art Crawl (6-9pm) but they can't do it alone! If you don't know enough about the sanctuary and the church, it's a good way to

learn AND to meet locals interested in learning more about the church as well as being a thoughtful guide to tourists from around the world. Please consider the adventure!

Contact **Michael Arwood** via email at dagmal@aol.com or **Mary Turner** via email or phone/text: mturner2614@gmail.com or 615.294.8040.

Ride Help for Scott McGinnis

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. His email is: Scottemcginnis@gmail.com.

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)

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, January 15 at 5:00 p.m.** - at DPC
- ◆ Session – **Sunday, January 19, 1:00 p.m.** in Parlor 1
- ◆ Hospitality - **Thursday, January 30 at 6:00 p.m.** - place TBD

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.



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!

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) 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!

Half for the Hungry

The Half for the Hungry Team will begin training for the Rock and Roll Half Marathon on January 4th! We will meet in the parking lot of the Publix store on West End. Meet in the part of the parking lot near the Picnic Restaurant at 9:00 a. m. We will journey on the Richland Creek Greenway for about 4 miles. Walkers, runners and run/walkers are all welcome. **We will meet every Saturday leading up to the Half on the last Saturday in April.**

Ultimately, we are raising money to feed the homeless on Saturday mornings at Downtown Presbyterian Church. This is a great opportunity to do something really good for our city while exercising with friends. Do not feel threatened because no matter how slow or fast you are, there will be somebody slower and somebody faster.

Join us and share in our experience. Invite anyone else who might enjoy the camaraderie! See you on Jan. 4th for a little jaunt by the creek...Jim; deserata1@hotmail.com or 615 545-1541.

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.

FIRST SUNDAY LUNCH ANNOUNCEMENT

Whew, we're into 2020! The holiday decorations came down last Sunday thanks to those who helped 'de-decorate'! It was also a First Sunday meal together and some good food was shared.

Hospitality is pushing our next First Sunday lunch gathering out to **March 1st**. It was decided that since the Super Bowl hits (as it traditionally does) on the first Sunday in February, folks usually pare down their lunch meal in order to enjoy Super Bowl food festivities (and the game!) later in the day. So we hope to see lots of folks at our March 1st First Sunday Lunch. Stay tuned for the location!

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.

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 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

122 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on January 4.

99 people visited the clothes closet on January 4.

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:52, Children:7

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

Monday, January 13

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Tuesday, January 14

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Wednesday, January 15

5:00 Building & Finance - at DPC

Thursday, January 16

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Friday, January 17

Saturday, January 18

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

Sunday, January 19

9:45 Children's Education - Rm #211

11:00 Worship - The Sanctuary

1:00 Session - Parlor 1

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

THE CHURCH STAFF

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