



# THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday of Christmas/Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2020

(\*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

### We Gather in God's Name

#### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

We returned to our palaces, these Kingdoms, but no longer at ease here in the old dispensation, with an alien people clutching their gods. I should be glad of another death.

– T. S. Eliot

#### OPENING VOLUNTARY

Pastorale in F Major, BWV 590

J. S. Bach

#### WELCOME

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We gather wondering,

“Where will we find the babe born in Bethlehem?”

P: **We will find the Babe**

**in the laughter of children,**

**in the wisdom of grandparents.**

L: We gather asking,

“Where will we find the Child of Christmas?”

P: **We will find the Child**

**where the needy are gifted with hope,**

**where the oppressed are set free.**

L: We gather wanting to know,

“Where will we find the Christ who has come for us?”

P: **We will find our Hope**

**where fear is overwhelmed by grace,**

**where hatred is overwhelmed by love,**

**where all people are overwhelmed by joy.**

\*HYMN #151

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

vs.1 all; vs.2 men; vs.3 all; vs.4 women & children; vs.5 all

## CALL TO RECONCILIATION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

We have heard of your grace, Shaper of stars;  
from those set free from injustice;  
from our children who whisper of your joy;  
from greeters of dawn's fresh start;  
from late risers who listen to the stories of the needy.

We have heard of your Light, Bright Star of the morning:  
which can illumine the shadows of our lives;  
which can show the path to God's heart;  
which can point the way to where we become servants of the gospel.

We have heard of your promised peace, Wisdom's Radiance:  
that peace which can end war, as well as heal our hearts;  
that peace which can conquer our fears, and flood us with faith;  
that peace which can enter our lives and overwhelm us with hope.

God in Community,  
we confess that we have not always believed what we have heard.  
Help us to accept the truth of your Light  
and to pursue it wherever it leads. Amen.

(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 #113                      “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!*

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### PARISH LIFE & CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

# God's Word Is Proclaimed

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

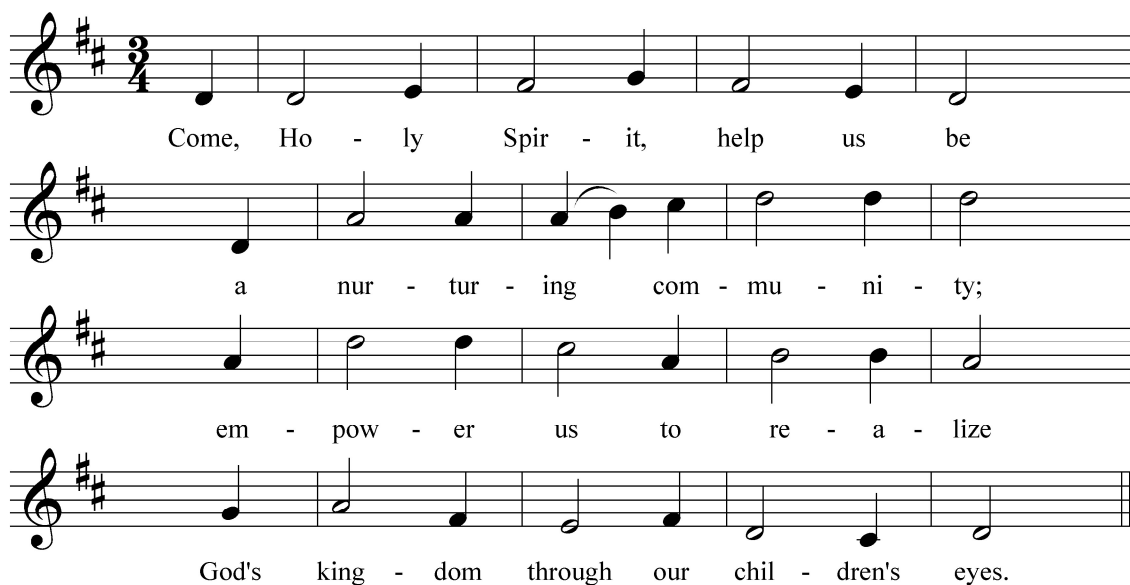
based on Matthew 2:2,9

O God of wonder, as that ancient star rose and guided the magi,  
illuminating the place where Jesus was,  
so now may the light of your Holy Spirit  
shine in our hearts and minds as the Word is read and proclaimed.  
Guide us again to Christ, and direct us in new paths of faithfulness.  
In Christ we pray. 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 60:1-6

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

SECOND READING Matthew 2:1-12

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

SERMON

Rev. Mike Wilson

\*HYMN #138      “Who Would Think That What Was Needed”

## 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: Lord in your mercy

P: Hear our prayer.

### 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

Sir Christèmas

William Mathias

Nowell (*Christmas*), nowell. Who is there that singeth so, nowell, nowell?  
I am here, Sir Christèmas.

Welcome, my lord Sir Christèmas! Welcome to all, both more and less!  
Come near, come near, come near,  
Nowell, nowell.

Dieu vous garde, beaux sieurs (*God bless you at this beautiful time*),  
tidings I you bring:  
A maid hath borne a child full young, which causeth you to sing:  
Nowell, nowell,

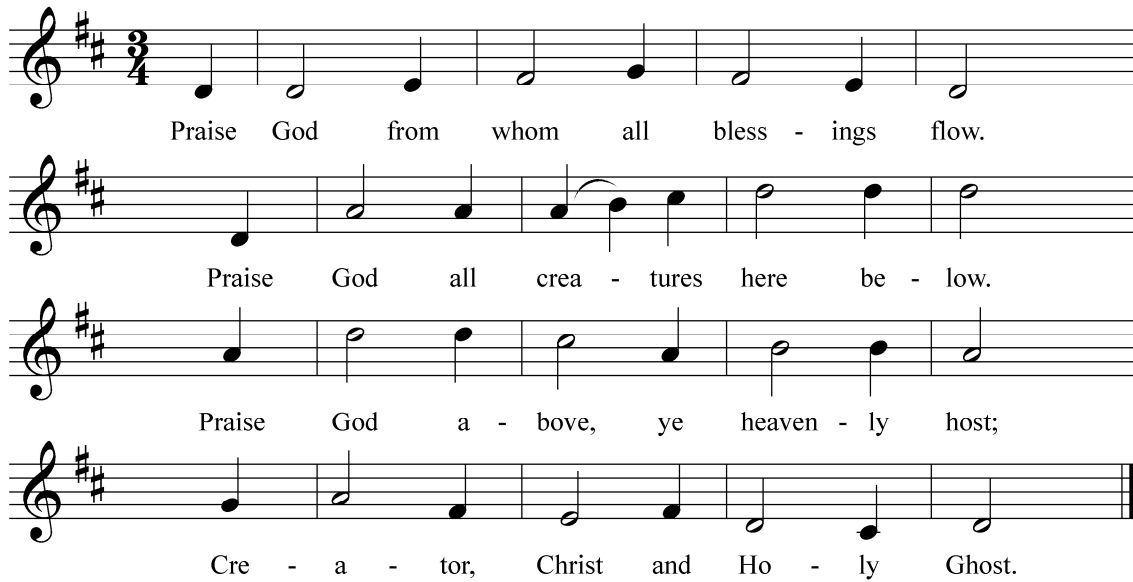
Christ is now born of a pure maid, born of a pure maid; in an ox-stall he is laid,  
Wherefore sing we at a brayed (*moment, quick movement*):  
Nowell, nowell.

Buvez bien, buvez bien par toute la compagnie (*Drink well all the company*).  
Make good cheer and be right merry, and sing with us now joyfully:  
Nowell, nowell.

— anonymous 15th century

\*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*)

Like those who offered precious gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh,  
we, too, offer our gifts in gratitude, reverence, and thanksgiving  
for the birth of your child.

Receive and bless this offering as a joyful sign  
of the boundless love and abundant life  
we are called to share in Christ. Amen.

## We Seal God's Word Upon Our Hearts

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

L: God is with you.

P: **And also with you.**

L: Let us open our hearts.

P: **We open them up to our God.**

L: Let us give thanks to the God of Light.

P: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.*

COMMUNION ANTHEM                      We Have Seen His Star                      Everett Titcomb

We have seen His star in the east  
and are come with our offerings to worship the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

Loving and gracious God, from east and west, from north and south,  
you have gathered us at your table,  
called us your beloved, and fed us from your body.  
Transform us to be your body in the world,  
and fortify us by your Spirit,  
so that we may serve you and our neighbors with great joy.  
Amen.

## We Bear God's Word Into the World

\*HYMN #150                      "As With Gladness Men of Old"

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY      Chorale Prelude on *Von Himmel Hoch*      J. S. Bach  
tune taken from Hymn #111

## Nursery Childcare

Nursery caregiver today is McKennan Henninger. If childcare is needed any-time during the service, please see a greeter for assistance.

## First Sunday Lunch Meetup of 2020!

Ho! Ho! Ho! This year the Hospitality Committee has decided to push our Christmas morning breakfast meal to January. So please join us on **Sunday, January 5th, 2020 in the Fellowship Hall!** This will also be our first First Sunday Lunch for 2020! The church will put together breakfast casserole dishes for the congregation to enjoy right after service.



We'll also take the opportunity to put our holiday decorations away, so please plan to either come at 10 am - before our 11 am service to help de-trim our Fellowship Hall and/or stay post lunch to continue the de-trimming! A little bit of time by many members will make the task a lot easier than just a few doing the work. The boxes will be put out by 10 am.

## 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!



## **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](mailto:info@dpchurch.com).

## **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/> .

## **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.

## **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!

## 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 December 28.

99 people visited the clothes closet on December 28.

#### 11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:40, Children:8

### Schedule of Weekly Events

#### Today

12:00 First Sunday Lunch Meetup -  
DPC Fellowship Hall

#### Monday, January 6

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### Tuesday, January 7

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### Wednesday, January 8

#### Thursday, January 9

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### Friday, January 10

#### Saturday, January 11

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

#### Sunday, January 12

9:30 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 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

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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