

# THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

First Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2020

(\*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

### We Gather in God's Name

#### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"If we have understood, what we have understood is not God."

— Saint Augustine on the mystery of God

#### OPENING VOLUNTARY

Chorale Prelude on *O Gott, du frommer Gott* Johannes Brahms  
Translation - *O God, Thou Faithful God*

#### WELCOME

\*SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP #392 "Jesus, We Are Here"  
"Jesu, tawa pano"

#### CALL TO RECONCILIATION

based on Psalm 32:1-2

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

based on Genesis 2:15-3:7

LORD God,

you know the ways of good and evil.

You know the things that tempt us  
and the things that give us life.

You know our nakedness,  
and you know our brokenness.

We confess that we have disobeyed your word,  
denying your providence and care  
and relied on our own cleverness.

*continued*

Have mercy on us, we pray:  
cover us with your grace,  
feed us with the bread of life,  
and re-create us in your image;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE based on Psalm 32:11

L: May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

*Please return to your seats when the music begins.*

PARISH LIFE & CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **God's Word Is Proclaimed**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

based on Matthew 4:1,4

O Lord,

may the words of your mouth be our daily bread,  
and may the leading of your Spirit become our way;  
in Jesus's name. 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”  
(Sung by the whole congregation)

*Come Holy Spirit, help us be  
a nurturing community.*

*Empower us to realize*

*God's kingdom through our children's eyes.*

FIRST READING

Matthew 4:1-11

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

SECOND READING

Genesis 2:15-3:7

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

SERMON

Rev. Mike Wilson

## **We Respond to God's Word**

\*HYMN #226

“There in God's Garden”

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

based on Psalm 32:6-10; Matthew 4:2-10

*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

“Jesus, So Lowly”

Harold Friedell

Jesus, so lowly, Child of the earth: Christen me wholly, bring me new birth.

Jesus, so lonely, weary and sad; teach me that only love maketh glad.

Jesus, so broken, silent and pale; be this the token love will not fail.

Jesus, victorious, mighty and free; teach me how glorious death is to be.

— Edith Williams

\*DOXOLOGY #606      “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (*unison*)

Too often, generous God,  
    we give into the temptation to keep everything for ourselves.  
But you would have us notice those who hunger for hope, as well as bread;  
    those who are caught in the injustices of the world;  
    those who struggle to find themselves.  
And in noticing, we become generous and loving,  
    even as we have been graced by our Brother and Savior,  
    Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

## We Seal God's Word Upon Our Hearts

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

L: The Lord be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

L: Holy God, we come to the table as an Easter people;  
    tempted to tell only our faith stories of triumph and victory,  
    tempted to move directly to the celebration with lilies and Alleluias.

P: **Hear us, Holy God, as we pray.**

L: Holy God, we come to the table scarred from the world;  
    bringing some vague awareness that all is not well,  
    bringing some distant memory that the costly cross  
    looms in the distance.

P: **Hear us, Holy God, as we pray.**

L: Holy God, we come to the table with a sense of defeat;  
knowing that we too have silently witnessed crucifixions,  
knowing that we too have failed to count the cost of following Christ.

**P: Hear us, Holy God, as we pray.**

L: Holy God, we come to this table not unlike those disciples  
who would share in this feast  
and only hours later abandon and deny Jesus:  
The one who took bread, and after giving thanks for it said,  
“This is my body broken for you.”

And who then took the cup, saying,  
“This is the covenant sealed in my blood, poured out for you  
for the forgiveness of sins.”

Holy God, we come to this table tempted to deny the pain of life,  
scarred from too many broken dreams,  
knowing that we are not immune to evil's lure.

And you meet us at this table;  
embracing us in our brokenness, naming us "beloved",  
claiming us for an eternity.

These are the gifts of God, for us the people of God.

**P: We thank you, living, loving God.**

#### 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

Thou Knowest, Lord, the Secrets of Our Hearts Henry Purcell

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts. Shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayers, but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty. O holy and most merciful Saviour, Thou most worthy judge eternal, suffer us not at our last hour for any pains of death to fall from thee. Amen.

— Sentences from the Burial Service

## We Bear God's Word Into the World

\*HYMN #165

“The Glory of These Forty Days”

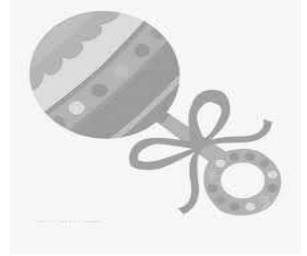
\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### Nursery Childcare

Nursery caregivers today are Catherine DeSimone and McKennan Henninger. If childcare is needed anytime during the service, please see a greeter for assistance.

## Oh, Baby, Baby!

Wow, we're having another baby shower— **Today!** Matthew and Amanda Abfalter have a due date of April 20, 2020! We'll 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)

## Adult Sunday School is Back!

Seeking Social Justice

Adult Sunday School is currently running a six-week group study **through March 15**. Using materials from PC(USA)'s *Being Reformed* series, DPC Christian Education will host "Seeking Social Justice," designed to inspire participants to think critically about the social, economic and political problems that influence the lives of individuals and our planet.

Each Sunday a DPC member or friend will lead participants through Scripture, prayer, commentary and questions for reflection. For more information, contact Dave Coleman at [dave\\_four@hotmail.com](mailto:dave_four@hotmail.com).

**Please join us in Parlor 2 at 9:45!**

## Lunch Meet-Up Update

We're forgoing our regular first Sunday lunch meet-up today. But everyone is invited to the Abfalter baby shower!

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



## **Cottage Dinner Hosts Needed for Good Friday, April 10**

It's time to begin planning for Good Friday Cottage Dinners, an annual DPC Lenten tradition.

Participants will gather in homes of church members and friends around 6:00 p.m. on Friday, April 10th, with hosts providing the main dish and guests bringing side dishes and desserts. Pastor Mike provides the liturgy for group participation, which can be read before the meal or after.

In the past, we've held dinners in homes, in a park, in the fellowship hall and sometimes people with children prefer to set up an early afternoon/evening dinner. We usually have 5 or 6 hosts. We will post sign up sheets for guests in mid-March.

Claire Armbruster and Jeff Koontz are Cottage Dinner organizers. Please let them know if you're interested in hosting and how many people you can seat (including yourself). Send that information to Claire: [clairearmbruster@gmail.com](mailto:clairearmbruster@gmail.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:**

- ◆ Finance - **Wednesday, March 11 at 5:00 p.m.** - DPC
- ◆ Session - **Sunday, March 15 at 1:00 p.m.** - Parlor 1
- ◆ Loaves & Fishes - **Sunday, March 22 at 12:00 p.m.** - Fellowship Hall
- ◆ Outreach - **Sunday, March 29 at 12:00 p.m.** - DPC



## Congregational Care Corner

Our dear friend **Justin Near** is spreading her wings and preparing to establish a new home. She could use a little help feathering her new nest. We are collecting gift cards to Goodwill, Kroger, Target to help Justin get set-up in her new place. We would like to gift these to Justin on March 15th.

If you have specific items that you would like to give that you feel might be appreciated, please contact Erin Bell. (615)482-0858.

Thank you for helping us support Justin and her family in this transition.

**Scott & David McGinnis** have indicated that rides for Scott would be a big help to them as Scott continues is chemotherapy treatments over the next few month. 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 2 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 2 dates:  
**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!**



## **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!

## **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!**

## **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](mailto:deserata1@hotmail.com) for more information.

## 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

170 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on February 22.

#### 11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:63, Children:10

#### Today's Greeters

Chuck Cardona & Rachel Hayes

#### March 8th Greeters

Vickie Coffin & Paul Coffin

#### March 15th Greeters

Denny Harris & Glenda Harris

### Schedule of Weekly Events

#### Today

#### Monday, March 2

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### Tuesday, March 3

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### Wednesday, March 4

9:00 Mom's Demand Action

#### Thursday, March 5

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### Friday, March 6

#### Saturday, March 7

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

#### Sunday, March 8

9:45 Children's Education - Rm #211

9:45 Sunday School - Parlor 2

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

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Dr. William Taylor, Director of Music

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