

# THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Transfiguration of the Lord

February 23, 2020

(\*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

### We Gather in God's Name

#### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"Having looked at the object of the universe, I find there is no one, nor any particle of one, but has reference to the Soul."

— Walt Whitman

#### OPENING VOLUNTARY

Elegy

G.T. Thalben-Ball

#### WELCOME

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Matthew 17:4-7

L: It is good that we're here

**P: in the shelter of God's love.**

L: It is good that we're here

**P: in the presence of friends old and new.**

L: It is good that we're here

**P: to continue our journey with Jesus.**

#### \*HYMN #193

"Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain"

#### CALL TO RECONCILIATION

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

God of bright clouds,

So many voices compete for our attention:

Politicians ask for our votes,

assuring us they can make our lives better.

Advertisers ask for our money,

assuring us they can make our lives easier and more enjoyable.

*continued*

Entertainments ask for our attention,  
promising us escape.

Employers ask for our time and labor,  
assuring us they will pay us fairly and treat us well.

Families and friends ask for our companionship and affection,  
assuring us it will be returned in kind.

Often those promises are kept and we *are* happier;  
our lives *are* more enjoyable; we are rewarded for our labor;  
we *are* loved by those we love.

But sometimes we are simply seduced by that which will never satisfy,  
those who will never return our loyalty,  
never make us happy, never truly love us.

Forgive our poor judgement and help us to pay closer attention  
to the One who will never lie to us, never lead us astray,  
and will love us always and completely -  
Jesus, our friend, our brother, our savior.

(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 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 2:Peter 1:19

God our light - rising morning star,  
your Word is a lamp shining in a dark place.

Make us attentive to its light  
so that we may live faithful lives.

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 Exodus 24:12-18  
L: The word of the Lord. P: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Matthew 17:1-9  
L: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. P: Glory to you, O Lord.

SERMON Rev. Mike Wilson

### We Respond to God's Word

\*HYMN #190 "Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory"

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
based on Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Corinthians 3:1-9

*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

### “Light”

Deen E. Entsminger

And God said, “Let there be Light.” and there was light.  
Let the light of Your face shine upon us, O Lord. You are my lamp, O Lord.  
Come, O house of Jacob let us walk in the light of the Lord.  
I have made you a light for the Gentiles,  
that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.  
The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear?  
The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.  
Arise, shine for your light has come.  
And the Glory of the Lord rises upon you. Rise, shine.

– Text from Genesis, 2 Samuel, Psalms, Isaiah, Matthew, and Acts

### \*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*)

We do not keep our treasures stored in the mountaintops of our fears  
of how others might use them,  
but pour them out so they might be used  
to transform all those who find themselves  
in the valleys of hunger, of loss, of loneliness, and of injustice.  
This we ask in the name of your Beloved. Amen.

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

\*HYMN #189                    "O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair"

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Chorale Prelude on *They'll Know We Are Christians*                    Gordon Young  
Tune taken from Hymn 300

**Nursery Childcare**

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

## Congregational and Corporation Meeting - Today!

Notice is hereby given of the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Corporation of The Downtown Presbyterian Church of Nashville to be held in the Fellowship Hall of the Church on Sunday, February 23, 2020 following the 11:00 a.m. morning worship service for the purpose of (i) receiving the financial report of the Corporation, (ii) electing three (3) Directors to the class of 2022, and (iii) transacting such other business as may come before the meeting. **All members of the church are likewise members of the Church corporation.**

The congregation will meet at the same time and place to: receive the 2020 church budget and 2019 annual report; and transact such other business under the provisions of G-1.0503 of the Book of Order.

The Congregational Meeting will be a potluck. Four members will be bringing soups/chilis and we're asking the rest of the congregation to bring sandwiches, side dishes, or desserts. Beverages will be provided.

## Ash Wednesday—Two Services



We begin our journey to Holy Week and Easter on **Wednesday, February 26.**

This year we'll have a service at *noon* in the Sanctuary for downtown workers, residents and friends.

At 6:00 p.m. we'll gather for a simple meal in Fellowship Hall then move to The Chapel for a 7:00 p.m. evening worship service which will include The Lord's Supper and the imposition of ashes.

## **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).

## **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!**

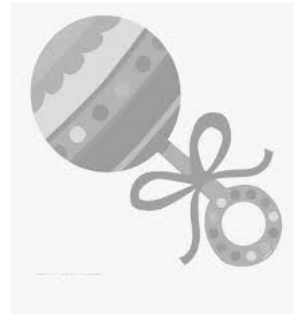
## Outreach Meeting - Monday, February 24, 2020

Outreach will have it's next meeting at Newk's (near Centennial Park) from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Newk's address is 2714 West End Ave, Nashville, TN 37203.

All are welcome!! Email Samera for questions (eszavaro@yahoo.com )

### 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 in March (for the Abfalter baby shower).

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



## 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

145 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on February 15.

#### 11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:74, Children:11

#### Today's Greeters

Faye Dickson & Jim Dickson

#### February 26th Greeters

Noon service: Mary Turner & Erin & Eliza Bell  
7:00pm service: Faye Dickson & Jim Dickson

#### March 1st Greeters

Chuck Cardona & Rachel Hayes

### Schedule of Weekly Events

#### Today

12:00 Congregational Meeting  
- Fellowship Hall

#### Monday, February 24

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### Tuesday, February 25

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### Wednesday, February 26

Noon Ash Wednesday Service - Sanctuary  
7:00 Ash Wednesday Service - Chapel

#### Thursday, February 27

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### Friday, February 28

#### Saturday, February 29

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

#### Sunday, March 1

9:00 JuveNiles Rehearsal  
9:45 Adult Choir Rehearsal  
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

Suzie Lane, Director of Children's Education

Paulino Jarquin, Maintenance Manager

Dr. William Taylor, Director of Music

Michael Korak, Facilities Manager

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