

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 16, 2020

(*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

We Gather in God's Name

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“God does not offer himself [sic] to our finite beings as a thing all complete and ready to be embraced. For us he is eternal discovery and eternal growth. The more we think we understand him, the more he reveals himself as otherwise. The more we think we hold him, the further he withdraws, drawing us into the depths of himself.”

– Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, *The Divine Milieu*

OPENING CHORAL SELECTIONS

Ev'ry Night When the Sun Goes Down

D. Shawn Berry, arr.

Ev'ry night when the sun goes down. Ev'ry night when the sun goes down.
Ev'ry night when the sun goes down, I hang down my head and mournful cry.

True love don't weep, true love don't mourn: true love don't weep, true love don't mourn:
True love don't weep, true love don't mourn, I'm goin' away to Marble town.

All night, all day, Angels watching over me my Lord,
All night, all day, Angels watching over me.

When I lay me down to sleep, Angels watching over me my Lord.
Pray to God my soul to keep. Angel's watching over me.

Sicut Cervus

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum, ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.

Translation:

As a hart longs for the flowing streams, so longs my soul for thee, O God.

Shine On Me

Rollo Dillworth, arr.

Shine on me. Shine on me.
I wonder if the lighthouse will shine on me.

Is a light shinin' above?

Is it shinin' above in the heavens for me?

I'm wondering' if there's a light that is shinin' above in the heavens for me.

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 119:1-2; Hymn #610

L: Happy are those who walk in the LORD's ways.

P: **Let us seek God with all our hearts,
and sing the praise of our redeemer!**

*HYMN #610

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

based on Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Matthew 5:21-48

How often we make the wrong choices, God of our lives.

We look at others through the prism of envy,
distorting who they really are.

We let our anger feed us with bitterness and hurt.

We toss about harmful words that humiliate and harm.

We make promises - even to ourselves - that we can't keep.

We sometimes prefer score-settling to forgiveness.

God of infinite love,

help us to set aside our quarreling natures to be united in
common worship, common service, and a common purpose,
as we follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

(Time for silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE

based on Hymn #610

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 Psalm 119:8

God of wise counsel, do not leave us all alone!
Fill us with your Holy Spirit so that we might
understand, follow and keep your Word.
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.*

ANTHEM

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments.
And I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may abide with you forever;
Even the spirit of truth.

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 30:15-20

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

SECOND READING Matthew 5:21-48

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

SERMON

Rev. Mike Wilson

ANTHEM

The King of Love My Shepard Is

Mark Wilberg, arr.

The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faith never
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul he leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

And so through all the length of days,
Thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house forever!

We Respond to God's Word

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.

Today's prayer response will be:

L: Loving God,

P: help us to turn our hearts to you.

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

“Ride the Chariot” William Henry Smith, arr.

I'm gonna ride in the chariot in the morning, Lord,
I'm gonna ride in the chariot in the morning, Lord,
I'm gettin' ready for the judgement day, my Lord, my Lord.

Are you ready my brother?
Are you ready for the journey?
Do you want to see your Jesus?
Oh, yes, I'm waitin' for the chariot 'cause I'm ready to go.

Are you ready my sister?
Are you ready for the journey?
Do you want to see your Jesus?
Oh, yes, I'm waitin' for the chariot 'cause I'm ready to go.

I never can forget that day, Ride!
When all my sins were taken away, Ride!
My feet were snatched from the miry clay, Ride!
I'll serve my Lord till judgment day, Ride!

– St. Alcuin

*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 Deuteronomy 30:19-20

Source of All,

each of us might have kept the money we have given today
and used it for our own provision and pleasure.

Instead, we chose to entrust it to the church
so that it might be a blessing to others.

Inspire our leaders so that it is allocated to purposes that reveal
your kingdom and bring life to many. Amen.

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

*HYMN #821

"How Can I Keep from Singing"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING CHORAL SELECTION

Bound for the Promised Land Emily Crocker, arr.

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye
to Canaan's fair and happy land where my possessions lie.
I am bound for the promised land, I am bound for the promised land.
O who will come and go with me, I am bound for the promised land.

There the gen'rous fruits that never fail immortal grow;
there rocks and hills and brooks and vales with milk and honey flow.
I am bound for the promised land, I'm bound for the promised land.
O who will come and go with me, I am bound for the promised land.

Soon will the Lord my soul prepare for joys beyond the skies.
Where never ceasing pleasures roll and praises never die.
I am bound for the promised land, I am bound for the promised land.
O who will come and go with me, I am bound for the promised land.

Nursery Childcare

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

Welcome Maryland State Boychoir!

We welcome The Maryland State Boychoir (MSB) today. 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.

Adult Sunday School is Back!

Seeking Social Justice

Adult Sunday School will resume **February 9** for 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.

Please join us in Parlor 2 at 9:45!

Congregational and Corporation Meeting - February 23

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



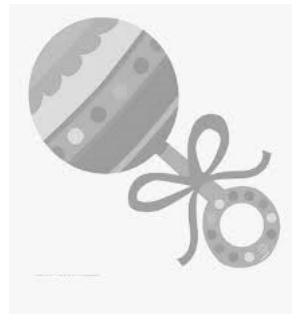
We begin our journey to Holy Week and Easter on **Wednesday, February 26.**

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.

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

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 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.

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) 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 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

133 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on February 8.

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:63, Children:12

Today's Greeters

Denny Harris & Glenda Harris

February 23th Greeters

Faye Dickson & Jim Dickson

February 26th Greeters

Noon service: Mary Turner & Erin Bell

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

1:00 Session - Parlor 2

Monday, February 17

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Tuesday, February 18

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Wednesday, February 19

Thursday, February 20

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Friday, February 21

Saturday, February 22

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

Sunday, February 23

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

12:00 Congregational Meeting
- Fellowship Hall

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

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