

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 9, 2020

(*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

We Gather in God's Name

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“The earth is good because it takes what life gives, and within itself it uses its gifts to make life abound. It waits for fruition and fathers its fruit unto itself for more life and more growing. I shall learn of [sic] the earth the meaning of the humble spirit.”

— Rev. Howard Thurman

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prelude on *Song 46*

Leo Sowerby

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Matthew 5:13-15

L: Called to be light,

P: we carry God's hope into the shadows of the world.

L: Called to be salt,

P: we enhance the lives of those around us, with joy.

L: Called to live in God's reality,

P: we welcome *everyone* as sisters and brothers in faith.

*HYMN #667

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

based on Isaiah 58:1-12

Lover of justice, Giver of mercy;

you call us to share our bread with the hungry

and to open our homes to the homeless,

to care for the poor

and to satisfy the needs of those who suffer.

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Some of your desires are easy to follow;
others require so much of us!
How can we break the chains of injustice
and untie the bonds of oppression?
When we consider the brokenness of our world,
it is easy to feel overwhelmed.
Forgive us when we use our sense of helplessness as an excuse.
Remind us, we pray, that you are at work in and through us
to participate in bringing about your kingdom.
Free us from fear and stir our hearts toward greater generosity,
that we might be the salt and light
you have called us to be.

(Time for silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE based on Matthew 5:12

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)

Come, Holy Spirit -

be the light that illuminates the reading and proclamation of Scripture
so that we might be a light for the world.

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

Isaiah 58:1-12

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

SECOND READING

Matthew 5:13-20

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

SERMON

Rev. Mike Wilson

*HYMN #314

“Christ, Be Our Light”

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.

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

“Eternal Light”

Leo Sowerby

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts.
Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil.
Eternal Power, be our support.
Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance.
Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

— 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*)

May the gifts we offer, Loving God, be used
to set free the mistreated,
share bread with the hungry,
provide shelter and clothing to the homeless,
and to be a community of genuine friendship
to a wounded and hurting world.

Amen.

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

*HYMN #733

"We All Are One in Mission"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Paean from *Nine Pieces for Organ* Gordon Young

Nursery Childcare

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

Last Chance to Update Your DPC Directory Information!

Friday, February 14 (Happy Valentine's Day!) is the deadline for updating your information and picture for the 2020 DPC Directory. An updated list is on the Narthex table. Write any corrections on the list, and email photos to info@dpchurch.com.

If you have any questions please call Dena in the office at 615-254-7584 or email info@dpchurch.com.

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 AM 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.

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 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 3 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 3 dates:
February 6-10; 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!



Maryland State Boychoir Visits DPC Next Sunday **Sunday, February 16, 2020**

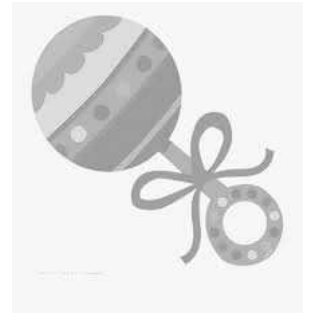
The Maryland State Boychoir (MSB) will worship with us on Sunday, February 16, 2020 at our 11:00 a.m. service. Known as Maryland's "Official Goodwill Ambassadors," the boychoir is comprised of approximately 130 choristers, ages 7 to 20. Based in Baltimore, the boys represent nine Maryland counties, Baltimore, 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. Additional information about the MSB is available at <https://www.marylandstateboychoir.org/>.

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.

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!**

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!

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 1.

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:54, Children:16

Today's Greeters

Claire Armbruster & Jeff Koontz

February 16th Greeters

Denny Harris & Glenda Harris

February 23rd Greeters

Faye Dickson & Jim Dickson

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

Monday, February 10

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Tuesday, February 11

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Wednesday, February 12

Thursday, February 13

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Friday, February 14

Saturday, February 15

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

Sunday, February 16

9:00 JuveNiles 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

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Suzie Lane, Director of Children's Education

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