

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Third Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2020

(*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

We Gather in God's Name

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"It will really help you, Christian or not, if you can begin to see Jesus - and Christ - as coming out of Reality, naming it, giving it a face, not appearing to Reality from another world."

— Richard Rohr in *The Universal Christ*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prelude on *Land of Rest*
Melody taken from Hymn #796

George Shearing

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 95:1-2

L: Come, let's sing out loud to the LORD!

P: Let's raise a joyful shout
to the rock of our salvation!

L: Let's come before God with thanks!

P: Let's shout songs of joy to the LORD!

*HYMN #81

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

based on John 4:5-24

Oh God who flows through all things,
you know everything we have done.

We thirst for things that will never satisfy us
and hunger for control that is an illusion.

We commit ourselves to things that will never last.

We worship things that will never bring salvation.

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Still, you offer us the gift of living water.
Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life.
Forgive us, O Lord, and help us accept your gifts,
so that we may never thirst again.
Amen.

(Time of silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE based on John 4:10

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 John 4:41-42

Living God, through the reading of scripture
and by the power of your Spirit,
may we hear for ourselves the good news,
and believe, because of your Word,
that Jesus Christ is the Savior of 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 #487

“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.*

SCRIPTURE READING

John 4:41-42

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 #161

“Women in the Night”

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

based on John 4:4-42; Exodus 17:1-7; Romans 5:1-11

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.

This week's response is:

L: Wellspring of 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

Draw Up the Water from the Well

James E. Clemmons

Water, oh water, I'm comin' to take you home.

Oh sister, draw up, draw up the water from the well. Draw it up.

Taste the water cool on your tongue.

Drink deep, my sister. Drink deep, there's water in the well.

I am the water from the well.

Oh water, you're comin' to take me home.

— Words by David Wright based on John 4:1-26

*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*)

Our money, even with your blessing, O God,
is not as abundant as the living water of Christ.
So we ask that those entrusted with its spending be guided by your
Holy Spirit to allocate it in ways that truly serve your people
and help reveal your kingdom.
Amen.

We Seal God’s Word Upon our Hearts and Bear It Into the World

*HYMN #494 “Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

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.

Special Offering for Tornado Relief

Thank you to all who contributed to last Sunday’s special offering for Nashville tornado relief. As a congregation we raised \$1537.47! As a reminder, 100% of this offering will be given to the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee to aid in the local relief efforts.

If you missed last week, and would like to contribute to the tornado relief, visit cfmt.org to make a donation.

Thank you for your generosity and continued prayers for all those affected.

Congregational Care Corner

Scott & David McGinnis have indicated that rides for Scott would be a big help to them as Scott continues his chemotherapy treatments over the next few months. The needs and times are variable and it would be best to contact Scott directly if you can help out.

Scott McGinnis is almost done with his chemotherapy! He has 1 more scheduled hospitalization at Vanderbilt. The stay is 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 **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!



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.

Committee Corner

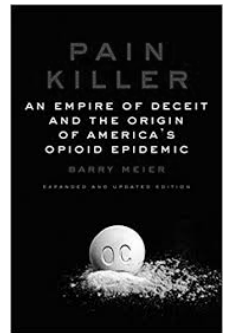
Come be a part of the teams that guide DPC! All are welcome to come and join the conversations. **Upcoming Committee Meetings:**

- ◆ Fishes and Loaves: **Sunday, March 22** - 12:30 p.m. at DPC
- ◆ Outreach: **Sunday, Sunday, March 29** - 12:30 p.m. at DPC
- ◆ Open Table Training: **Sunday, April 26** - 12:30 p.m. at DPC

DPC Book Group

The DPC book group will have its next meeting on **Thursday, April 9**, at 6:30 p.m. (location to be determined). We will be discussing *Pain Killer: An Empire of Deceit and the Origin of America's Opioid Epidemic* by Barry Meier.

Contact Joel Dark (joelhdark@gmail.com) for more information.



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!

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

181 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on March 7.

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:46, Children:6

Today's Greeters

Denny Harris & Glenda Harris

March 22nd Greeters

Dave Coleman & Stephanie Coleman

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

12:30 Session—Parlor 1

Monday, March 16

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Tuesday, March 17

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Wednesday, March 18

Thursday, March 19

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Friday, March 20

Saturday, March 21

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

Sunday, March 22

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

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