

# THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday

November 22, 2020

Thank you for being here today!

Following best practices and to insure everyone's health and safety, ***we ask that you refrain from singing***. Instead we invite you to follow along with the hymn texts provided while our cantor sings. We also ask that you refrain from handshakes and hugs and moving around the sanctuary.

Feel free to join in the spoken liturgies.

And because our worship is being recorded for later broadcast, we ask that you **remain seated and quiet for the opening and closing voluntaries**.

(\*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

### We Gather in God's Name

OPENING VOLUNTARY    Chorale Prelude on *Coronation* (König)    Heinrich Fleischer  
melody for hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Our lives scattered on the floor of the world,  
our limits pushed by stress and its best friend, impatience, we come:

P: **For here, God would gather us,  
bringing us to the realm of peace.**

L: Wondering if truth is fake or worth pursuing,  
questioning whether anyone is worth following or believing, we come:

P: **For here, God would feed us with wisdom,  
sending the One who would lead us to the realm of hope.**

L: Questioning the motives of everyone in power,  
doubting that justice can be found anywhere, we come:

P: **For here, God brings us to worship with our sisters and brothers,  
scooping us up from every place we have strayed  
and placing us at the feet of our Savior, Jesus.**

\*HYMN                      "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

## CALL TO RECONCILIATION

### PRAYER OF RENEWAL (unison)

We are lost and wonder if anyone cares, and you come,  
God of all people, to bring us home to you.  
Our thoughts chase themselves around and around our minds,  
and you weave them together into words of hope for the lonely.

Too often, we find ourselves parched in the deserts of temptation,  
feasting on those scraps found on worry's table,  
and wonder why we still hunger and thirst.  
So you come to find us, hope's Word-carrier,  
so we might be filled with grace and life.

You take our brokenness, Spirit of our hearts, and make us whole.  
You scatter our anger and fears, so we might be gathered  
into communities of love.  
You set our feet back on those paths of grace  
which will lead us back to you.

You rescue us from every dark place we have gone,  
and lead us back to the shining light of Christ.  
Forgive our wandering. Thank you for your grace.

(Silent prayer)

### \*ASSURANCE OF OF GOD'S GRACE AND PASSING THE PEACE

L: May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

*Please share signs of welcome and peace  
but refrain from moving around the sanctuary.*

### PARISH LIFE & CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

## God's Word Is Proclaimed

### WORD FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:31-46

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

SERMON

Rev. Mike Wilson

**We Respond to God's Word**

SPECIAL MUSIC "Come Now, You Blessed, Eat at My Table"

Jeeva Sam

"Come now, you blessed, eat at my table," said Jesus Christ to the righteous above.

"When I was hungry, thirsty, and homeless, sick and in prison, you showed me your love."

When did we see you hungry or thirsty? When were you homeless, a stranger alone?

When did we see you sick or in prison? What have we done that you call us your own?

"When you gave bread to the earth's hungry children,

when you gave welcome to war's refugees,

when you remembered those most forgotten, you cared for me in the smallest of these."

Christ, when we meet you out on life's roadways, looking to us in the faces of need,

then may we know you, welcome, and show you love that is faithful in word and in deed.

— Ruth Duck

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

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

\*HYMN

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Postlude on *Diademata*

Gordon Young

Melody for hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

*Please remain seated and quiet for the closing voluntary.*

Today's liturgist is Stephanie Coleman

Today's cantor and soloist is Ryan Norris

Our organist and music director is William Taylor

### **Supporting our Ministry and Mission**

To offer your financial support to the ministry and mission of DPC you may

- Place your offering in one of our designated offering locations
- Use our mobile app by texting "dpchurch" to 73256
- Use our web-based giving form by going to our website, [dpchurch.com](http://dpchurch.com) – the link to the giving form is on the homepage under "Online and Mobile Giving"

### **Matthew 25:14-30**

(Common English Bible translation)

"Now when the Human One comes in his majesty and all his angels are with him, he will sit on his majestic throne. All the nations will be gathered in front of him. He will separate them from each other, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right side. But the goats he will put on his left.

"Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who will receive good things from my Father. Inherit the kingdom that was prepared for you before the world began. I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you gave me clothes to wear. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.'

"Then those who are righteous will reply to him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? When did we see you as a stranger and welcome you, or naked and give you clothes to wear? When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?'

"Then the king will reply to them, 'I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me.'

"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Get away from me, you who will receive terrible things. Go into the unending fire that has been prepared for the devil and his angels. I was hungry and you didn't give me food to eat. I was thirsty and you didn't give me anything to drink. I was a stranger and you

didn't welcome me. I was naked and you didn't give me clothes to wear. I was sick and in prison, and you didn't visit me.'

"Then they will reply, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and didn't do anything to help you?' Then he will answer, 'I assure you that when you haven't done it for one of the least of these, you haven't done it for me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment. But the righteous ones will go into eternal life."

## **Congregational Meeting**

This Sunday, November 22, at noon we'll have a congregational meeting for the sole purpose of electing three ruling elders to the class of 2023 and one ruling elder to fill an unexpired term in the class of 2022.

The DPC nominating committee (Debra Gentry, Dave Coleman, Alison Letcher, Jimmy Cheshire, Nina Cardona and ex-officio member Rev. Mike Wilson) place in nomination:

Leslee Hughes...Class of 2023

Tom Wills.....Class of 2023

Samera Zavaro..Class of 2023

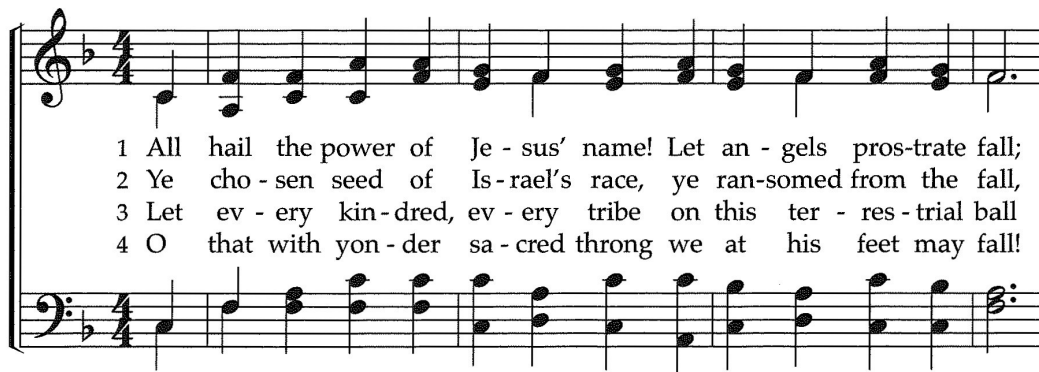
Tom Byl .....Class of 2022

The meeting will be on Zoom. If you are a member and didn't receive and email with the link, message Pastor Mike: [mikewilson@dpchurch.com](mailto:mikewilson@dpchurch.com). He will send the link and password.

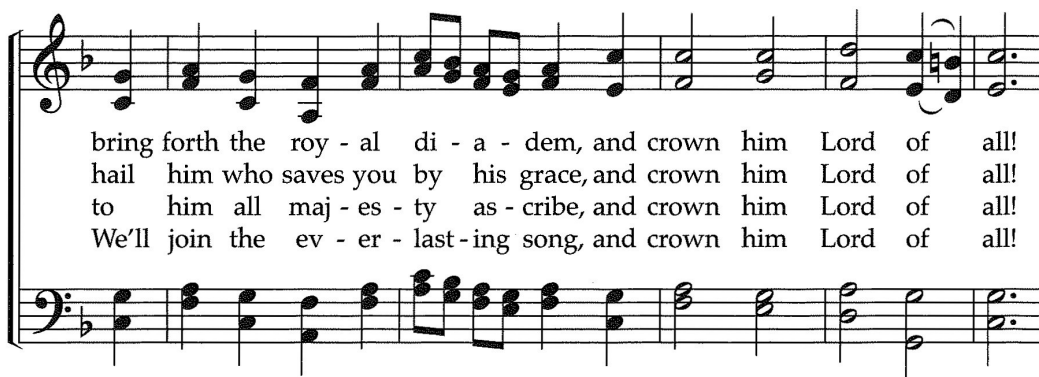
Please note that only active members are eligible to vote.

Votes will be cast by holding up a sheet of plain white paper while the clerk counts the votes. Please have a sheet of paper ready for the meeting.

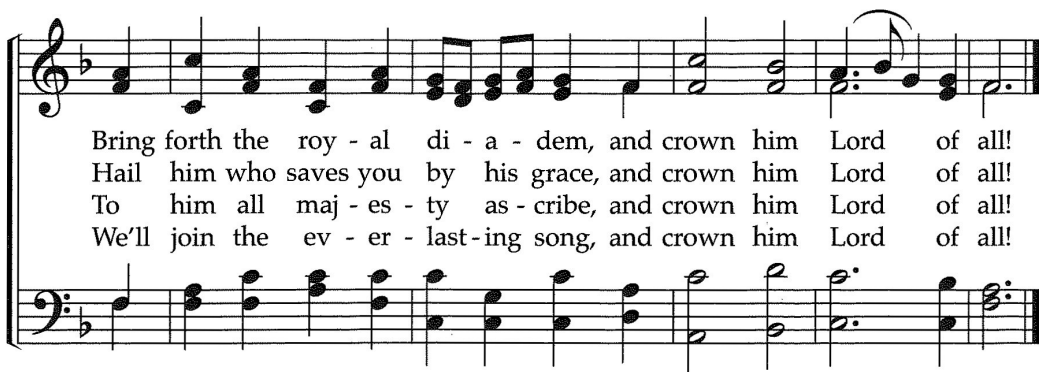
# All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!



1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;  
2 Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran-somed from the fall,  
3 Let ev - ery kin-dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - res - trial ball  
4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!  
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!  
We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all!




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This 18th-century text celebrating the sovereignty of Christ has been through several expansions and contractions before reaching its present form. It is set here to the oldest American hymn tune in continuous use since first published in 1793, which was written for it.

# Joy to the World



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let  
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and



earth re - ceive her king; let ev - ery heart pre -  
 all their songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks,  
 thorns in - fest the ground; he comes to make his  
 makes the na - tions prove the glo - ries of his



pare him room, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 hills, and plains re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 bless - ings flow far as the curse is found.  
 righ - teous - ness and won - ders of his love.

While Isaac Watts did not write this text strictly for Christmas use, he did purposely cast his paraphrase of Psalm 98:4-9 in Christian terms, titling it "The Messiah's coming and kingdom." So "the Lord" here is Jesus Christ, rather than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.

MUSIC: Thomas Haweis, c. 1792; adapt. Samuel Webbe Jr., 1808

RICHMOND

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(alternate tune: ANTIOCH, 134)

## 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  
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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