

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 25, 2021

Hearing assistance devices are available. Please ask a greeter for a receiver.

(*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

We Gather in God's Name

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Chorale Prelude on *Ein' feste Burg* Johann Pachelbel
Melody for hymn *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 14 and John 6:20

L: Jesus said, "I am. Do not be afraid."

P: **The Lord is our refuge!**

L: When we look out at the world and are discouraged, take heart!

P: **The Lord is our refuge!**

All: **Let us rejoice! Let us worship God.**

*HYMN #275

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Amy Finka, cantor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

based on 2 Samuel 11:1-15 & Ephesians 3:14-21

O God of strong roots and gentle shade,

We confess that we too often stray from your side.

We gaze at what our neighbors possess,

Not to see if they have enough,

But to see if we want it.

We covet the material, and eschew the divine.

Too often, when faced with righteousness,

We are threatened when we should be humbled.

We see your incomprehensible love and instead of welcoming it,

We succumb to fear and defensiveness.

Help us open our hearts to you so that you may strengthen us

To weather any storm. Amen

(Time for silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE based on Ephesians 3:20

L: Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us! By God's grace, we are forgiven. Let us respond to that amazing grace through signs of reconciliation and hospitality.

May the peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

Please greet one another with words of peace and reconciliation.

Please return to your seats when the music starts.

*GLORIA PATRI 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.

God's Word Is Proclaimed

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Jack Henderson

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE VERSE "These Treasured Children"

*Come, Holy Spirit, help us be
a nurturing community.*

*Empower us to realize
God's kingdom through our children's eyes.*

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 26:5

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

SECOND READING Psalm 139:1-12

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

THIRD READING Mark 1:14-15

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

SERMON

"Yes It's Not Too Late"

Rev. Joe Ingle

We Respond to God's Word

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (people read bold)

God of endless possibility,
God of love beyond knowledge,
Hear our prayers of longing, hope, and wholeness.
Live in our hearts, Lord.

Give our leaders the empathy that can liberate them
From fear, self-interest, and cynicism.
In the face of corruption, shortsightedness, and nihilism,
Give us all the courage to see each other as you see us.
We pray with hope,
Live in our hearts, Lord.

God of Community,
Help us to change our focus from looking for a king
To looking for kin.
From lifting some above others
To leaving no one behind.
Remind us that through your love we are all one.
We pray with hope,
Live in our hearts, Lord.

God of strong roots and gentle shade,
We ask that you give us the ability
To grasp your love's width, length, height, and depth.
Inspire your church to be a shelter
For all who seek to walk in your path.
We pray with hope,
Live in our hearts, Lord.

God of Wholeness,
Bring healing to those yearning for it
And rest to those who need repose.
We are all broken in our individual ways,
Restore us.
We pray with hope,
Live in our hearts, Lord.

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God of jubilation and plenty,
Remind us to seek your presence
Not just in times of hardship,
But in times of joy, abundance, and contentment.
We pray with hope,
Live in our hearts, Lord.

Hear now all the prayers we offer today, either aloud or in silence:
[Here you may say aloud your individual prayers and petitions.]

Let us now together pray the words you taught us:

**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.**

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

Monroe Harding

Beginning in 1893 as an orphanage for displaced youth, Monroe Harding's mission is to meet the needs of children and young adults who are currently in or transitioning out of state custody. Monroe Harding provides children, young adults, and families with resources to fulfill its mission through four programs: Foster Care, Supportive Housing, Clinical Emotional and Mental Health Support, and a Youth Connections Resource Center.

COLLECTION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

- Place your offering in one of our designated offering locations.
- Use our mobile app by texting "dpchurch" to 73256.
- Visit www.dpchurch.com and click "Online and Mobile Giving".

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Hans Leo Hassle
harm. J. S. Bach

O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down;
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain:
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place;
look on me with thy favor, and grant to me thy grace.

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

Latin, 12th/13th century; trans. James W. Alexander

***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)**

Lord, your gifts to us boundless.
You have created the fields and seas that feed us,
You have woven us together as communities responsible to each other,
You redeem our sins and bestow grace abundantly.
We pray that your spirit be with us,
guiding us to use these gifts to do your will.
Amen

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

***HYMN #307** “God of Grace and God of Glory”
Amy Finka, cantor

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

L: And may all God's people say
P: Alleluia Amen.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Processional on *Ein' feste Burg* Wilbur Held
Melody for hymn *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*
(please remain seated during the closing voluntary)

275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -



fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through



mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this



seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's



armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.



307 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness; rich in
we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

DPC Choir News

As our choirs become active again, now is a great time for you to join. Our adult choir is now active and rehearsing every Sunday @ 9:30 a.m. prior to the service. Our handbell choir will begin their rehearsals in August and most likely our Juveniles will start as the new school year begins. Please see any current choir member or William Taylor for any questions and to let us know you will be joining in this important DPC ministry.

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

- Belief in God's love and in Christ's ministry
- The desire to welcome and embrace everyone. No exceptions.
- Service to God, service to our neighbors
- God's gift of creativity

SESSION 2021

Class of 2021

Jim Hoobler
Mary Turner
David Maddox

Class of 2022

Erin Bell
Tom Byl
Jake Byl

Class of 2023

Tom Wills
Samera Zavaro
Leslee Hughes

THE CHURCH STAFF

Dena Swoner, Office Manager
Paulino Jarquin, Maintenance Manager
Dr. William Taylor, Director of Music

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 3:00 p.m. Parking vouchers are necessary to exit the garage without having to pay. To get one, just ask one of our greeters.