

**THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 24, 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**

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Arioso”

Darwin Wolford

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come and bear witness to the Light:

P: **shining, burning, beacon, warmth, glowing, showing, salvation, love.**

L: Come and be bolstered by the Rock:

P: **stronghold, fortress, foundation, strength, protection, redeemer, salvation, love.**

L: Come and rest beneath the wings of the Hen:

P: **mother, parent, safety, care, protection, nurture, salvation, love.**

L: Come and walk the path with Jesus:

P: **prophet, blessing, transformer, promise, fulfillment, savior, salvation, love.**

\*HYMN #309

“Come Great God of All the Ages, vs.1-3”

CALL TO CONFESSION

L: God we continue on this healing journey, learning and growing.

Shower us still with your grace.

Bless us that we may be mindful of your presence on the pathway.

(silent confession)

Christ be with me,

Christ before me,

Christ behind me,

continued

**P: Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me,  
Christ in every ear that hears me. Amen.**

### **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear these words of assurance and good news, that God so loved the world Christ was sent, not to condemn us, but to free us. Beloved, we are called to be free. Let us serve one another humbly therefore, for the entirety of the law is summed up in one word, in this, “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

### **PASSING THE PEACE**

**L: In the spirit of love, let us greet one another.  
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**

### **FIRST READING**

Numbers 6:22-27

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

### **SECOND READING**

Colossians 3:16-17

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

### **SERMON**

“Blessed and Sent”

Rev. Larissa Romero

### **SACRED REFLECTION OF OUR BLESSINGS**

## We Respond to God's Word

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

Christ meets us in the midst of the world as it is. We accept the invitation to pay attention to our deepest longings in this moment of silence:

(moment of silence)

Awaken our dreams of collective care and flourishing as we pray, too, for one another:

(the people offer their prayers aloud)

With the assurance of God's companionship, let us repeat the words of Christ as disciples of hope.

**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.**

### STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONIALS

#### COLLECTION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Through ordinary practices, we live God's dreams into being. One simple choice at a time: To imagine. To share. To mend. To be held accountable. To learn. In gratitude for the grace that enables this freedom, let us bring together our offerings before God.

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](http://www.dpchurch.com) and click "Online and Mobile Giving".

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“God’s Love and Blessing”

W. Glen Darst

O sometimes gleams upon our sight, through present wrong, the  
eternal right;  
And step by step since time began we see the steady gain of man.

Through the harsh noises of our day a low, sweet prelude finds  
its way;  
Through clouds of doubt and creeds of fear, a light is breaking  
calm and clear.

Henceforth my heart shall sigh no more for olden time and holier  
shore;  
God’s love and blessing, then and there, are now, and here, and  
everywhere.

John Greenleaf Whittier

\*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*)

God of Compassion, we bring together our offerings with both sorrow and joy. Even as we hold tight to the hope of what could be, we do not turn from the grief and anger over the struggles of this day. As we dream of futures alive with justice, may we be faithful to the present reality. Faithful with our resources. Faithful to truth. Faithful in love and care for our neighbor. Amen.

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

\*HYMN #757

“Today We Are Called to Be Disciples”

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

L: May today there be peace within.

May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.

May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.

May you use those gifts that you have received,

and pass on the love that has been given to you.

May you be content knowing you are a child of God.

Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love.

It is there for each and every one of us.

And may all God's people say.

**P: Alleluia, Amen.**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Paeon”

Gordon Young

Call to Worship by Rev. Laura Jaquith Bartlett, adapted by Rev. Larissa Romero  
Prayer of Confession attributed to St. Patrick, adapted by Rev. Larissa Romero  
All other prayers by © 2021 enfleshed, adapted by Rev. Larissa Romero  
Benediction by Saint Teresa de Ávila

# 309 Come, Great God of All the Ages

1 Come, great God of all the a - ges; make your earth - ly  
 2 Come, Christ Je - sus, flesh and spir - it, sure foun - da - tion,  
 3 Come, great Spir - it, in and with us, tune our ears to  
 4 Come, O come, in cel - e - bra - tion, house - hold of the

mis - sion known; speak through ev - ery deed and per - son;  
 cor - ner - stone; help us form the church e - ter - nal;  
 hear your call; through the mov - ing of your pres - ence,  
 one true God; in com - mit - ment and re - joic - ing

let your way and will be shown. Guide the church to true com -  
 may your vi - sion be our own. Send a mes - sage to each  
 let re - deem - ing love re - call min - is - try in ded - i -  
 let us go where Christ has trod; as we act in faith and

mit - ment; give di - rec - tion now, we ask; fit us for the  
 fol - lower; lead all peo - ple to your way; urge us to strong  
 ca - tion, love em - bod - ied in our deeds; chal - lenge us to  
 rev - erence, let us, Lord, the fu - ture see; place us in the

This text was written in 1997 for the capital conference commission of the National Presbyterian Church in



work of build - ing; ded - i - cate us to the task.  
faith and ac - tion as we build the church to - day.  
do your bid - ding, see your pur - pose, fill all needs.  
church tri - um - phant, now and for e - ter - ni - ty.



# 757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

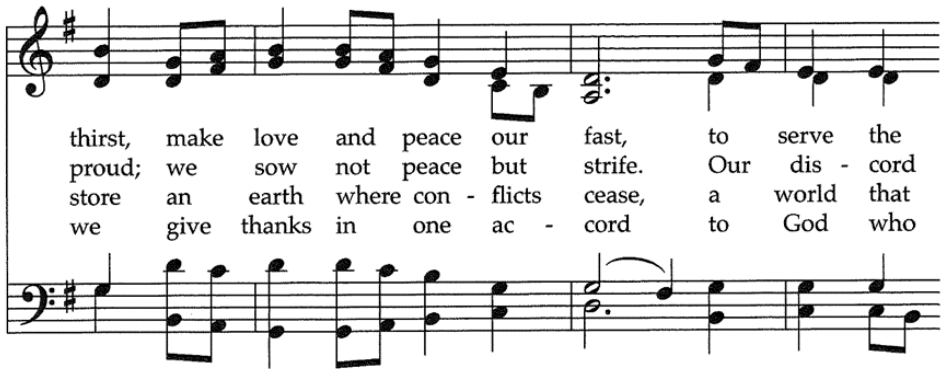
1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the  
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man  
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y  
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing

Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make  
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -  
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to  
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till

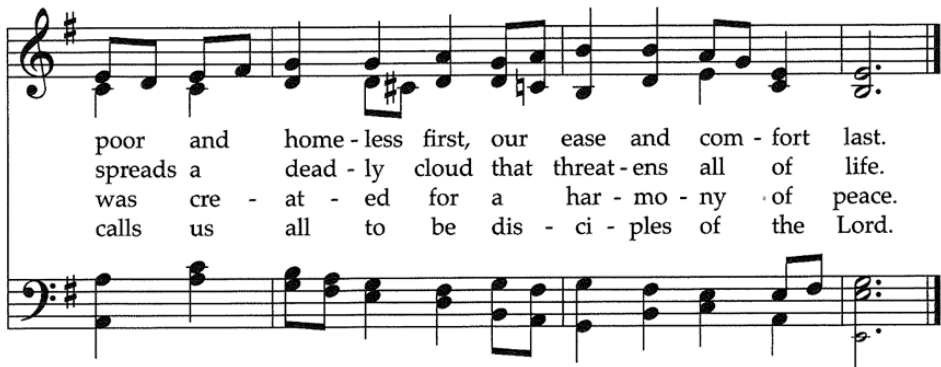
plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their  
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly  
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -  
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may



JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION



thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the  
proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord  
store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that  
we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who



poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.  
spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.  
was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.  
calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

## Membership Classes Coming Soon!

Are you interested in discerning membership with The Downtown Presbyterian Church? If so, we hope you will join us for a short class series on the meaning of being intentionally integrated into the life and ministry of DPC. We will meet on the Sunday mornings of October 31, November 7, and November 14th at 9:45 am in the Sunday School room. Each class will guide you through the questions as outlined below:

**Oct. 31:** What is church membership? What are the church's mission and values? What is Reformed theology and the Presbyterian Church?

**Nov. 7:** What is church leadership? How are decisions made? How do our church government and church polity/governing intersect?

**Nov. 14:** What is the history of the church? What has our story been, and what do we continue to learn about ourselves? How can you stay connected to the church?

*This class is open to everyone! Whether you just joined us for worship last week, have been visiting for a while, or are a long-time member wanting a refresher, we hope you will attend this time of reviewing what unifies us as a congregation. On Sunday the 21st, we will have a celebration of new members during worship!*

### **Cauldron Cook-off**



On **November 7th**, we'll have the annual cauldron cook-off. We plan to gather in the fellowship hall for a fall feast among friends! This year, we'll have prizes in 4 categories: traditional chili, non-traditional chili, soup or stew, and dessert. As in the past, we'll have ballots for voting and small prizes for the winners.

For questions or if you would like to help with this event please email [events@dpchurch.com](mailto:events@dpchurch.com).

## DPC Book Club

The DPC book group has selected *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking* by Susan Cain for our next read. We will gather on

**November 4th at 6:30pm** to discuss this text together. A book kit is on loan from the library; please email [events@dpchurch.com](mailto:events@dpchurch.com) if you would like to borrow one of the available copies of the book. To learn more about our book club or join our next meeting, contact Joel Dark ([joelhdark@gmail.com](mailto:joelhdark@gmail.com)). All are welcome.

## Nursery Care Available for Sunday Worship

We are thankful to have nursery care available for Sunday mornings. Nursery care will be provided during the worship service for children through age 5. The nursery is located on the 2nd floor and is ready to welcome the youngest of DPC attendees.

## Current Worship Procedures

We recognize the recent COVID/Delta outbreak has changed the CDC's guidance, *even for those who are vaccinated*. As such, we have made the following changes to our worship procedures.

- To help encourage everyone to make full use of our wonderful sanctuary, we have roped off rows where we ask you not to sit. We hope this will help encourage more social distancing.
- When sitting in a socially distanced pew, you can remove your mask.
- If you are singing or moving about the sanctuary, we request that you wear a mask.
- If you are not yet vaccinated, we request that you wear a mask any time you are inside the church.
- Nursery workers will wear masks to help protect our youngest church attendees.

## 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

Rev. Larissa Romero, Pastor  
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.