

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 14, 2021

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

(*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

Gathering in God's Name

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Chorale Prelude on *O Gott, du frommer Gott* Johannes Brahms

Translation - *O God, Thou Faithful God*

(Please meditate quietly during the Opening Voluntary.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Let us gather as God's children in Christ adopted!

P: Christ our all, by which we call

L: The Holy One, the Almighty God, our Guardian?

P: Our Guardian! Our Caring Parent always!

L: In Christ we live, and Christ in Thee,

P: Eternal Thou, and everlasting we.

L: Let us gather as God's children

P: In Christ adopted, we build a house of God!

*HYMN #301

"Let Us Build a House"

CALL TO CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

P: Holy God, you call us into the newness of life, but we confess that we do not give ourselves over to the transforming power of your Spirit. You send us the Spirit of peace, but we revert to division and discord. You send us the Spirit of kindness, but we ignore others' needs. You send us the Spirit of generosity and joy, but we take your gifts for granted. Forgive us, God, and open our reluctant hearts to the power of your Spirit. Breathe new life into us as we pray to you in the silence...

(moment of silence)

L: Help us savor each moment and all manner of good things, as we give ourselves over to your transformation.

P: **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 OF 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.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

Tennesseans Against the Death Penalty

Stacy Rector

STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONIALS

COLLECTION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Let us bring our offerings to God and each other, empowered by the strength that we have when we come together and heartened by how resources expand when they are blessed with solidarity. We are an embodiment of the interdependence of God; let us give with joy.

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 “Taste and See” James E. Moore Jr.

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips;
my soul shall glory in the Lord for God has been so good to me.

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise God’s name.
I called the Lord who answered me; from all my troubles I was set free.

Worship the Lord, all you people. You’ll want for nothing if you ask.
Taste and see that the Lord is good; in God we need put all our trust.

*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*)

Holy Spirit, you take nourishment where it needs to go, from living being to living being. May our offerings flow to the places where they are needed. May we all feel how we are one body, a living system bound up in each other’s flourishing. Amen.

Encountering the Living Word of God

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 34:1-14

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

SERMON “A Faith without Savoring is a Faith Not Worth Having”

Responding to God's Word & Call

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

El Shaddai, we come to you in expectation. Name That Means Mountain, ground us in your steadfastness and wisdom in this moment of silence: (moment of silence)

Help us release what does not serve you, O God. Help us honor that release in ourselves and others when it grants us healing. May we rest when our bodies say rest. May we dance when our spirits say dance. May we pray continually, too, for one another:

(the people offer their prayers aloud)

Let us usher in a new world of compassion guided by hope, even as we hold fast to what is good.

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.

*Hymn #658

“God Is So Good”

*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

Chorale Prelude on *Herzlich tut mich verlangen* Johannes Brahms
Translation - *My Heart Is Filled with Longing*

(Please remain seated during the closing voluntary.)

Call to Worship from “My Baptismal Birthday” by Samuel Taylor Coleridge, adapted
by Rev. Larissa Romero
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Benediction by Saint Teresa de Ávila

Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)
 C7 F C F B^b C Dm

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
 F C F Dm7 Gm C

safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
 strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to ' seek
 wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
 wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
 vi - sions heard and loved and trea-sured, taught and claimed

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (F#m) (Bm)
 Gm C7 B^b F Am Dm

how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

(Em) (A) (D) (G)
 Gm C F B^b

vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
 strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

Although it was written for a church dedication, this text is not about a physical structure but a spiritual one. The building is at best only a vessel for the essential love and hope, life and faith, peace and justice, hospitality and nurture that form the worshipping community.

THE CHURCH

(D) (G) (F#7) (Bm) *Refrain* (Em) (Bm)
 F B^b A7 Dm Gm Dm

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:

(F#m) (Em) (D) (Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D) ((A7))
 Am Gm F Gm C7 F B^b F (C7)

all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

God Is So Good

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1 God is so good; God is so good;
2 God cares for me; God cares for me;
3 God loves me so; God loves me so;
4 God is so good; God is so good;

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of two sharps (D major). The treble staff features a melody of quarter notes: D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5, D5. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords: D4-F#4, D4-F#4-A4, D4-F#4-A4, D4-F#4-A4, D4-F#4-A4, D4-F#4-A4, D4-F#4-A4, D4-F#4-A4.

God is so good; God's so good to me.
God cares for me; God's so good to me.
God loves me so; God's so good to me.
God is so good; God's so good to me.

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff melody is: D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5, D5. The bass staff accompaniment continues with the same chordal pattern as the first system.

The exact origins of this chorus celebrating God's providential care are not clear, but it seems to have arisen during the 1970s. Because the text changes so little, the slowly rising four-note pattern of the tune provides the primary source of energy within its five-note range.

Congregational Meeting: November 28th

We will have a congregational meeting on November 28th to elect the incoming class of ruling elders. Ruling elders at DPC serve for 3 years. Each year 3 new elders are elected as 3 elders' time of service ends.

As we look with excitement for those coming onto Session, we also want to express our gratitude to the elders who will be rolling off of session in December: Jim Hoobler (chair of Building & History Committee) & David Maddox (chair of Worship & Arts Committee). Mary Turner (chair of Hospitality Committee) recently resigned from the session after serving over 2.5 years. We are also especially grateful to Vickie Coffin who has served as clerk of session for 2 years. Vickie is not a voting member of the current session, but she has fulfilled many duties as clerk of session this year. We truly appreciate each of these elders for their time of service on session at DPC.



Decorating Day at DPC

Make plans to join us for holiday fun on **November 28th** as we decorate the fellowship hall and chapel for Christmas! We'll play some classic Christmas music as we get DPC looking merry & bright! A pizza lunch will be served, along with hot cocoa & sugar cookies. Join us as we bring the Christmas spirit to DPC!



Donations for DPC Silent Auction

DPC will have a silent auction in December to raise money for our outreach programs. Mary Skinner is chairing the auction and looking for donations. So far the following items have been donated: tickets for 4 to Cheekwood, tickets for 2 to a TPAC Broadway musical, and a gift basket of children's books and toys. If you wish to donate something you think will be a good item, please contact Mary at maryskinner@comcast.net.



DPC Committee Corner

Come be a part of the conversations that create DPC's future! All meetings are open to DPC members and friends. If interested in getting involved, please email the committee chairperson for the meeting information.

- **Building/History and Finance** - Monday, November 15th at 7:00pm via Zoom; Jake Byl & Stephanie Coleman (Finance), and Jim Hoobler (Building/History) chairs
- **Session** - Monday, November 22nd at 3:00pm via Zoom

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
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.