

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Reign of Christ
November 21, 2021

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(*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

Gathering in God's Name

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Chorale Prelude on *Be Thou My Vision*

Raymond H. Haan

(Please meditate silently during the Opening Voluntary.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: In possibility, wonder, and mystery,

P: **We gather.**

L: In grief, burnout, and apathy,

P: **We gather.**

L: With community, creativity, and intention,

P: **We gather.**

L: With anger, questions, and heartbreak,

P: **We gather.**

Hallelujah, God welcomes it all!

L: Let us worship God.

***HYMN #367**

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

CALL TO CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

P: Holy Spirit, our lives are rarely one thing; they often make a duet of sorrow and delight. As we move through our days, we can forget your care-full commandment to rest. In this moment of silence, breathe with us through our sorrow. Marvel with us in our delight.

(moment of silence)

L: Hold with us the “what is” of today that we might have rest and courage to be present to tomorrow.

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.

Encountering the Living Word of God

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrew 4:9-16

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

SACRED REFLECTION

Florilegia

SERMON

“Sabbath Rest for the People of God”

Responding to God's Word & Call

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

Living God, partner with us as we gather to attend to our inner lives in this moment of silence:

(moment of silence)

Help us show up for one another's actual needs. When we lose our way in abstractions and enflashed concepts, Spirit, ground us. Illuminate the next step so we might see how to be present to ourselves and one another as we pray for:

(the people lift up their prayers aloud)

Amen.

Celebration & Reception of New Members

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.

COLLECTION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Community organizer and contemplative, Rosemarie Freney Harding, said: There is no scarcity. There is no shortage. No lack of love, of compassion, of joy in the world. There is enough. There is more than enough. Only fear and greed make us think otherwise. In the spirit of enoughness, let us bring our offerings to our community and to 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 and click "Online and Mobile Giving".

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“My Eternal King”

Jane Marshall

My God, I love Thee; not because I hope for heav'n thereby,
Nor yet because who love Thee not must die eternally,

Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace;
For me didst bear the nails, the nails and spear, and manifold disgrace.

Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love Thee well?
Not for the hope of winning heav'n, or of escaping hell;

Not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward;
But as Thyself hast loved me, o ever-loving Lord!

E'en so I love Thee, and will love, and in Thy praise will sing;
Solely because Thou art my God, and my Eternal King.

Poem (anonymous) from 17th Century Latin
Translated by The Rev. Edward Caswall

*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 Mutuality, we are inundated by messages that encourage selfish individualism. Greed shouts at us from billboards and fear flashes across our screens. Nurture our ability to resist these temptations. Bless our offerings and our intentions, that we may be generous with all we have and find our needs met in community. Amen.

Invitations & Announcements

*Hymn #293

“Loving Spirit”

*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.

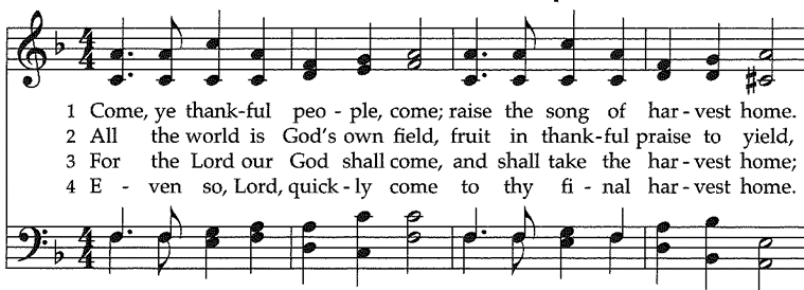
P: Alleluia, Amen.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

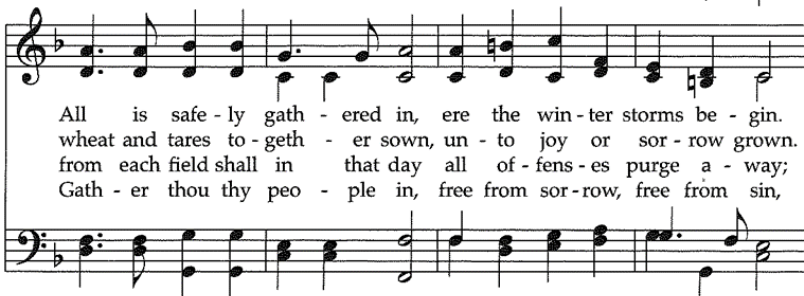
Postlude on *Crown Him with Many Crown* Gordon Young

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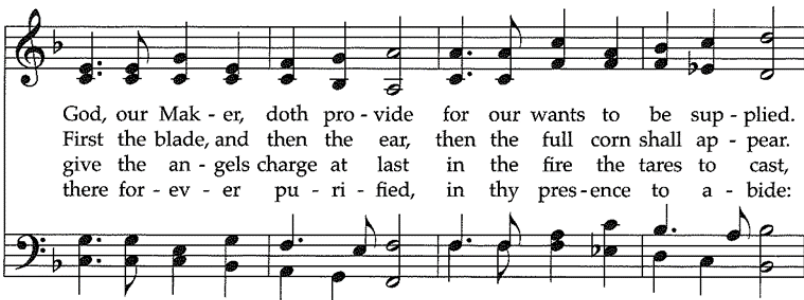
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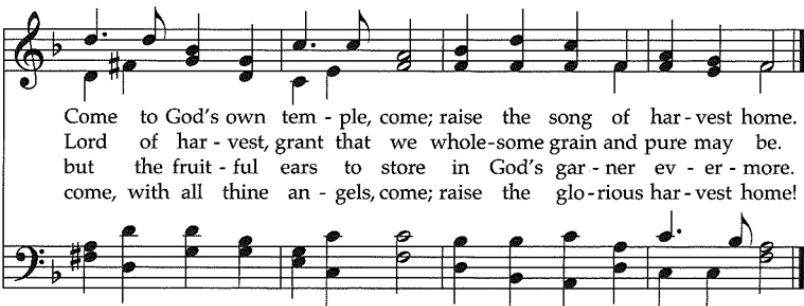
1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit in thank-ful praise to yield,
 3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the har - vest home;
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



All is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
 from each field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
 Gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



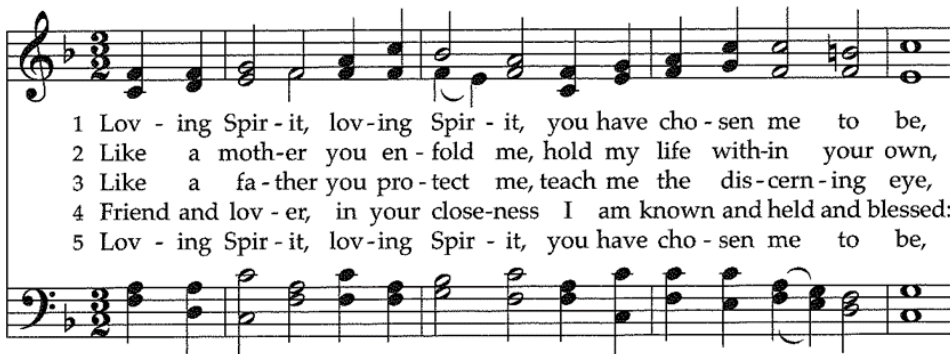
God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
 give the an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy pres - ence to a - bide:



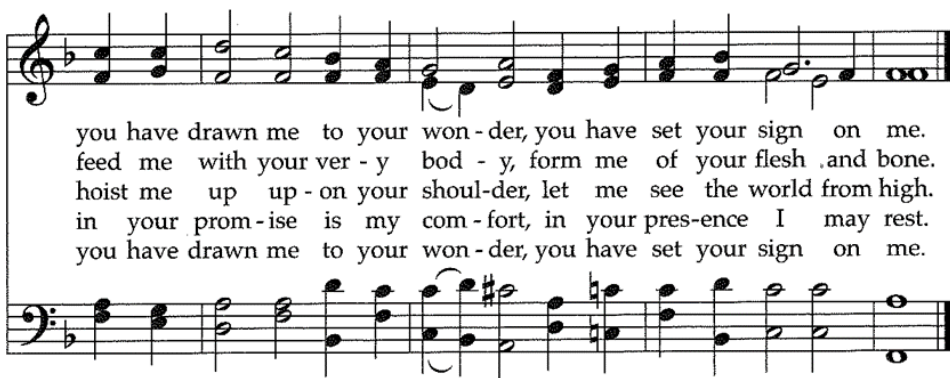
Come to God's own tem - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in God's gar - ner ev - er - more.
 come, with all thine an - gels, come; raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

Despite its familiar Thanksgiving associations, the real concern of this text is to recall the harvest imagery Jesus used to describe the fulfillment of God's sovereignty. The tune name commemorates the royal chapel where the composer was organist for forty-seven years.

Loving Spirit



1 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be,
 2 Like a moth - er you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own,
 3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing eye,
 4 Friend and lov - er, in your close - ness I am known and held and blessed:
 5 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be,



you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.
 feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.
 hoist me up up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.
 in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres - ence I may rest.
 you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

A gift to the whole church, the Holy Spirit is also experienced by individuals in meaningful ways such as those described in this reflective (and structurally circular) consideration of the relational aspects of the Spirit. The tune may have originated in a folk melody.

TEXT: Shirley Erena Murray, 1986

MUSIC: Corner's *Gross Catholisch Gesangbuch*, 1631; arr. William Smith Rockstro, 19th cent.

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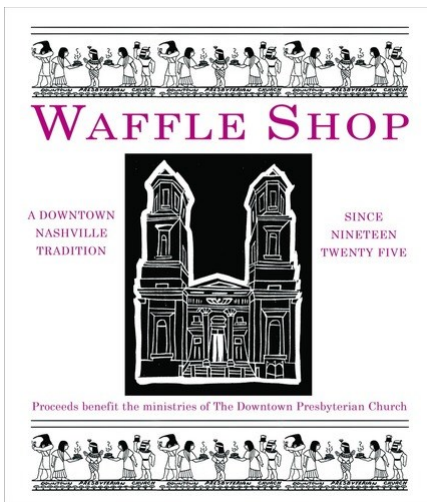
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DPC Digital Directory Welcome Email Monday, November 22nd

DPC is launching a new digital directory! The directory is online and password protected. People who are listed in the directory will receive a welcome email this Monday, November 22nd with instructions to set up a personal login. Once logged in, you will be able to see the entire directory and also update your personal photos and contact information. This is an exciting addition to DPC's ongoing efforts to keep the church family connected, and we hope you will help us fill in missing pieces to create a wonderful directory!

Waffle Shop 2021

We are already over halfway through our annual Waffle Shop fundraiser! This year, each \$15 virtual ticket will include 1 package of our traditional Waffle Shop Waffle mix which contains enough to make approximately 8 standard-sized waffles or pancakes. Perfect for enjoying at home or gifting to friends & family! We also have a variety of delicious baked goods and a few holiday items available for purchase this year. Items purchased online may be picked up from DPC on December 2nd from 10am-2pm and on Sunday, December 5th from 12:30-2pm.



Most importantly, your purchase will help fund the church's community outreach programs, assisting less-advantaged members of our community. Thank you for supporting this annual fundraiser for a vital ministry at DPC!

To purchase Waffle Shop Tickets & Holiday Items go to DPC's main home page, www.dpchurch.com, and click on the Waffle Shop article.

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.

- **Fish & Loaves** - Thursday, December 9th at 6:30pm via Zoom; Tom Wills, chair
- **Communications** - Tuesday, December 14th at 6:45pm via Zoom; Erin Bell, chair

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.