

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

First Sunday After Epiphany

January 9, 2022

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

Prayer in B-Flat Major, Op.47, no.4

Alexandre Guilmant

(Please meditate quietly during the Opening Voluntary.)

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The longest stretch of night is over.

New Hope rises for each of us.

P: We are blessed for big dreams.

L: We are marked by God as disciples

P: God has entrusted us with God's own message of hope.

L: Come, Spirit of God, and rest upon us.

P: Encourage us to be people of your adventurous good news.

*HYMN #24

"God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

Ryan Norris, cantor

CALL TO CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sky-shattering God, we confess that we have not always paid much attention to the baptism of Jesus, but viewed it as a nice story which begins Jesus' ministry. We don't always see ourselves as standing in that long line of those marked for service; and therefore it is easy for us to dismiss this as a nice story and nothing more. Yet you have called us by name, knowing each of us, and loving us. We are astonished by this. We know that we have behaved in very unloving ways and in some behaviors which do not promote your love and peace. Forgive us for our blindness. Turn us around. Help us to be people who

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not only recognize the light, but who are willing to live in that light, bringing help to others in your name. For we pray this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

People of God, you are known and loved by the Creator. You are marked as God's chosen ones to bring hope and peace to others. Be at peace and live in hope. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

L: May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

Remain in your pew as we share signs.

AFFIRMATION OF GOD IN THE GATHERING “We Shall Be Known”

*We shall be known by the company we keep
By the ones who circle round to tend these fires
We shall be known by the ones who sow and reap
The seeds of change alive from deep within the Earth*

*It is time now
It is time now that we thrive
It is time we lead ourselves into the well
It is time now
And what a time to be alive
In this “Great Turning” we shall learn to lead in love
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Encountering the Living Word of God

SCRIPTURE READING

Like 3:15-17, 21-22

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

QUESTIONING PRACTICE

SERMON

“Blessed for the Big Dreams”

Responding to God's Word & Call

*HYMN

"We Shall Be Known"

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INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

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

Your word of light and hope outpours into our lives, O God. On this day of celebration, you remind us that we are marked by you to be witnesses to your light of new hope. As the heavens opened at Jesus' baptism, so is your love poured out on us. Together we pray for:

(the people lift their prayers aloud)

We have honored the incredible gifts you share with us. We have brought before you names and situations which concern us, people who face illness and grief, whose lives are torn by poverty, war, alienation, addiction, and hopelessness. We ask for your loving mercy on them, O Lord. Heal them and bind up their wounds. Help us to be people who are ready to thrive in the hearing and sharing of your good news, bringing the light of your hope to the world we share. We ask this in Jesus' Name, Amen.

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

Into the midst of our fear, Christ comes to encourage us. Whatever barriers to love and justice dwell among us, so too do the promises of God. The one who has sustained the saints for centuries still lives among us today. With joy and thanksgiving, let us bring together what we have.

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

A Baptism Carol

Mark Wilson

When Jesus came to the Jordan to be baptized by John, God's love surrounded those who gathered there.

The Spirit of the Lord descended as a dove, and a voice came from heaven, saying:

“This is My beloved Son, Who is pleasing in My sight. This is My beloved Son, in Him I am well pleased.”

As Christians follow Christ's example and come to be baptized, His love is there to guide them on their way.

Bestow, O God, the gift of wonder and of joy on each lamb of Your Own calling.

“This is My beloved child, who is precious in My sight. This is My beloved child, in whom I am well pleased.”

Text derived from Matthew 3:13-17 by Jane Foster Knox

Ryan Norris, cantor

***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*)

Christ Among Us, just as we begin to feel confident in our despair or sure of our disbelief, you surprise us again. Your presence appears and points us to possibilities for new life where we least expect it. In awe, we bring our gifts and pray we will be faithful in welcoming your miracles among us. Amen.

Invitations & Announcements

***Hymn #840**

“It Is Well With My Soul”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

L: When the Real Good begins to feel out of reach,
when collective change seems impossible,
or hope is hard to find,
Christ whispers “peace, peace” among us.
Not to dull our need to feel sorrow, or to quell necessary conflict,
but to remind us again of what’s so easily forgotten:
Love is still alive.
The Good News always makes us new,
Always reveals marvels,
Always invigorates and invites.
With the Spirit of this Good News that sustains and guides,
go with confidence.
And may all God’s people say.
P: Alleluia, Amen.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Processional March in A Major, Op.45, no.5 Alexandre Guilmant
(Please remain seated during the closing voluntary.)

"We Shall Be Known" by MaMuse

Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, & Assurance of Pardon from prayers by Elder
Nancy C. Townley, adapted by Rev. Larissa Romero

Tithes & Offerings & Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication by enfleshed, adapted by
Rev. Larissa Romero

Benediction from words by Simone Weil, adapted by Rev. Larissa Romero

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Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (Em) Gm (Bm) Dm (F#m) Am

1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi -
 2 Proud - ly rise our mod - ern cit - ies, state - ly
 3 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the
 4 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it

(Em7) Gm7 (G) Bb (Bm) Dm (A) C (Bm) Dm (A) C

nite in time and place, flung the suns in burn - ing
 build - ings row on row. Yet their win - dows, blank, un -
 child - hood of our race; known the ec - sta - sy of
 chal - lenge us a - new, chil - dren of cre - a - tive

(G) Bb (F#m) Am (G) Bb (A) C (D) F

ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space,
 feel - ing, stare on can - yoned streets be - low,
 wing - ing through un - trav - eled realms of space;
 pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - oring you.

(D) F (Bm7) Dm7 (G) Bb (Em7) Gm7 (G) Bb (F#m7) Am7

we, your chil - dren in your like - ness, share in - ven - tive
 where the lone - ly drift un - no - ticed in the cit - y's
 probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield - ing un - i -
 May our dreams prove rich with prom - ise, each en - deav - or

The crux of this text comes in the second stanza: if we dare to claim God-given abilities, we need also to show God-like compassion for the human needs that confront us daily. The earthly shape note tune provides a further reminder that we must not lose our heads in the clouds.

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE



powers with you. Great Cre - a - tor, still cre -
ebb and flow, lost to pur - pose and to
mag - ined power, fac - ing us with life's de -
well be - gun. Great Cre - a - tor, give us



at - ing, show us what we yet may do.
mean - ing, scarce - ly car - ing where they go.
struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.
guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

We Shall Be Known

Ma Muse

G C G

We shall be known by the compan - ny we keep by the

3 G D G

ones who cir - cle round to tend these fires

5 G D G

We shall be known by the ones who sow and reap the seeds of

7 C D G

change a - live from deep with-in the earth

Alto

C G , C G C D⁷

It is timenow it is time now that we thrive it is time we lead our-selves in-to the

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12 G C G C G

well It is time now and what a time to be a - live

well It is time now and what a time to be a - live

repeat second time only

C D Em

in this great turn - ing we shall learn to lead in love

in this great turn - ing we shall learn to lead in love

C D D⁷ G

in this great turn-ing we shall learn to lead in love

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840 When Peace like a River

It Is Well with My Soul

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3 He lives: O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought. My
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well with my soul;
 It is well with my soul;

This text is a remarkable expression of faith born of grief. The author, an active Presbyterian layman who had just lost four daughters in a tragic shipwreck, wrote it while sailing to Paris to meet his wife, who had survived. The tune was named for the ship that sank.

TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

it is well; it is well with my soul.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves, a treble staff on top and a bass staff on the bottom. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The music ends with a double bar line.

H A P P Y N E W Y E A R

2022

*Scan here to view DPC's online calendar
& learn more about what we've got planned!*



Copies of the January Calendar
are available in the narthex.





Co-op Bible Study w/ George Schmidt & special guests

A part of building up our adaptive skills in this transformative transition includes learning new and creative ways of engaging with our community. Co-ops share a lot in common with churches, and there are actually more than a few theological imperatives to engage in these kinds of partnerships.

Nashville scholars and organizers from Vanderbilt Divinity School, the Wendland-Cook Program in Religion and Justice, and the Southeast Center for Cooperative Development have come together to create a Bible Study series on the relationship between cooperative economics and Christian theology.

If interested in this cutting-edge work, join us on Sunday mornings from January 30th - February 27th at 9:45am for this 5-week long Bible study series led by George Schmidt with guests from the partner organizations above.



DPC Committee Corner

Come be a part of the conversations that create DPC's future! All meeting 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, January 10th at 7:00pm via Zoom
- **Communications** - Tuesday, January 11th at 5:00pm via Zoom
- **Outreach** - Wednesday, January 12th at 5:30pm via Zoom
- **Fish & Loaves** - Thursday, January 13th at 6:30pm via Zoom
- **Session** - Tuesday, January 18th at 6:30pm via Zoom

Current Worship Procedures

Due to the Covid positivity rate in our area being above 10%, **masks and social distancing are required.**

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.

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 2022

Erin Bell
Tom Byl
Jake Byl

Class of 2023

Tom Wills
Samera Zavaro
Leslee Hughes

Class of 2024

Betty McConnell
Denny Harris

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.