

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday After Epiphany

January 16, 2022

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(*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

Gathering in God's Name

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Chorale Prelude on *Sing of God Made Manifest*

Ralph C. Schultz

(Please meditate quietly during the Opening Voluntary.)

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Holy are the moments that catch our breath,
catch our attention,
catch us off guard with the wonders of being alive.

P: The surprises of God hearten and revive!

L: God points us back to the riches of life before us.
The world is pouring out blessings of beauty.
Kinship and community enable lasting joy.

P: The faithful gifts of God are simple and abundant.

L: We gather to remember and to treasure every one.

*HYMN #156

“Sing of God Made Manifest” (v.1-3)

CALL TO CONFESSION

God of glory, God of joy, God of ordinary wonders, you come and usher us toward life. Even so, there are times we lose touch with the miracles all around us. We forget or numb ourselves to the beauty and new life you constantly create. Love us, grant us the will to change in your grace, as we encounter you again in this moment of silence.
(collective moment of silence)

Your miracles abound, O God: The way love persists. The way the earth holds us. The way it's never too late for new beginnings. Make a way for us, back to the simple truths that sustain. 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. As Paul wrote, "Serve one another humbly, therefore, for the entirety of the law is summed up in one word in this, 'Love your neighbor...'" In this spirit of love, let us pass the peace of Christ.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

L: May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

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 Psalm 36:5-10; John 2:1-11

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

CENTERING PRACTICE

SERMON "We Are the Witnesses of Miracles"

Responding to God's Word & Call

*HYMN #505

“The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing”

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

Poet Mary Oliver wrote that “joy is not meant to be a crumb.” Neither is it meant for the some-day of a distant future. Joy is here. Joy is what we cultivate together. Joy is the everyday awareness of the smallest miracles - every fleeting pleasure and abiding comfort that nourishes us through sorrow and struggle. Holding all of the joy and sorrow together, we pray for:

(the people lift their prayers aloud)

May we feast in resistance to all that deadens and destroys. Let us go and revel in all God's gifts of life. 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

There is so much joy in choosing community. This is where we remember that who we are is enough. This is how we free ourselves from lies that deaden. This is what makes possible laughter and hope, whatever else life brings. With thanks, let us share all that we have.

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*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (*unison*)

God, your delight in us is a healing grace. Everyday, we hold so much. There is worry here. There are silent struggles. There are needs unmet. In the heart of everything difficult, your love is a constant. For all that enables rest and freedom and the comfort of collective care, we bring our gifts with thanks. Amen.

Invitations & Announcements

*Hymn #395 “Blessed Jesus, At Your Word”

*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

Chorale Prelude on *Blessed Jesus, At Your Word* Johann G. Walther

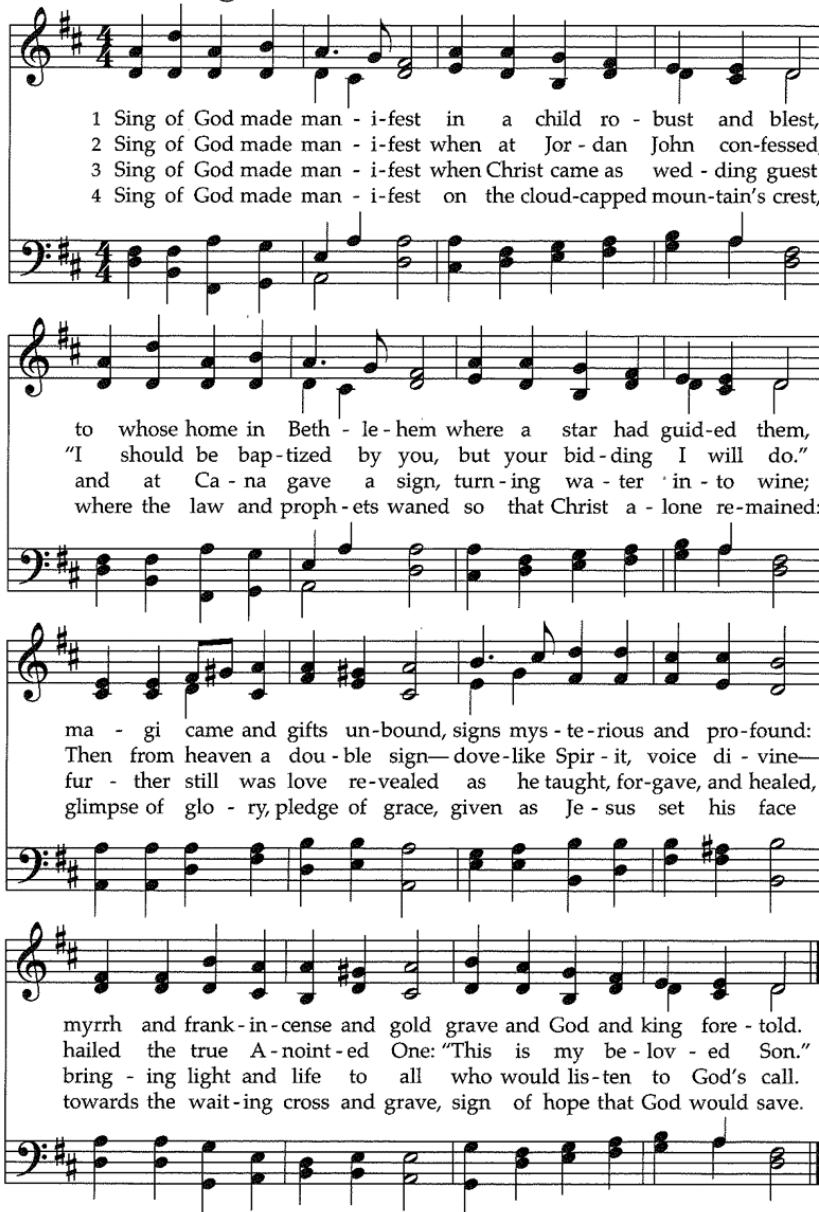
Singing led by Cantor, Tom Ashley

“We Shall Be Known” by MaMuse

Prayers by enfleshed, adapted by Rev. Larissa Romero

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

Sing of God Made Manifest 156



1 Sing of God made man - i-fest in a child ro - bust and blest,
 2 Sing of God made man - i-fest when at Jor - dan John con-fessed,
 3 Sing of God made man - i-fest when Christ came as wed - ding guest
 4 Sing of God made man - i-fest on the cloud-capped moun-tain's crest,

to whose home in Beth - le - hem where a star had guid-ed them,
 "I should be bap-tized by you, but your bid-ding I will do."
 and at Ca - na gave a sign, turn-ing wa - ter 'in - to wine;
 where the law and proph-ets waned so that Christ a - lone re-mained:

ma - gi came and gifts un-bound, signs mys - te - rious and pro-found:
 Then from heaven a dou - ble sign—dove-like Spir - it, voice di - vine—
 fur - ther still was love re-vealed as he taught, for-gave, and healed,
 glimpse of glo - ry, pledge of grace, given as Je - sus set his face

myrrh and frank-in-cense and gold grave and God and king fore - told.
 hailed the true A - noint-ed One: "This is my be - lov - ed Son."
 bring - ing light and life to all who would lis-ten to God's call.
 towards the wait-ing cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.

"Epiphany" means "manifestation" or "showing forth," and this text cites key disclosures of Jesus as Messiah: the coming of the Magi, his baptism by John the Baptist, the wedding at Cana. All are summed up in the Transfiguration, recalled on the Last Sunday after the Epiphany.

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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The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing 505

The Feast Is Ready

G Am7 D G Em7

1 The trum-pets sound; the an - gels sing; the feast is
 2 Ta - bles are la - den with good things; O taste the
 3 The hun - gry heart he sat - is - fies, of - fers the

Am D G Am7 D G

read - y to be - gin. The gates of heaven are o - pen wide,
 peace and joy he brings. He'll fill you up with love di - vine;
 poor his par - a - dise. Now hear all heaven and earth ap - plaud

Em7 Am D G

and Je - sus wel - comes you in - side.
 he'll turn your wa - ter in - to wine.
 the a - maz - ing good - ness of the Lord.

Refrain

3 3 D C G

Sing with thank - ful - ness songs of pure de - light.

3 3 Am D G

Come and rev - el in heav - en's love and light.

3 3 D C G

Take your place at the ta - ble of the King.

Em7 Am D G

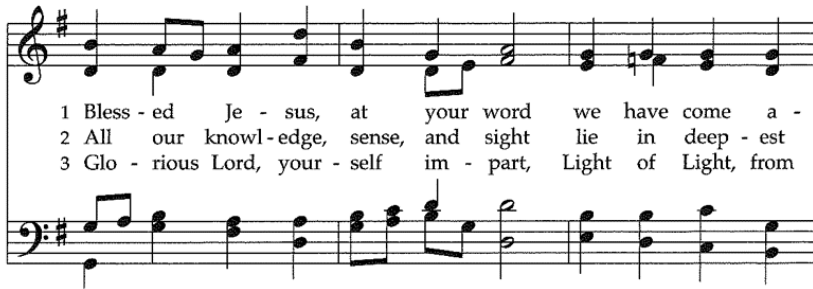
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Em7 Am D G

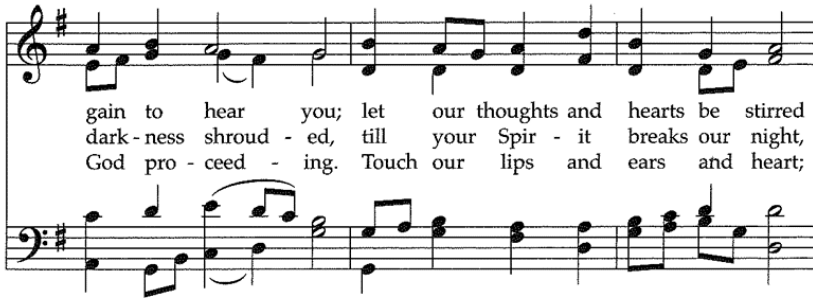
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This celebratory gathering song is cast in a highly rhythmic praise and worship style and brings together many images associated with the eucharistic feast. Despite its new sound, its emphasis on communion as a foretaste of the Heavenly Banquet is a very traditional theme.

395 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word



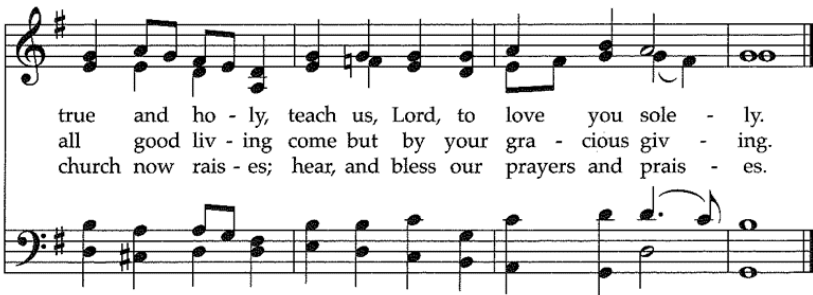
1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at your word we have come a -
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
3 Glo - rious Lord, your - self im - part, Light of Light, from



gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
dark - ness shroud - ed, till your Spir - it breaks our night,
God pro - ceed - ing. Touch our lips and ears and heart;



and in glow - ing faith be near you. By your gos - pel
fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and
help us by your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry your



true and ho - ly, teach us, Lord, to love you sole - ly.
all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
church now rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

Originally conceived to be sung before the sermon, this hymn assumes a congregation that assembles regularly, and it needs to be placed near the beginning rather than the end of worship. The simple repetitive tune reinforces the text's sense of receptivity and expectation.



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 Sunday mornings on the dates below for this 5-week long Bible study series led by George Schmidt with guests from the partner organizations above.

Co-op Bible Study Schedule:

- ♦ Jan 30th: 9:45-10:45 on Zoom
- ♦ Feb 6th: 9:45-10:45, Zoom and in-person
- ♦ Feb 20th: 9:45-10:45, Zoom and in-person
- ♦ Feb 27th: 9:45-10:45, Zoom and in-person
- ♦ Mar 6th: 9:45-10:45, Zoom and in-person

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.



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.

- **Session** - Tuesday, January 18th at 6:30pm via Zoom
- **Fish & Loaves** - Thursday, February 10th at 6:30pm via Zoom
- **Building/History and Finance** - Wednesday, February 16th at 7:00pm via Zoom

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

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