

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Third Sunday After Epiphany
January 22, 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 Chorale Prelude on *Live Into Hope* Ewald Weiss
(Please meditate quietly during the Opening Voluntary.)

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: This body of Christ is a holy collection of lives and stories.

P: Braided into each other, the one is made of the many.

L: This body, God has woven together:

P: That we may find our hope in each other.

That we may hold grief in community.

That we may remember no life is disposable.

L: By the Spirit, we are made one body.

Joined together, let us seek the flourishing of all.

***HYMN #772**

“Live into Hope”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Creator of all, though you have shaped us as an ecosystem, we are surrounded by illusions of individualism. Necessary resources are privatized. People suffer in isolation. Even joy is hoarded.

We reflect on our need for your grace in our lives,
to notice we partake in the work of your mercy and abundance,
to notice that we were not created to carry everything on our own,
in this moment of silence.

(collective moment of silence)

May we be a community brave and vulnerable enough to live otherwise.
May we become so much more together than we could ever be alone.
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 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

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

CENTERING PRACTICE

SERMON

“Cultivating Our Collective Body”

Responding to God's Word & Call

*HYMN #792

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

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

Thanks be to God for every individual body that makes this shared body so full of wonder. In Christ, it is declared:

Every body is a good body.

Every body is worthy of protection.

Every body holds divine wisdom.

We hold every body in prayer, and in particular we pray for:
(the people lift their prayers aloud)

In our shared and sacred power, we are called to go and make it so - to build together communities of care and justice, where every body is cherished and safe. May it be. 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.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

Tennesseans for Alternatives to the Death Penalty

Stacy Rector

COLLECTION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

To say that we are one body means this: everyone has a particular role to play, everyone is essential, everyone is connected by the threads of life and love. May we celebrate the grace that calls us back to right-relationship with the whole of things. With thanks, let us bring our offerings 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".

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (*unison*)**

Spirit of Life, with awe and thanks we bring our gifts. Bless them to the trees that help us breathe. Bless them to the land that holds us. Bless them to the wellbeing of creatures great and small. Make us good siblings to all your beloved lifeforms that enable this body, our bodies, the earth's body, every body to be nourished and alive. Amen.

Invitations & Announcements

***Hymn #318 "In Christ There Is No East or West"**

***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 *In Christ There Is No East or West* Paul Bouman

Singing led by Cantor, Amy Finka

"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

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Live into Hope

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

This text on Luke 4:16–20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.

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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There Is a Balm in Gilead 792

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

Fine

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged, and think my work's in vain, but
 2 Don't ev-er feel dis-cour-aged, for Je-sus is your friend, and
 3 If you can-not preach like Pe-ter, if you can-not pray like Paul, you can

to Refrain

then the Ho-ly Spir-it re-vives my soul a-gain. There is a
 if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll not re-fuse to lend. There is a
 tell the love of Je-sus and say, "He died for all." There is a

This African American spiritual offers a long-delayed answer to the prophet Jeremiah's question, "Is there no balm in Gilead?" (Jeremiah 8:22). No earthly remedy can compare with the healing that comes from a sense of God's presence; nothing else can heal "the sin-sick soul."

In Christ There Is No East or West 318

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in

him no south or north, but one great fel - low -
 high com - mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
 e'er your race may be. All chil - dren of the
 him meet south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

This text formed a very small part of an elaborate Christian missionary pageant in the early 20th century, yet it has endured while the grander aspects of that production have faded away. It is set to a simple 19th-century tune that does not get in the way of its message.



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

As noted above, we are in the process of restructuring our committees at DPC. In the coming months we plan to transition from the current ten committees to the following 5 core committees: Faith Formation, Community Engagement, Administration, Missions, and Business Management. The following committee meetings have been scheduled for February. If you'd like to learn about joining a committee at DPC, please email info@dpchurch.com.

- **Communications** - Monday, February 7th at 5:00pm via Zoom
- **Fish & Loaves** - Thursday, February 10th at 6:30pm via Zoom
- **Building/History and Finance** - Wednesday, February 16th at 7:00pm via Zoom
- **Outreach** - Wednesday, February 23rd at 6:00pm 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

Class of 2022

Erin Bell
Tom Byl
Jake Byl

Class of 2023

Tom Wills
Samera Zavaro

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.