

**THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 15, 2017

(\*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

**We Gather in God's Name**

OPENING VOLUNTARY     Prelude in A Major, BWV 536

J. S. Bach

WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on 1 Corinthians 1:4-9

L: Come, let us call upon the name of Jesus!

**P: We are rich through him in everything.**

L: Every spiritual gift is present in us, today.

**P: And we are Christ's partners;  
he is revealed among us and through us.  
We come to him as he comes to us.**

\*HYMN #722

“Lord Speak to Me That I May Speak”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us offer our confession, for the Holy One is steadfast in love  
and always ready to forgive.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

based on Isaiah 49:1-6

**Mothering God,**

**we have chased after foolish things, and spent our strength on vanity;  
our labor has been in vain.**

**Deliver us from arrogance and forgive our self-concern,**

**that we may find our reward with you, as servants of your dream.**

**Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

(Time for silent confession)

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE

based on Psalm 40:2-8; John 1:29

L: Beloved, we are forgiven in Christ,  
the Lamb who takes away the sin of the world.  
Happy are those who put their trust in God, and delight to do God's will,  
for God makes our footing sure upon the rock of Christ.

P: **Thanks be to God!**

L: Now, as those who have been made happy,  
let us exchange signs of reconciliation and friendship.  
May the Peace of Christ be with you.

P: **And also with you!**

## \*GLORIA PATRI #583



Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!  
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## PARISH LIFE & CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### God's Word Is Proclaimed

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison) based on 1 Corinthians 1:6-7; Psalm 40:6-9

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove: Open our ears to the truth of your word,  
that the testimony of Christ may be strengthened among us  
and the glad news of deliverance revealed. Amen.

## WORD FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

### BLESSING

based on 1 John 4:4, 7

Little children, you are from God...

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God.

*(Infants and small children are dismissed to the care of the nursery staff.  
Older children are invited to remain and worship.)*

OLD TESTAMENT READING      Isaiah 49:1-7      (OT p.)

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

GOSPEL READING      1 Corinthians 1:1-9      (NT p.)

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

SERMON      Grace and Peace      Rev. Mike Wilson

## We Respond to God's Word

\*HYMN #737      "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
& THE LORD'S PRAYER (people read bold)  
[A time of silence follows each petition.]

God of steadfast love, you raise us up when we fall  
and place our feet on steady ground.  
Strengthened by your faithfulness,  
we offer our prayers in thanksgiving for the grace that is ours in Christ.

We pray for the mission of your church,  
that we may proclaim good news as we put our trust in you.

We pray for the world,  
that your saving love may reach to the ends of the earth  
as we serve the common good.

We pray for our nation,  
that you would guide our leaders and offer them a vision  
of justice and equality;  
that those most powerful would serve the interests of the most vulnerable.

We pray for all who suffer,  
that we may heed their cry  
as we share in your steadfast mercy.

We pray for your creation,  
that we may safeguard its well-being  
as we labor together for redemption.

We remember before you those who have died  
and pray for those who will die today,  
that they may know your peace.

We pray now for all those people or circumstances  
that weigh on our minds and occupy our hearts.  
[*Here you may say aloud your prayers of petition and concern.*]

We offer these prayers trusting in the grace and peace  
from God, our Mother and Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ,  
who taught us to pray:

**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.**

## OPPORTUNITY FOR GENEROUS GIVING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Jesu, The Very Thought of Thee

Tomas Luis de Victoria

Jesu, dulcis memoria, dans vera cordis gaudia:  
Sed super mel et omnia ejus dulcis praesentia.

Jesus, the very thought of Thee, with sweetness fills my breast;  
Yet sweeter far Thy face to see and in Thy presence rest.

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*)

based on Psalm 40:8; Isaiah 49:6

We give you thanks, O loving God, that you have placed in the hearts of your faithful people the gift of generosity and the desire to do your will. Use these gifts to proclaim good news to every nation and restore all people to Christ. Amen.

**We Seal God's Word Upon Our Hearts  
and Bear It Into the World**

\*HYMN #837      "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

L: Let all God's people say,      P: Alleluia, Amen!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY      Prelude in C Major, BWV 553

J. S. Bach

***Assisting in worship and hospitality today are:***

Michael Korak – *liturgist*

Michael Korak and Justin Near – *offering counters*

***And next week:***

Jack Henderson – *liturgist*

Jack Henderson and Claire Armbruster – *offering counters*

**New Member Classes – Starting Soon!**

Pastor Mike will be holding new member classes for anyone interested in joining DPC or just exploring the possibility. We'll meet on Sundays January 22 and 29 and February 5 at 9:45 in the pastor's study.

There will be plenty to talk about, whether you've just started worshipping at DPC or if you've been attending for months (or even years). And there's no pressure to join; this is foremost an opportunity for conversation, information and inquiry.

If you're interested in attending or just have some questions – email Mike at [mikewilson@dpchurch.com](mailto:mikewilson@dpchurch.com).

## Half for the Hungry Training

Half for the Hungry training began yesterday. But there's still *lots of time* to join in if you are interested in training to walk or run or walk/run the Nashville Rock and Roll Half Marathon. Every Saturday morning between January and the last weekend of April, a group of DPC members, friends and friends of friends gathers at 8:30 a.m. at various places around town to walk, stroll, jog or run a selected route. Distances increase as the event gets closer.

After the training the group enjoys breakfast together somewhere near the end of the route.

Neither the training nor the Rock and Roll Half Marathon are competitions. This is fun exercise and fellowship that may aid in burning off some holiday calories. And you'll probably make some new friends! And the group is dog-friendly; if your pet can handle the distance, bring her or him along.

If you're interested in participating, email Jim Dickson (deserata1@yahoo.com). He'll put you on the distribution list so you'll receive a midweek message with the location of the Saturday training and breakfast locations.

## Breakfast and Lunch – *Volunteers Needed*

Every Saturday morning and Wednesday afternoon DPC opens its doors to Nashville's homeless and urban poor community. Our goal is to serve a hot, nutritious meal in a warm and inviting atmosphere. Volunteers are needed for both meals.

On Wednesday a core group of volunteers, almost all from outside the DPC community, keep that meal going. But we are definitely in need of additional volunteers. Even if you can only come once or twice a month, we can use your help!

Three Saturdays a month we partner with other churches who help serve the meal and provide hospitality. DPC members are the core volunteers on the third Saturday. Additionally, a handful of experienced DPC members are present *every* Saturday to provide leadership, knowledge and continuity. So while our biggest need is on third Saturdays, you are welcome to help any Saturday.

These vital ministries require the participation of as many DPC members as possible. If you are able to participate – on *either* day – please sign up by sending a message to [dpcbreakfast@gmail.com](mailto:dpcbreakfast@gmail.com) or calling the church office.

## 13th Screening Tomorrow

On MLK Day, Monday January 16, McKendree Methodist, along with other downtown churches, will hold a screening of the Netflix documentary *13th: From Slave to Criminal with One Amendment*. Following the film, there will be a guided discussion. The event will be held at the United Methodist Church Publishing House from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you're interested in coming, please RSVP tomckendreerick@gmail.com to reserve your seat.

## Stuff About Children

**Note to Parents of Small Children:** We are glad that you and your children are worshipping with us. To help the service be more meaningful and restful for you, we have provided a nursery (ages 5 and younger) on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. Please ask a greeter and they will be glad to help you. There is an infant changing station in the stairwell to your right (the stairwell with the elevator) as you leave the sanctuary.

### Our Ministries Last Week

#### Saturday Breakfast Ministry

130 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on October 15

#### 11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:64, Children:6

#### Tuesday Noon Bible Study

5 people gathered for lunch, fellowship, and Bible Study.

#### Wednesday Lunch Ministry

226 people enjoyed lunch in a warm and friendly environment.

#### Pastor's Discretionary Fund Assistance

13 people received assistance from the pastor's discretionary fund this week.

#### Visitors and Tourists

8 visitors came to view the sanctuary during the week.

### Schedule of Weekly Events

#### Today

1:00 Session – Parlor 2

#### Monday, January 16

Office closed – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

#### Tuesday, January 17

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 1

12:00 Bible Study – Parlor 2

#### Wednesday, January 18

Noon Lunch served to Nashville's homeless and urban poor

#### Thursday, January 19

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 1

#### Friday, January 20

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 1

#### Saturday, January 21

8:30 Breakfast served to Nashville's homeless and urban poor

#### Sunday, January 22

9:00 Morning Brew  
– Morning Brew Lounge

9:00 JuveNiles Rehearsal

9:45 Adult Choir rehearsal

11:00 Worship – the Sanctuary

## 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

We believe that every person is a beloved child of God, no matter how estranged or close that relationship may be. Where God's love is, there is no shame.

Our welcome extends to everyone, whatever your economic circumstances, your faith background, your racial or ethnic identity, your sexual orientation or gender identity, or your political affiliations.

As a diverse community we seek to intentionally embody God's radically inclusive and transformative love for everyone. With love and grace, we are called as a community to grow together as a voice for justice and peace - each as we are, with our unique human stories of joy and struggle.

### SESSION 2017

**Rev. Mike Wilson, Moderator**

**Betsy Bahn, Clerk**

**Jeff Koontz, Treasurer**

#### Class of 2017

Tom Byl  
Michael Arwood  
Ridley Wills II  
Claire Armbruster

#### Class of 2018

Cary Gibson  
Michael Korak

#### Class of 2019

Chuck Cardona  
Jack Henderson  
Justin Near

### THE CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Mike Wilson, Pastor  
Reginald Hughes, Office Manager  
Suzie Lane, Children's Education Director

Paulino Jarquin, Facilities Manager  
Dr. William Taylor, Organist/Choir Director

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