

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 22, 2017

(*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

We Gather in God's Name

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“We must accept finite disappointment with infinite hope.”

— Martin Luther King, Jr.

OPENING VOLUNTARY Prière, from *Vingt-quatre Pièces* Jean Langlais

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Isaiah 9:2; Matthew 4:16

L: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

P: Let us worship our God of light!

***HYMN #401**

“Here in This Place”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us offer our confession to our God whose light of grace overpowers
whatever darkness is within us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

based on 1 Corinthians 1:10

Brilliant God,

we confess that we have not been faithful to you in
our thoughts and actions.

We have been selfish in our desires
and quarrelsome in our relationships.

We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different,
and let distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters.

Shine your light into our darkened hearts.

Save us from our divisive ways.

Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ
who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit
in perfect harmony. Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE

based on Isaiah 9:4

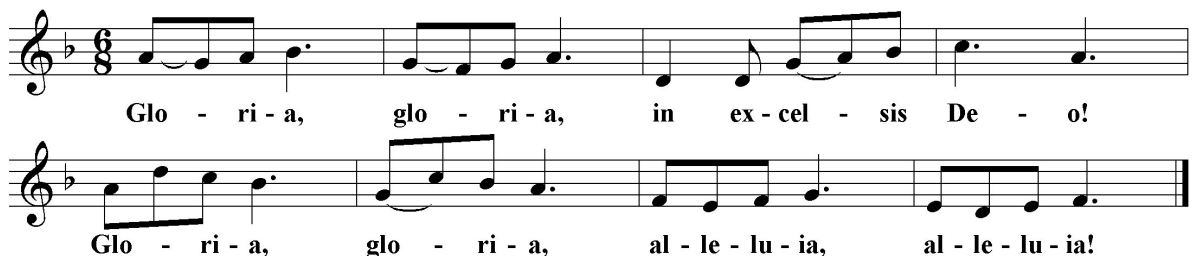
L: God offers forgiveness to those who turn to God in true repentance.
Therefore, trust in God, who breaks the bonds of our oppression,
and covers us in mercy.

P: Thanks be to God!

L: Now, with God's light shining in us and through us,
let us exchange signs of reconciliation and friendship.
May the Peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you!

*GLORIA PATRI #583



The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gloria Patri #583. The first staff is in 6/8 time and contains the lyrics: "Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!". The second staff is in 6/8 time and contains the lyrics: "Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!". The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a key signature of one flat (Bb).

God's Word Is Proclaimed

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

God, illuminate our minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed
our eyes may see your kingdom, our ears may hear the call of Jesus,
and our hearts may know the joy of your salvation. 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.)*

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4:12-23

(NT p.)

L: The Gospel of the Lord. P: Praise to you, O Christ.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 9:1-7

(OT p.)

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

SERMON

The Imagination of God

Rev. Mike Wilson

We Respond to God's Word

*HYMN #377

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

& THE LORD'S PRAYER (people read bold)

Let us pray to the Lord, saying,

God of light,

hear our prayer.

Loving God,
your light reveals the needs of our world
and your salvation offers hope to the lost.
Therefore we pray for our world and our community.

For your holy church,
that all the baptized may live in harmony with one another,
and our pastor, elders and teachers may be
wise and gracious ministers of the gospel;
God of light, **hear our prayer.**

For the world and for all who suffer the rod of oppression:
break the yoke of violence,
and free all people from the burden of war and domestic strife;
God of light, **hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of the nations,
that they may be just and faithful in their duty
and serve the good of all creation;
God of light, **hear our prayer.**

For those who suffer disease of body and mind,
that they may know the power of your healing grace;
God of light, **hear our prayer.**

For other concerns we offer these prayers...
[Here you may say aloud your prayers of petition and concern.]
God of light, **hear our prayer.**

Be gracious to us and answer us, for you are our salvation;
hear, O Lord, the cries of your people.
And hear us now as we pray the prayer that reflects your vision,
the prayer Jesus taught, saying ...

**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

Light

Deen E. Entsminger

And God said, “Let there be Light.” And there was light.
Let the light of Your face shine upon us, O Lord. You are my lamp, O Lord.
Come, O house of Jacob let us walk in the light of the Lord.
I have made you a light for the Gentiles,
 that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.
The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear?
The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.
Arise, shine for your light has come.
And the Glory of the Lord rises upon you. Arise, shine.

— Text from Genesis, 2 Samuel, Psalms, Isaiah, Matthew, and Acts

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 our salvation, receive these gifts we offer and bless them for the work of your kingdom, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

*HYMN #720

“Jesus Calls Us”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Choral, from *Vingt-quatre Pièces*

Jean Langlais

Assisting in worship and hospitality today are:

Eric Near – *liturgist*

Denny Harris – *greeter and refreshments*

Jack Henderson and Claire Armbruster – *offering counters*

And next week:

Christ Leonard – *liturgist*

Claire Armbruster & Jeff Koontz – *greeters and refreshments*

Ridley Wills and Jack Henderson – *offering counters*

New Member Classes – Under Way!

Pastor Mike is holding new member classes for anyone interested in joining DPC or just exploring the possibility. Classes started today and will continue on January 29 and February 5 at 9:45 in the pastor's study. And if you missed today, don't worry! Just come next week and we'll figure out how to catch you up later.

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.

Breakfast and Lunch – Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to help with our Saturday breakfast and Wednesday lunch meal services to Nashville's homeless and urban poor communities.

Right now our biggest need is for Wednesday lunch volunteers every week and Saturday breakfast volunteers on the third Saturday of each month.

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

Children and Worship

The presence of children in worship is a gift to our church. We welcome them, wiggles and all. Families are encouraged to sit together in worship, at least through the children's message. After that, parents may take younger children (5 and under) to our nursery, staffed by loving caregivers. A greeter can direct you to the nursery. For faith development, we value older children (over 5), experiencing the entire worship service. To help, children's bulletins and activities to keep little hands occupied can be found outside the sanctuary door nearest the piano.

Browsing Room Exhibit – final days!

DPC's Browsing Room Gallery at the Downtown Presbyterian Church is presenting an exhibition of photography by students and faculty from the Watkins College of Art, Design and Film entitled *Bricks and Faith*.

The photos, which capture the grandiosity of the historic architecture of The Downtown Presbyterian Church while also maintaining a historical feel through the imagery, were produced exclusively using large traditional film cameras, which are rarely used today.

The exhibit closes at the end of this week. So head on down to the gallery after worship to see this amazing exhibit.

Half for the Hungry Training

Half for the Hungry is under way. This is fun exercise and fellowship, not a competition. To get on the list to receive a midweek message with the location of the Saturday training and breakfast, email Jim Dickson (deserata1@yahoo.com).

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

Monday, January 23

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 1
Noon DPC Corporation Meeting – SunTrust Bank

Tuesday, January 24

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 1
12:00 Bible Study – Parlor 2

Wednesday, January 25

Noon Lunch served to Nashville's homeless and urban poor
6:00 Worship & Arts Committee meeting

Thursday, January 26

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 1

Friday, January 27

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 1

Saturday, January 28

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

Sunday, January 29

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

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