

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

based on Matthew 5:13-20

God of Law and Prophets,

we confess that we have sought security in the letter of the law
and ignored its spirit.

We have hidden the light of our witness,
fearful of criticism or ridicule.

We have surrendered our saltiness
and embraced the safety of the bland.

Grant us courage and wisdom to pursue true justice and righteousness.

Fuel our fire so that our proclamation is fearless.

Restore our flavor so that people will hunger for your kingdom.

(Time for silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE

Matthew 5:15-16

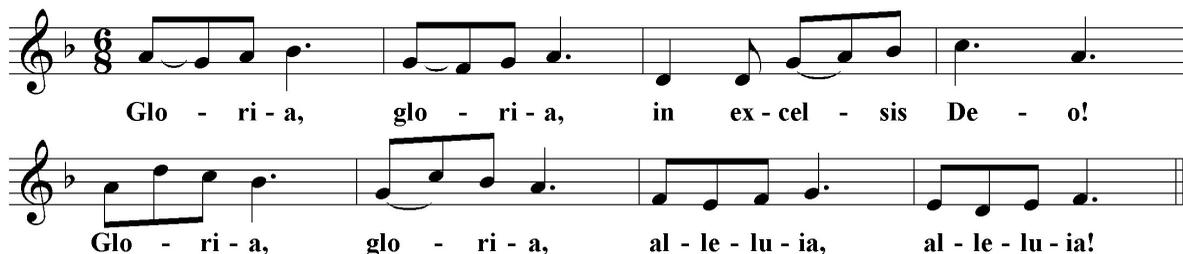
L: Sisters and brothers,
in this moment, all that is dark within us
has been banished by the light of Christ.
All is forgiven and we are made whole.

P: Thanks be to God!

L: Now, let your light shine before others,
as we 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 melody for the first line of lyrics: "Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!". The second staff continues the melody for the second line of lyrics: "Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!". The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables across notes.

PARISH LIFE & CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

God's Word Is Proclaimed

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

based on Isaiah 58:2

We come to your Word today, O God, seeking knowledge of your ways so that we might act righteously and be close to you. Illuminate our hearts and minds so that we might hear, understand and respond. In the name of the Word Made Flesh we pray. 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 58:1-12

(OT p.)

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

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:13-20

(NT p.)

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

SERMON

Flavor and Radiance

Rev. Mike Wilson

We Respond to God's Word

*HYMN #314

"Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness"

verse 1— choir; verses 2-5 — all

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
& THE LORD'S PRAYER (people read **bold**)

We pray for the health and vitality of the church:

You command us to honor you by loving one another,

yet all too often there is quarreling and jealousy among us.

Help us to live your law of love

as we seek to grow into the full stature of Christ.

Loving God, help us to turn our hearts toward you.

We pray for the welfare of the world:

You have blessed us with every skill and gift for nurturing the common good,
yet our self-centered ways incline our hearts toward evil.

Strengthen us to work together

for the mutual benefit of neighbors near and far
and for the life and prosperity of your reign on earth.

Loving God, help us to turn our hearts toward you.

We pray for the well-being of your creation:

Our choices wreak havoc on the world you have made
and put your planet in peril.

Guide our patterns of consumption for the flourishing of all creation
and for generations yet unborn.

Loving God, help us to turn our hearts toward you.

We pray for all who suffer and are in need:

You call us to care for one other with compassion and steadfast love,
yet we wither in the face of anguish and brokenness.

Equip us for the work of reconciliation,

that we might offer hope and healing in the power of your name.

Loving God, help us to turn our hearts toward you.

We pray for all who are sick and are dying:

May your will for them be fulfilled.

Fill us with your mercy and kindness

that we may care for them with loving hearts
as you bring them to the wholeness of your peace.

Loving God, help us to turn our hearts toward you.

We offer now the individual prayers of our hearts

knowing that you hear them and answer them according to your will;

[Here you may say aloud those prayers or petitions you may have today.]

And hear us now as we pray the way Christ taught us:

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

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

Anthem text taken from John 14:15-17

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 Isaiah 58:11-12

Holy God, we offer you these gifts with thanks, so that together we may bring water to the parched places of earth and soul; so that we may restore the foundations of hearts and minds; and so that we might be called Menders of Broken Walls and Restorers of Livable Streets. Amen.

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

*HYMN #733

“We Are One in Mission”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Postlude in C

Henry Smart

Assisting in worship and hospitality today are:

Jewly Hight – *liturgist*

Michael Arwood – *greeter and refreshments*

Tom Byl and Chuck Cardona– *offering counters*

And next week:

Jack Henderson – *liturgist*

Faye & Jim Dickson – *greeters and refreshments*

Michael Korak and Jack Henderson – *offering counters*

Join us every Sunday...

after worship at the coffee pot in the narthex for interesting conversation and light refreshments. A good way to meet the pastor and make new friends at DPC.

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.

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).

Looking Toward Lent

Ash Wednesday Service, March 1

We'll gather at 6:00 p.m. for a simple meal and then move to The Chapel for worship, including the imposition of ashes.

Good Friday Cottage Dinners, April 14

We'll have several hosts who will welcome you to their homes for a evening that will begin with a good meal and end with a short Good Friday worship service in which we'll remember the events of Jesus's last day.

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 in the narthex.

Congregational and Corporation Meeting - February 26

Notice is hereby given of the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Corporation of The Downtown Presbyterian Church of Nashville to be held in the Fellowship Hall of the Church on Sunday, February 26, 2017 following the 11:00 AM morning worship service for the purpose of (i) receiving the financial report of the Corporation, (ii) electing three (3) Directors to the class of 2019 and one (1) director to fill a vacancy in the class of 2018, and (iii) transacting such other business as may come before the meeting. **All members of the church are likewise members of the Church corporation.**

The congregation will meet at the same time and place to: receive the 2017 church budget and 2016 annual report; and transact such other business under the provisions of G-1.0503 of the Book of Order.

And – perhaps most importantly – a delicious lunch will be served!

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, February 13

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 1
6:00 Finance, Administration & Personnel
– Calypso Café, Charlotte Ave.

Tuesday, February 14

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

Wednesday, February 15

Noon Lunch served to Nashville's homeless and urban poor

Thursday, February 16

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 1

Friday, February 17

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 1

Saturday, February 18

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

Sunday, February 19

9:00 Morning Brew - Morning Brew Lounge
9:00 Juveniles Rehearsal
9:45 Adult Choir rehearsal
11:00 Worship – the Sanctuary
1:00 Session – Parlor 2

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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Suzie Lane, Children's Education Director

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