



PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

based on Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Holy God, we confess that we bow down before other gods;  
we have turned our hearts away from you.

Our worship of work and devotion to consumerism  
disorders our love of you and each other.

We do not take seriously enough your Word Written.

Forgive us, God, and mend what is broken,  
that we may be one with you. Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE

based on Psalm 119:7-8

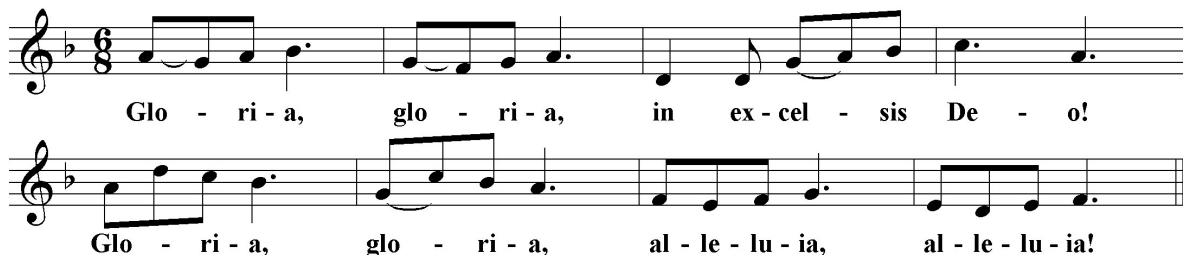
L: Sisters and brothers,  
by the mercy of Christ, we are forgiven.  
Sing praises with an upright heart as we learn the ways of God.

P: **We give thanks to God with hearts that do right**

L: Now, as those who are truly happy,  
let us with joy 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 is in 6/8 time and contains 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.

PARISH LIFE & CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

God's Word Is Proclaimed

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

based on Psalm 119:1-8

Loving God, anoint us with your Holy Spirit, as we hear your Word this day.  
Fill us with your truth that we may walk in the ways of God and to the  
glory of your realm. 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

Psalm 119:1-16

(OT p.566)

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

### GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:21-48

(NT p.4)

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

### SERMON

More Than Not Illegal

Rev. Mike Wilson

## **We Respond to God's Word**

\*HYMN #444

“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

### PRAYER OF INTERCESSION, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

& THE LORD'S PRAYER (people read **bold**)

*\* Silence is kept after each response to allow the congregation to offer intercessions.*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying,  
Loving God, **hear our prayer.**

For your church in all the world,  
Loving God, **hear our prayer.** \*

Make your church secure upon the foundation of Christ,  
end the divisions that rend our communion,  
and bring us to unity of mission for the sake of the gospel.

For our pastor, ruling elders, teachers, musicians and staff,  
Loving God, **hear our prayer.** \*

Bless the servants of your church,  
Give them wisdom to lead according to your Word  
and drive from them all self-serving desire.  
For the world and for its leaders,  
Loving God, **hear our prayer.** \*

Uphold the leaders of governments for the work of peace,  
Provoke their hearts to compassion,  
and make them agents of reconciling justice among the people.

For our planet Earth,  
Loving God, **hear our prayer.** \*

Sustain the earth, our home, for the flourishing of all who live upon it,  
increase our knowledge of its ecology,  
and make us good stewards of Earth's abundance.

For the poor and the alien,  
Loving God, **hear our prayer.** \*

Assist the poor in their need,  
protect aliens in their sojourn,  
and make your church a refuge for those in need.

For the sick and those in distress,  
Loving God, **hear our prayer.** \*

Heal those who are sick in body, mind or spirit,  
comfort them in their pain,  
and restore them to wholeness of life.

For our neighbors,  
Loving God, **hear our prayer.** \*

Bless those who live in our local community,  
strengthen our good will, and let us dwell in harmony.

For our enemies,  
Loving God, **hear our prayer.** \*

Bless those who hate us,  
give us courage to refuse retaliation,  
and make us instruments of your reconciling love.

These prayers we offer through 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    Behold, The Tabernacle of God                  William H. Harris

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,  
and the Spirit of God dwelleth within you.  
For the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are,  
for the love of whom ye do this day celebrate the joys of the temple  
with a season of festivity. Alleluia.

— Sarum Antiphon for the Dedication of a Church

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*)

Almighty God, by your grace, accept our offering.  
Make us joyful in giving that we may grow in likeness to your supreme gift,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.

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

\*HYMN #757

“Today We All Are Called to Be”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Hymn to the Sun

Louis Vierne

We welcome Dr. Wilma Jensen as our guest choir director and organist today.  
Please extend your regards to her following the Closing Voluntary.

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

Jack Henderson – *liturgist*

Faye & Jim Dickson – *greeters and refreshments*

Michael Korak and Jack Henderson – *offering counters*

***And next week:***

Michael Korak – *liturgist*

Justin Near and Claire Armbruster – *offering counters*

## 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!*

### Side Dishes Need!

We need side dishes for next Sunday's congregational meeting and lunch. DPC will supply the main course (fried chicken or ham) and beverages. The rest of us will bring our favorite casserole, vegetable dish, salad, dessert, etc.

Just bring your offering to Fellowship Hall before worship.

### Stations of the Cross

On the first Sunday of Lent, March 5, the Stations of the Cross will be featured in our Sanctuary and other spaces.

Led by Sarah Jordan, our VDS field education student, the Stations – also called The Way of the Cross or Way of Sorrows – will depict fourteen images of Jesus on the day of his crucifixion. Long a feature of Roman Catholic churches, the Stations have become increasingly popular with Protestant congregations.

Walking the Stations is a pilgrimage that invites us to contemplate the Passion of Jesus. Our Stations will come from the imaginations several DPC members who are constructing their work based on a passage from one of the four gospels.

The installation will remain in place through Lent, and Pastor Mike will lead a Sunday morning adult education experience around the Stations.

## 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.

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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