

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday
February 26, 2017

(*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

We Gather in God's Name

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“There is no angry way to say ‘bubbles.’”

— Anonymous

OPENING VOLUNTARY Prelude on *Brother James's Air* Stephen Walters
Edward Cardona, trombone

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Matthew 17:1-9

L: It is good that we are here.

P: For this is a place of transformation.

L: God's voice might be heard.

P: We are eager to listen and be filled with awe.

***HYMN #156**

“Sing of God Made Manifest”

CALL TO CONFESSION

based on Matthew 17:1-9

Just as Jesus's face was made to shine like the sun, so too might ours if we come to God ready to surrender all that is dark within us. Let offer our confession and be filled with light.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

based on Psalm 2:12

Glorious God,
you are all wisdom and all light,
yet we fail to listen to you and neglect to walk in your radiance.
Forgive us, heal us, and lead us on,
that we may walk in your ways
and be happy in your presence.
In Jesus our Christ we pray. Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

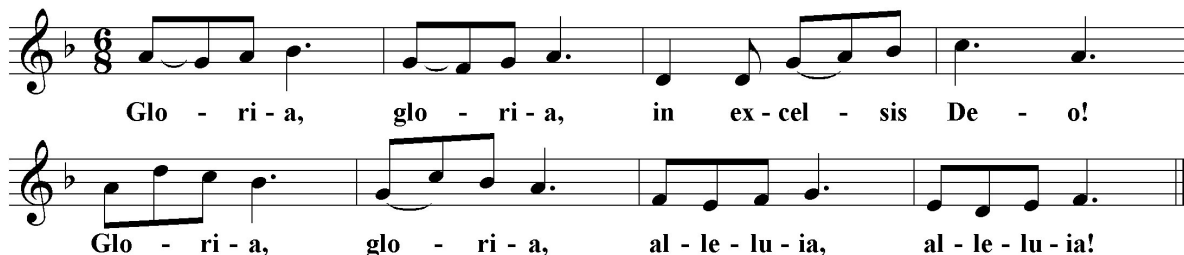
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE

based on Psalm 99:8

L: The good news of our faith is this:
if we call upon God we will be answered and forgiven.
That promise gives us peace and joy.
Let us share that peace and joy with one another
with 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 syllable placement.

PARISH LIFE & CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

God's Word Is Proclaimed

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

based on 2 Peter 1:19

God our light, make us attentive to your Word as to a lamp shining in a dark place, that seeing your truth we may live faithful lives until that great day dawns and the morning star rises in our hearts. Amen.

JUVENILES' ANTHEM

Light One Candle

words and music
by Mark Patterson

Light one candle for hope, hope that the whole world needs.
Light one candle for hope, hope that the Savior will bring.

Light one candle for peace, peace that the whole world needs.
Light one candle for peace, peace that the Savior will bring.

Light one candle for joy, joy that the whole world needs.
Light one candle for joy, joy that the Savior will bring.

Light one candle for love, love that the whole world needs.
Light one candle for love, love that the Savior will bring.

– Tom Ashley, piano

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 24:12-18 (OT p.)
L: The Word of the Lord P: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING Matthew 17:1-9 (NT p.)
L: The Gospel of the Lord. P: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Divine Short-Circuiting Rev. Mike Wilson

We Respond to God's Word

*HYMN #189 "O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair"

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

Psalm 99:1,8; 2 Corinthians 4:1

Almighty, all-merciful God,
lover of justice and giver of peace,
To you, O Lord, we pray.
Answer us with mercy.

For your people in every nation,
for the church of Jesus Christ,
and for all who seek your face.

To you, O Lord, we pray.

Answer us with mercy.

For leaders and elders
that they will listen to you and follow where you go.

To you, O Lord, we pray.

Answer us with mercy.

For the earth that you have made,
trembling for redemption and re-creation.

To you, O Lord, we pray.

Answer us with mercy.

For those who are tormented
by the demons of illness, addiction and grief.

To you, O Lord, we pray.

Answer us with mercy.

And for all those people or situations
that have moved us to joy or concern
hear now the prayers we lift to you in silence or aloud.

[Here you may say aloud your prayers of petition and celebration.]

To you, O Lord, we pray.

Answer us with mercy.

Let our lives and our world be transfigured by your glory
and transformed by your love;
in the name of Jesus Christ,
your chosen one, our Lord,
who taught us to pray 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

Beautiful Savior

Donald P. Moore

Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve Thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine! Amen.

– author unknown, 1677; trans., Joseph A. Seiss 1873

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 mountaintops and valleys, be our vision of you clouded or brilliantly clear, we faithfully add our gifts to those being given all around us. Bless these offerings that they may be transfigured into your presence in the world. Amen.

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

*HYMN #263

“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello

Assisting in worship and hospitality today are:

Michael Korak – *liturgist*

Stephanie & Dave Coleman – *greeters and refreshments*

Justin Near and Claire Armbruster – *offering counters*

And next week:

Eric Near – *liturgist*

Claire Armbruster & Jeff Koontz – *greeters and refreshments*

Michael Arwood and Cary Gibson – *offering counters*

Ash Wednesday

We begin our journey to Holy Week and Easter this Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. We'll gather for a simple meal at 6:00 p.m. and then move to The Chapel for a 7:00 p.m. worship service which will include The Lord's Supper and the imposition of ashes.

Good Friday Cottage Dinners

Our DPC tradition is to gather in people's homes on Good Friday, April 14, for a meal and worship. Sign-up sheets will go up soon and everyone is encouraged to gather with friends old and new to mark Jesus's last day so that we might come together on Easter to truly celebrate Resurrection.

Stations of the Cross

Next Sunday, 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 of 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.

New Adult Education Experience

Starting on Sunday, March 5 and continuing through Lent, Pastor Mike will lead an adult education conversation on the Stations of the Cross in conjunction with the installation going up that day.

We'll look at the Scripture passages and stories for each station and visit the installations and talk our about experience. We'll begin each session in Parlor 2 at 9:45 a.m.

DPC Book Group

The DPC book group will meet this Tuesday, February 28, at 6:30 at the home of Cary Gibson and Joel Dark.

During the next few weeks, we will be discussing *March: Book One* by Congressman John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, and Nate Powell. The book is the city's "Nashville Reads" selection for 2017 and is available at no cost (with no waiting list) through the Nashville Public Library. Please feel free to contact Joel (joelhdark@gmail.com) for more information.

Congregational and Corporation Meeting & Potluck - Today!

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 today, 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 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

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