

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Trinity Sunday

June 16, 2019

Hearing assistance devices are available. Please ask a greeter for a receiver.

(*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

We Gather in God's Name

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.

We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied to single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly.

— Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

PRELUDE

“With Kindness”
Kelli & Scot Robinson

Brian McLaren

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Hymn #372

L: In worship we participate in
the revelation of God's kingdom.

P: **We prepare for God's glorious reign of peace.**

L: Where love is lived,

P: **and all is done with justice and with peace.**

L: Where time and tears will be no more,

P: **and all but love will cease.**

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN #372

“O For a World”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of justice and mercy,
we confess that we disobey your will.
Whether individually or as participants in our civil covenants,
we withhold true justice and genuine mercy to others.

Christ our Savior, love incarnate,
we confess that we take your love for granted.
We withhold ourselves from others
and we do not always rejoice in all the blessings we receive.

Holy Spirit, power and breath,
we confess that we block or resist your movement.
We are reluctant to show truly self-sacrificial love.

Gracious Trinity, forgive us and grant us your peace.
Help us to turn more faithfully to you, Creator, Christ and Spirit,
so that we may love you by more joyfully caring for others.
Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE AND PASSING THE PEACE

L: May the peace of Christ be with you.
P: And also with you.

Please return to your seats when the music starts

PARISH LIFE & CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

God's Word Is Proclaimed

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Holy One,
when your prophets speak justice by the Spirit,
the powerless clap their hands.

When your Son declares forgiveness,
those burdened with guilt cry tears of joy.

By the power of your Holy Spirit,
open our ears to your word
and move our hearts to respond in ways that honor you;
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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.

(Children under age 6 may go with the nursery staff. Children ages 6 and up are encouraged to remain in the sanctuary.)

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Kings 21:1-26

(OT p.328)

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

SERMON

Rev. Mike Wilson

We Respond to God's Word

***HYMN #434**

"Restore in Us, O God"

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Today's prayer response will be

L: Give ear to our words, O Lord,

P: listen to our cry

During the prayer, the leader will open a space for you to say aloud your individual prayers.

You may come forward during the prayer to light a candle at the prayer table.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

“Wild Honey and Locusts” Kelli & Scot Robinson

*DOXOLOGY #655

“What Shall I Render to the Lord” vs.1

What Shall I ren - der to the Lord; what
shall my of - fering be, for all the gra - cious
ben - e - fits God hath be - stowed on me?

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (unison)

Holy Trinity of love,

God of heaven and earth, you pour down justice

like a rushing mountain stream;

you raise mercy and kindness like a new day dawning.

We thank you for creating this good planet,

and for your care of all that dwell here.

We thank you for our lives redeemed and made new

by the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We thank you for his holy rule

that promises your peaceable reign

in our homes, in our nation, and among all nations.

We thank you for the power given through Christ

to forgive others as we have been forgiven.

We present our tithes and offerings in joyful thanksgiving

for all the blessings we have received from you.

Use them and us as instruments of your peace,

serving the call of the church and the revelation of your kingdom.

Amen.

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

*HYMN #80

“You Shall Go Out with Joy”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

New Member Classes

Are you interested in exploring membership at DPC? Want to learn more about what it means to be a Presbyterian? Pastor Mike will be forming a new member cohort soon. The group usually meets for three Sundays before worship.

Whether you've just started worshipping at DPC or if you've been attending for months (or even years), there will be plenty to talk about. 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.

Once he knows how many people will be participating, he'll set the dates and place.

Sunday School for all ages!

Sunday School for all ages will be held **July 7-21** in Parlor 1 from 9:45-10:45am. We will be studying Genesis 1 and 2.

Come for the food, fellowship, learning and fun!

Questions? Contact Suzie @ 615-406-4915 or suzielane@gmail.com.

Nursery Childcare

After the Word For Our Youngest Disciples, parents may take younger children (5 and under) to our nursery, staffed today by McKennan Henninger and Samantha Barclay.

From the DPC Nominating Committee

The 2019 Nominating Committee - Betty McConnell, Paul Coffin, Tom Wills, Justin Near, Chuck Cardona (chair) and Pastor Mike Wilson (ex-officio) - have begun their work identifying potential nominees for ruling elders for the session class of 2022 and at-large members of next year's nominating committee.

DPC members are invited to submit suggestions for potential nominees to replace the outgoing class of 2019: Chuck Cardona, who is serving as chair of the Finance Committee; Jack Henderson, who is serving as clerk of session; and Justin Near who is serving as chair of Christian Education & Evangelism and the Communications Task Force.

How to make a suggestion for our consideration:

Please submit your suggestions by email to Chuck Cardona:
chuck.cardona2@gmail.com

You can also use the suggestion form on the DPC website:
dpchurch.com/elder-nomination-suggestion-form/

The deadline for suggestions is **Thursday, August 1, 2019** and suggestions should include a brief explanation of why you believe that person would be a good ruling elder and member of session. You may also recommend yourself to the committee.

All submissions must be in writing.

Please note that the work of a PC(USA) Nominating Committee is to be held in strict confidence and committee members cannot discuss your suggestions or our deliberations with the congregation, and lobbying on behalf of potential nominees is discouraged.

The Nominating Committee is tasked with nominating individuals in the context of the session as a whole so that the elders in active service represent the diversity of the congregation; create a strong leadership team with a balance of gifts, skills and experience to serve the congregation's various needs; and support our pastor and staff.

Criteria for eligibility:

Those who have been a DPC member for one year and have been active in the life of the congregation.

Elders should be persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit. (Book of Order G-2.0301)

In addition to committee work and administrative responsibilities, in our Presbyterian tradition, ruling elders are also called to:

- equip and renew the people for their task within the church and for their mission in the world
- visit, comfort, and care for the people

- assist in worship
- cultivate their ability to teach the Bible
- strengthen and nurture the faith of the congregation
- encourage the people in worship and service of God

Since the session is responsible for many duties in the church, elders should have some of those abilities to assist in carrying out that work.

Our deep thanks in advance for participating in the life of the church by offering your suggestions and we welcome your prayers as we deliberate and discern.

Sunday School: Conversations

Beginning **June 16th** and continuing throughout the month, DPC will begin a series of new Sunday School classes called Conversations (#dpccversations). Each class will be led by a different member or friend of DPC every week.

Using Luke's parables as a springboard, leaders will talk about the practicality of each parable, how it relates to his/her life, and lead a conversation about the meaning and importance of the parable in the life of the attendees. This is not a heady, theologically heavy class where an instructor talks at you, but rather a place where we can get to know one another more deeply.

Dave and Justin will lead the first class, followed by Jeff on June 23rd and Samera on June 30th. We will take a break in July while Suzie leads a few multi-generational classes, and then come back in August to continue our Conversations. If you are interested in leading a class, contact Dave at dave_four@hotmail.com.

Meetups With Mike

The Personnel Committee and Pastor Mike would like to invite you to set up an informal one on one (or two) get together with him this summer. Call or email (mikewilson@dpchurch.com) to schedule coffee, a meal - breakfast, lunch or dinner are all possible - a walk in the park, a home visit, or just some time at the church. Let's all get to know Mike better and let him know us!

Nashville Pride 2019

Nashville Pride is **Saturday, June 22** and there are two ways DPC members and friends can participate.

First, you can march in the parade as part of the contingent of Middle Tennessee Presbytery churches. There will be one big banner identifying us as PC(USA) churches and each participating congregation can have a sign identifying itself individually.



There are 100 individual groups registered and 6000 marchers are expected.

The PC(USA) slot is #97 and we'll assemble at 8:30 a.m. near 12th Ave.

There will also be a pre-Pride sign making gathering at Woodland PC on Friday, June 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Call or write Pastor Mike (mikewilson@dpchurch.com) if you'd like to march. And let him know if you'd like one of the specially designed Middle Tennessee Presbytery Pride t-shirts.

For more info on the parade and route go to:
<https://www.nashvillepride.org/paradedetails>

Second, you can help show DPC's support for the LGBTQ+ community by providing bottled water to the Nashville Pride 2019 parade participants starting at 10:00 a.m.

Park at the parking garage on 4th Avenue and meet up with Dave & Stephanie Coleman at DPC (they'll be wrapping up the Saturday breakfast). Then head down to the parade route that stretches Broadway from 8th Ave to 2nd Ave.

If you'd like to participate in hydration support or have questions, e-mail Dave at: dave_four@hotmail.com (or call: 615-228-3290).

For more information about all the Pride events go to:
www.nashvillepride.org/



DPC has its very own Little Free Library graciously donated by Faye & Jim Dickson. Please check it out and borrow a book (or two)!

Who's Getting Cranky?!

We hope you are! DPC is doing its own ice cream cranking this year! So we hope several crankers are willing to CRANK IT UP!

When: Sunday, August 4th This will be our FIRST SUNDAY LUNCH DATE but we'll stay "home". Weather permitting we'll take it outside in our court yard alley way, but we can always duck inside if it gets too hot. Email Mary Turner @ mturner2614@gmail.com if you're up for CRANKING.



If you're not cranking, please bring some simple fare to share. Finger sandwiches, salads, & chips would be great. We'll set up a little friendly tasting contest! Get-a-cranking!

Summertime Play Date!



Sunday, July 14, 2 p.m. on! Summer time play date! Come join fellow members & friends at the lakeside home of Conn & Betty McConnell (104 Surrey Hill Point, Nashville, 37075).

Weather permitting, we can take a boat ride, paddle board, canoe, swim or just laze around. Please bring appropriate clothing (bathing suit, etc), towels, sunscreen, life jacket if you have one, and a snack. The McConnell's will provide drinks, some BBQ, and chips.

Let's make Betty's day by giving her a rough head count, so please email her at btymcc@aol.com or give her a jingle at 615.513-3646. If weather proves uncooperative folks will get a heads up in service that morning!

OTHER SOCIAL DATES in the works

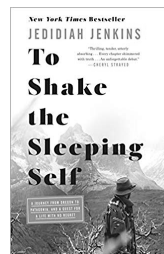
Saturday, August 24th: Summer time "cottage" dinners.

Sunday, September 29th: Picnic in the park!

Sunday, October 13th: Chili cookoff & Pumpkin Carving Contest!

DPC Book Group: *To Shake the Sleeping Self* by Jedidiah Jenkins

DPC book club meeting is **Thursday, July 11th**, 6pm at the 505. Our host will be Sharon McCrea who recently moved to Nashville with Alliance Bernstein. Sharon has been attending the book club as well as helping out with Art Crawl! Sharon will need to provide the 505 concierge with a list of attendees. So if you plan on coming, please email Sharon @ sharon.mccrea@abglobal.com by the end of the business day of Monday, July 8th. Parking will be available in the DPC lot.



Art Crawl Saturday, July 6



In the Browsing Room: *Jessica Wohl: The Precious Years*
In the Sanctuary: Aaron Hoke Doenges
Aaron attended Vanderbilt Divinity School where he studied the intersection of religion and the arts. He is currently serving as Artist in Residence with the Nashville Metro Public Health Department.

Saturday Breakfast Meeting

Those of us who are involved (or want to become involved) in the Saturday breakfast for the homeless and urban poor (AKA The Fishes and Loaves People) will gather in Fellowship Hall for an organizing meeting following the worship service on **Sunday, June 23rd**. All are welcome. We promise to be finished before 2:30, in plenty of time to exit the parking garage.

Volunteers Needed for Saturday Breakfast

Every Saturday morning DPC opens its doors to Nashville's homeless and urban poor community to provide hot, nutritious meals in a warm, inviting space.

Volunteers from DPC are welcome EVERY Saturday. We want to enlarge our pool of experienced DPC hosts for those Saturdays when other churches and organizations are sending volunteers. Go here to sign up for any Saturday and to see who else is coming: <https://goo.gl/yQi9wA>

We provide complimentary parking for all volunteers.

Parking

Parking for Sunday worship is in the SP+ garage at **147 4th Ave. N.**

You must come down 4th from Church Street. Parking in this garage is complimentary from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Parking vouchers are necessary to exit the garage without having to pay. To get one, just ask one of our greeters.

Electronic Giving!

Want an easy way to donate to DPC? Just text "dpchurch" to **73256**. You'll get a link to a secure site that will scan your credit card info. You can even choose what special DPC fund you want to give to. It only takes about a minute!

Thanks for supporting the ministries of Downtown Presbyterian Church!

Our Ministries Last Week

Saturday Breakfast Ministry

158 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on June 8.

103 people visited the clothes closet on June 8.

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:56, Children:11

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

1:00 Session - Parlor 2

Monday, June 17

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Tuesday, June 18

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

12:00 Bible Study - Parlor 1

Wednesday, June 19

Thursday, June 20

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Friday, June 21

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Saturday, June 22

8:30 Breakfast served to homeless

10:00 Nashville Pride Parade

Sunday, June 23

9:30 Sunday School - Conversations

9:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal

9:45 Children's Education - Rm #211

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.

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 2018

Rev. Mike Wilson, Moderator

Jack Henderson, Clerk

Jeff Koontz, Treasurer

Class of 2019

Chuck Cardona
Jack Henderson
Justin Near

Class of 2020

Dave Coleman
Debra Gentry
Vickie Coffin

Class of 2021

Mary Turner
Jim Hoobler
David Maddox

THE CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Mike Wilson, Pastor

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