

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 21, 2022

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

(*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

Gathering in God's Name

OPENING VOLUNTARY Wade in the Water

(Please meditate quietly during the Opening Voluntary.)

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We gather in the presence of the Beloved

**P: Who exudes vibrance into the Universe and
breathes Love into our lives yesterday, today, and tomorrow.**

L: We bring to the God of Abundance:

**P: Our innermost longings, our aches and pains,
Our full selves, our delights and joys,**

L: The Living Christ walks with us in all things.

**P: Let us worship the holy hidden God,
Word in flesh, Spirit of the deep.**

***HYMN #230** “Joyful is the Dark”

CALL TO CONFESSION (people read bold)

**Holy One, we desire wellbeing and right-relationship for all of your
creation. We desire nourishment, but we are made sick by the greed that
infiltrates our lives, even our basic needs. We also confess that we can
participate in and perpetuate the cycles of harm we receive. Help us
commit again to co-creating a world guided by your compassion, justice,
and joy in this moment of silence...**

(collective moment of silence)

Thank you, O God, for advocates, wise people, caretakers, and protectors who work on our behalf. Guide our feet, that with these folks, we may uproot our systems of violence and plant systems of care. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear these words of assurance and good news, that God so loved the world Christ was sent, not to condemn us, but to save us. Beloved, you are called to be free. Serve one another humbly therefore. As Paul reminds us, the entirety of the Law is summed in one word, in this, "*Love your neighbor as yourself...*"

PASSING OF THE PEACE

L: May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

AFFIRMATION OF GOD IN THE GATHERING "We Shall Be Known"

*We shall be known by the company we keep
By the ones who circle round to tend these fires
We shall be known by the ones who sow and reap
The seeds of change alive from deep within the Earth
It is time now
It is time now that we thrive
It is time we lead ourselves into the well
It is time now
And what a time to be alive
In this "Great Turning" we shall learn to lead in love
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Encountering the Living Word of God

FIRST READING

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

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

SECOND READING

Luke 12:32-40

L: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. P: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

MEDITATION

Florilegia & Questioning Practice

TESTIMONY

“Praying with Our Feet”

Rev. Lindsey Krinks

Responding to God’s Word & Call

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Frida Democracia Romero-Schmidt

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE & PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (people read bold)

In our grief, God is with us and God is within us.

In our joy, God is with us and God is within us.

Help us to move through our living with compassion and tenderness as we pray for:

(the people lift their prayers aloud)

Both mourning and celebration are the work of the people of God, and we uplift that work remembering the words you taught us long ago...

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.

COLLECTION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

“Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the parentless; plead the case of the bereaved.” These ancient words from Isaiah remain a powerful call to action. Let us gather our shared resources this day, that we might take up the cause of one another.

To offer your financial support to the ministry and mission of DPC:

- Place your offering in one of our designated offering locations.
- Use our mobile app by texting “dpchurch” to 73256.
- Visit www.dpchurch.com and click "Online and Mobile Giving".

Offertory Anthem

513 This Little Light of Mine

1. This lit - tle light of mine I'm gon-na let it shine,
2. Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine,
3. Je - sus gave it to me, I'm gon-na let it shine,

Oh,

Detailed description: This system contains the first three lines of the anthem. It features a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff, with lyrics underneath. The bass line is on a separate staff below. The lyrics are: '1. This lit - tle light of mine I'm gon-na let it shine, 2. Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine, 3. Je - sus gave it to me, I'm gon-na let it shine,'. Below the lyrics, the word 'Oh,' is written. The music includes various note values and rests, with some notes circled in the original image.

4 This lit - tle light of mine
Ev - 'ry - where I go,
Je - sus gave it to me,

Oh,

Detailed description: This system contains the fourth line of the anthem. It features a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff, with lyrics underneath. The bass line is on a separate staff below. The lyrics are: '4 This lit - tle light of mine Ev - 'ry - where I go, Je - sus gave it to me,'. Below the lyrics, the word 'Oh,' is written. The music includes various note values and rests, with some notes circled in the original image.

7 I'm gon-na let it shine; This lit - tle light of mine
I'm gon-na let it shine; Ev - 'ry - where I go,
I'm gon-na let it shine; Je - sus gave it to me,

Oh,

Detailed description: This system contains the seventh line of the anthem. It features a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff, with lyrics underneath. The bass line is on a separate staff below. The lyrics are: '7 I'm gon-na let it shine; This lit - tle light of mine I'm gon-na let it shine; Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine; Je - sus gave it to me,'. Below the lyrics, the word 'Oh,' is written. The music includes various note values and rests, with some notes circled in the original image.

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This Little Light of Mine

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I'm gon-na let it shine, Let it shine,
I'm gon-na let it shine, Let it shine,
I'm gon-na let it shine, Let it shine,

Oh,

13

let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine.

*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*)

Mysterious Love, may our offerings flow, uninhibited, towards justice. May the bereaved be consoled, the lonely be accompanied, and those who are downtrodden by systems of cruelty be defended. Amen.

Announcements & Invitations

*Hymn #741

“Guide My Feet”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

L: Go then to be alive.

Go seek help and seed hope

Through the ways Spirit moves in you,

Through the Christ who calls you to freedom,

Through the Creator who guides the sound of the genuine in you.

And may all God’s people say.

P: Hallelujah! Amen!

POSTLUDE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

(Please remain silently seated during the Closing Voluntary.)

Musicians: Tom Ashley, piano, Ryan Norris cantor, Anne Landis Jetton, violin
Prayers by enfleshed, adapted by Rev. Larissa Romero
Benediction adapted from writings by Rev. Dr. Howard Thurman
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SUMMER OF PRAYER

"Prayer Practice Sunday"

Join us 11 am in the Sanctuary on Sunday, August 28th to celebrate a summer of actively resting in prayer together. The service will include different forms of prayer meditation including sacred imagination, a curiosity practice, a questioning practice, and centering prayer.

Scripture focus: Luke 14:1, 7-14



Children's Sunday School Announcement

Children's Sunday School will be cancelled for the month of August. The nursery will remain open for infants and toddlers ages 0-5 years old. Sunday School programs and activities will resume Sunday, September 11th.

We are in need of volunteers for Children's Sunday School. We will begin training in August and kick off our year Sunday, September 11th. Please prayerfully consider serving. For questions or to help, please contact Shannon White, education@dpchurch.com.

Are you or someone you know interested in volunteering in the DPC nursery? Please contact Shannon White, education@dpchurch.com for more information.



DPC Fiber Group

Do you knit, crochet, embroider, or enjoy another fiber craft? If so, head down to DPC on **Saturday, August 27th** from 11am-1pm to join our new fiber group. Bring lunch or a snack and your latest project. We'll enjoy relaxing fellowship and get crafty. Resources will be available for those interested in knitting or crocheting winter items for the Fish and Loaves ministry. The group is open to anyone - all skill levels, part of DPC's church community or not. There's no need to RSVP, but if you have questions, email events@dpchurch.com.



DPC Book Club - September 1st

After taking a break for Summer, the DPC Book Club will meet September 1st at 6:30pm via Zoom to discuss Jenny Erpenbeck's *Go, Went, Gone*. To be added to the book group communications or join the meetings, please email events@dpchurch.com.

Want to Get Involved at DPC?

EMAIL INFO@DPCHURCH.COM



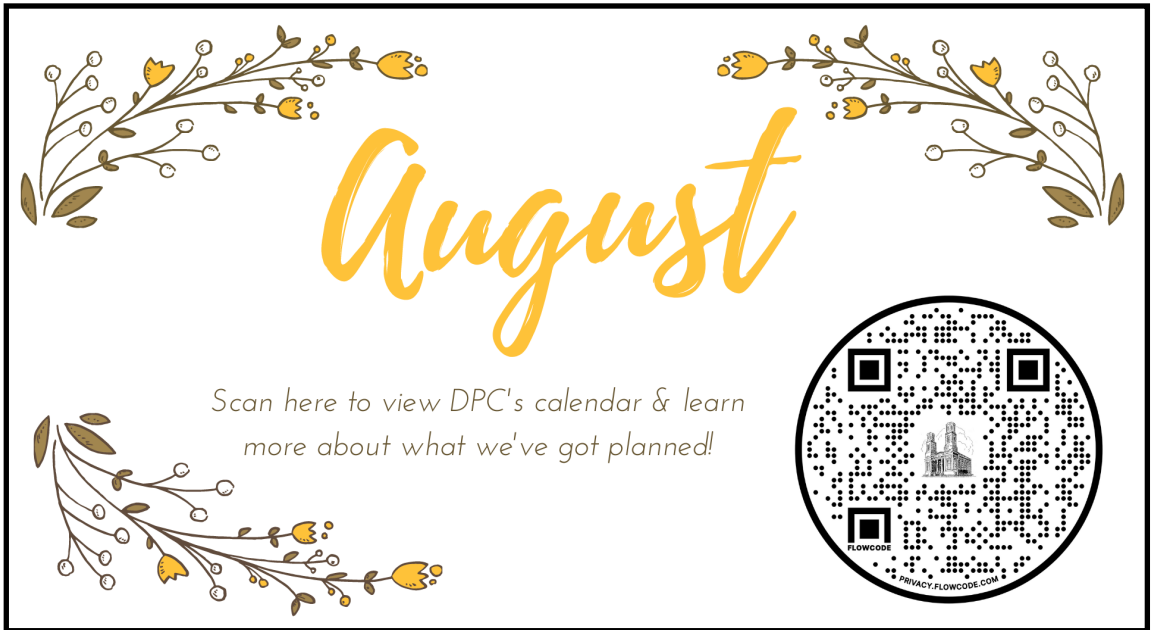
Core Committees

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Current COVID Procedures

- Masks are optional for staff, guests, volunteers, etc., and those attending Sunday worship services.
- We continue to recommend that anyone who is not vaccinated wear a mask within the building.
- Masks will continue to be required for nursery workers.
- We will have self-serve communion containers available for those who prefer them.

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

- Belief in God's love and in Christ's ministry
- The desire to welcome and embrace everyone. No exceptions.
- Service to God, service to our neighbors
- God's gift of creativity

SESSION 2021

Class of 2022

Erin Bell
Tom Byl
Jake Byl

Class of 2023

Tom Wills
Samera Zavaro

Class of 2024

Betty McConnell
Denny Harris

THE CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Larissa Romero, Interim Pastor Shannon White, Dir. of Education
Dena Swoner, Office Manager Dr. William Taylor, Dir. of Music
Paulino Jarquin, Building Manager Rainwater Morehead, A/V Tech

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.