

**THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 2, 2022**

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

(\* Please rise in body or spirit as you are able.

**Gathering in God's Name**

PROCESSION OF BELLS

QUESTION FOR MEDITATION

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Chorale Prelude on *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* Healey Willan

(Please meditate quietly during the Opening Voluntary.)

WELCOME

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Your people are waiting, oh God

**P: for tides to turn towards justice.**

L: Your people are working, oh God—

**P: loving each other amidst all the challenges of unjust systems.**

L: Hear our pleading question echoing through generations—

**P: How long?**

L: Answer us with hope. Join us with courage.

**P: Set your people completely and joyfully free.**

**\*HYMN #310**

“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

## CALL TO CONFESSION (PEOPLE READ BOLD)

Ancient wisdom, undo within us ways we add to our own suffering.

**Instead of isolation, nudge us towards connection.**

**Instead of cynicism, awaken us to the wonder.**

**Instead of unkind self-talk, fill our inner thoughts with compassion in this moment of silence...**

(collective moment of silence)

Instead of perfectionism, make vivid our holy enoughness. For our own healing ripples out into our relationships. And our relationships create the world to come. 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 “Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

Every time I feel the spirit  
Movin' in my heart I will pray  
Every time I feel the spirit  
Movin' in my heart I will pray

Up on the mountains my Lord spoke  
Out of His mouth came fire and smoke  
Looked all around me, it looked so fine  
I asked the Lord could it be mine

Every time I feel the spirit  
Movin' in my heart I will pray  
Every time I feel the spirit  
Movin' in my heart I will pray.

## Encountering the Living Word of God

FIRST READING

Lamentations 3:19-26

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

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:1-14

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

THIRD READING

Luke 17:5-10

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

WORDS OF WONDER

Shannon White

SERMON

“Facing Reality with Resilience”

## Responding to God’s Word & Call

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

Prayer of the People & Prayers of Intercession

Take heart, children of the Holy Spirit, God is not distant.

God lives within us and,

mysteriously, miraculously,

moves among us as we pray for:

(the people lift their prayers aloud)

So help us hope, help us go in courage, O God,

That we may have company in our justice-making;

and our efforts towards liberation are blessed by Divine Love,

As we offer up the prayer you shared with 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

Peacemaker and poet, Pádraig Ó Tuama, wrote “it occurs to me that courage comes from the same place as fear and where there is fear, there is the possibility of courage.” We collect our shared resources today so that we may build a community rooted not in fear, but in courageous hope.

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](http://www.dpchurch.com) and click "Online and Mobile Giving".

Offertory Anthem      Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether      Harold Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in thy name,  
Two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them:  
Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,  
Then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup,  
Alleluya! Alleluya! So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make us sacraments of thee,  
That by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be.  
Alleluya! Alleluya! We will serve thee faithfully.

Percy Dearmer

**\*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*)

**To courage amidst fear, healing amidst heartbreak, hope amidst despair, beauty amidst desolation we dedicate our offerings, Living Christ. May we be inspired by your example of steadfast love in a world groaning for liberation. Amen.**

## THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Tantum Ergo

Michael Sitton

Tantum ergo Sacramentum Veneremur cernui: Et antiquum  
documentum Novo cedat ritui: Praestet fides supplementum  
Sensuum defectui.

Genitori, Genitoque Laus et jubilatio, Salus, honor, virtus  
quoque Sit et benedictio: Procedenti ab utroque Compar sit  
laudatio. Amen.

St. Thomas Aquinas

Translation:

Down in adoration falling, Lo! the sacred Host we hail, Lo! o'er  
ancient forms departing Newer rites of grace prevail; Faith for  
all defects supplying, Where the feeble senses fail.

To the everlasting Father, And the Son Who reigns on high With  
the Holy Spirit proceeding Forth from each eternally, Be  
salvation, honor blessing, Might and endless majesty. Amen.

## Announcements & Invitations

\*Hymn #32

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

**\*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!**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Postlude Pomposo

George Blake

(Please remain silently seated during the Closing Voluntary.)



# emergent faith

## "Where Many Worlds Fit"

Worship with us October 9th at 11 am to enjoy the possibilities of shaping tomorrow's abundance!

Scripture Focus: Luke 17:11-19

### Pastoral Nominating Committee Update

The Pastoral Nominating Committee is excited and humbled to begin our work of searching for and calling our future pastor. The members are Debra Gentry, Jim Hoobler, Stephanie Coleman, Jack Henderson, Dixie Williamson, and Matthew Abfalter. One task for us soon will be, in various ways, reaching out to the congregation for specific input on what we as a church value and are seeking. As we determine those methods we will communicate them to the congregation.

It is important to note that the discussions of the PNC are confidential. Please understand this important fact when posing any questions you might have throughout this process. While we will never aim to be inordinately secretive, we will be taking our responsibilities of confidentiality very seriously. If you ever have any input, questions, concerns, or prayers, please email the PNC at [dpchurch.pnc@gmail.com](mailto:dpchurch.pnc@gmail.com).



# Brew Room

Community Chat with:

**Ridley Wills,**

Nashville Historian

Coffee & Q&A

October 9th

9:30 am

Room 100



THEOLOGY STUDY GROUP

# GOD-TALK

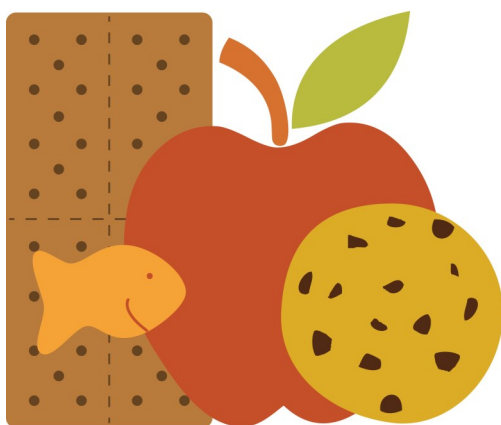
OCTOBER 9TH: MEDIEVAL TIMES

Sunday Mornings, 9:30 am

Education Parlor,  
next to Fellowship Hall, walk-ins welcome

Led by Theologian-in-Residence:  
Rev. George Schmidt





## Snacks

We are requesting snack donations in the nursery. Here are the requested items:

- Goldfish Crackers
- Fruit
- Graham Crackers
- Juice Boxes

Please drop items off in the DPC nursery. If you have any questions, please email Shannon White, [education@dpchurch.com](mailto:education@dpchurch.com)





We have some exciting new programming for the upcoming year. Shannon and Pastor Larissa have been preparing all summer to create and coordinate a new energy and program for our Sunday School time. There is something for everyone.

- The **Brew Room #100** is going to be more than the social coffee spot. There will be a guest speaker each week sharing their expertise, experience, and education with us.
- Around the corner is the **Art Room #102**, is our Artists-in-Residence giving you a creative art form for expression and worship.
- For the academics, we will have George Schmidt as our Theologian-in-Residence providing us with historical, theological, and biblical insights for your scholastic feels in the **Education Parlor next to Fellowship Hall**.
- Children's Sunday School will continue upstairs using the Sparkhouse curriculum.

We are excited for this time to thrive and get a boost to our education. You can't go wrong with any of these great programs. See you Sunday mornings at 9:30am!



GAME  
Night

Fellowship Hall

October 15th

2-5 pm



## Congregational Conversation



Potluck & Budget

OCTOBER 16TH

Fellowship Hall



# October

*Scan here to view DPC's calendar & learn more about what we've got planned!*



## 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.

Prayers by enfleshed, adapted by Rev. Larissa Romero  
Benediction adapted from writings by Rev. Dr. Howard Thurman  
Chorale Prelude on *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*. Music: Healey Willan, ©1953.  
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Westminster John Knox/Geneva Press.

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Oxford University Press.

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## 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      Liv Thomas, Community Minister  
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.