

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 16, 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

Prelude on *Praise To the Lord, the Almighty* Erneueren Gesangbuch

(Please meditate quietly during the Opening Voluntary.)

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Moved-by-our-Suffering God, we cry out to you!
Way-Making God, don't delay another moment!

P: And yet, you call out to us too, Tender One.
You ask for our help, Heartbroken One.

L: We worship the Relational Holy Spirit,

P: The Helper and in need of our help.

***HYMN #465** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

CALL TO CONFESSION (PEOPLE READ BOLD)

Compassionate One, sometimes we feel compelled to action and sometimes we need to cry on the sofa. Sometimes we have fortitude to show up boldly for others and sometimes we need to get ourselves through another day.

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Sometimes the Beloved Community brings us healing, other times group dynamics overwhelm. We hold all these truths together before you, in this moment of silence...

(collective moment of silence)

Our prayers and our actions intermingle and overlap. They wax and they wane. Consolation and courage comes and goes. Bless it all, Changing God. 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

Genesis 32:22-31

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

SECOND READING

Luke 18:1-8

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

WORDS OF WONDER

SERMON

“The Ones Who Persist”

Responding to God’s Word & Call

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

You, O Holy, One, do not demand more than we can give.

In kindness and perseverance, we creaturely ones persist together as we pray for:

(the people lift their prayers aloud)

Continue to invite us to unlock and lift away what holds us down. We desire that all beings everywhere might be free 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

We learn from those who boldly ask for what they need, for they are exemplars of the interdependence required for living. We learn from those who hold their abundance in open hands, for they are connected with the ebb and flow of collective care. Let us gather our offerings this day, that needs may be met and abundance may be shared.

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

Thou Knowest, Lord, the Secrets of Our Hearts Henry Purcell

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts. Shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayers, but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty. O holy and most merciful Saviour, Thou most worthy judge eternal, suffer us not at our last hour for any pains of death to fall from thee. Amen.

***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*)**

Mary Oliver wrote “I don’t know exactly what a prayer is. I do know how to pay attention...”. And so we pay attention to the needs of our community, ourselves included. And we imagine praying as having something to do with solidarity. Bless our offerings to our mindful attention. Bless our offerings towards our steadfast showing up. Amen.

Announcements & Invitations

***Hymn #688 “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”**

*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!

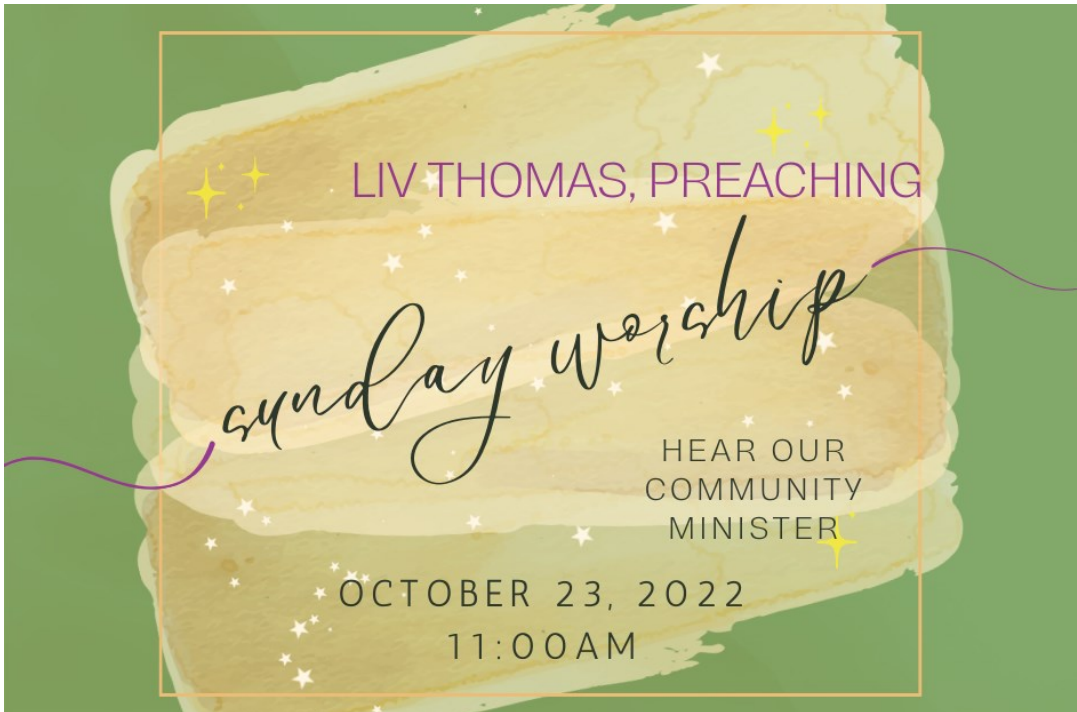
CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Prelude on *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Schlesische Volkslieder

(Please remain silently seated during the Closing Voluntary.)

We are pleased to have Noah Rice as our guest choir director and pianist today. Please extend your regards to him following the Closing Voluntary.





Shannon Yvette White

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU
TO ATTEND HER
PREACHING & ORDINATION SERVICES

PREACHING SERVICE

Sunday • October 9th, 2022
Sunday School..... 8:45 am
Worship Service... 10:00 am

ORDINATION SERVICE

Sunday • October 16th, 2022
4:00 pm

State Street Baptist Church

340 STATE STREET
BOWLING GREEN, KY 42101

Celebration of Success

Members and friends of DPC are invited to celebrate the achievements of Shannon White, our Director of Education. Join us before today's budgeting conversation to share a bit of cake and well wishes for Shannon. All are welcome to attend her service of ordination - the details are noted in the invitation.

Congratulations to Shannon!

Congregational Conversation



Potluck & Budget

OCTOBER 16TH

Fellowship Hall

Hibbs Building Information Gathering

The Project Thrive team has created two main objectives with our God-sized dream for Community Engagement in mind. One of those is: “Increasing shared-space use of the Hibbs building in cooperation with community partnerships, alongside realization of our long-term financial stability.” To realize this dream, the Business Management committee is overseeing two sub-committees investigating 1) restoration options for the Hibbs Building and 2) real-estate (redevelopment, selling, or other) options for the Hibbs building. With the recognition that the upkeep of the Hibbs (also known as the “back” or “education”) building will be an unsustainable financial burden in the coming years for our congregation, we are choosing to reflectively act now and seize this opportunity to use the space more creatively. We are also forming a community partnerships sub-committee through Missions to focus specifically on with whom we’d like to cooperate more deeply. It is a current goal to have well-researched scenarios for the Session to deliberate on by Winter 2023. The sub-committees have learned a lot together since August, and the Business Management committee is eager to share their findings and get your feedback.



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** is upstairs in room **#211** 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!

A decorative graphic featuring a pile of coffee beans in the top-left corner and a white cup of coffee on a saucer in the bottom-left corner. The background is white with a thin brown border.

COMMUNITY CHAT

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**Hans Schmitt-Matzen**

**Richard Feaster**

DPC Artists-in-Residence

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October 23rd at 9:30

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In the Art Room...

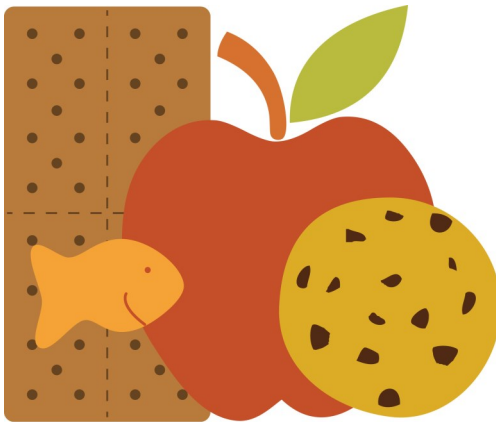
**MEL
BEALL**

Come try Crocheting
October 9th, 16th, and 23rd
starting at 9:30 AM
Room 102



CHILDREN'S LESSON THE PHARISEE AND THE TAX COLLECTOR

October 23rd @ 9:30AM
Room 211



Snacks

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

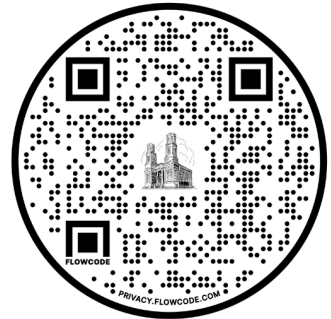
- Goldfish Crackers
- Fruit
- Graham Crackers
- Juice Boxes

Please drop items off in the DPC nursery. If you have any questions, please email Shannon White, education@dpchurch.com



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

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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.