

**THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 23, 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 *'Tis the Gift To Be Simple* Robert Lau

(Please meditate quietly during the Opening Voluntary.)

WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God, you are not interested in our perfection.

**P: You are not caught up by who's in first place.**

L: In fact, you don't even measure here to there.

**P: You wonder about the shape ease can take in our bodies.**

L: You delight when we dance free from patterns of harm.

**P: You lure us towards connection and compassion.**

L: You break open narrow ways of understanding.

**P: Hallelujah, we are not where we started.**

L: Hallelujah, God's love moves us towards gentleness.

\*HYMN #415

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

## CALL TO CONFESSION (PEOPLE READ BOLD)

Holy Spirit, the voice of perfectionism is not your voice. The story of relentless achievement is not your story. And yet, ways of domination have taught us that there are ways we must act in order to be loved; there are things we must do in order to be worthy of our needs being met. Undo these stories within us in this moment of silence...

(collective moment of silence)

Undo these stories within us, Living Christ, that we may float in the luminous space of our inherent belovedness. **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

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:1-10

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

WORDS OF WONDER

Rev. Shannon White

SERMON

Liv Thomas

## Responding to God's Word & Call

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

We desire to feel the unwavering delight the Living God takes in our very being.

In the warmth of this love, we seek to unfurl into new spaces of freedom, as we pray for:

(the people lift their prayers aloud)

We give thanks for this lush embrace, and breathe again with one another the words of 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

In his poem "Coniferous", Father Michael Kleber-Diggs writes, "let's fashion gentle fathers, expressive— holding us how we wanted to be held before we could ask." This is how you are a loving parent, Oh God, anticipating our needs with gentleness. And so we will be with each other: collecting our resources, that they might be shared. Holding one another in kindness and consent. Come, let us gather our offerings for this day.

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                      Come, Humble Sinner                      American Folk-Hymn  
K. Lee Scott, arranger

Come, humble sinner, in whose breast a thousand thoughts revolve,  
come, with your guilt and fear oppressed, and make this last resolve.

I'll go to Jesus, though my sin hath like a mountain rose;  
I know His courts, I'll enter in, whatever may oppose.

I can but perish if I go; I am resolved to try;  
for if I stay away, I know I must forever die.

Edmund Jones

**\*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*)

**Tender Parenting God, you heal wounds left by the love we wish we could have had and by needs we wish could have been met. May our shared resources do the same—meet needs with care. May no one go without food, shelter, or healthcare. May no one go without rest, play, or love. Amen.**

**Announcements & Invitations**

**\*Hymn #794**                      “O Savior, in This Quiet Place”

## \*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

Chorale Prelude on *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

Wilbur Held

(Please remain silently seated during the Closing Voluntary.)





# CROCKPOT COOK-OFF

October 30th  
After Worship

## Calling All Pumpkins!



### Cauldron Cook-Off & Pumpkin Parade

Open up the cookbooks & fire up the crockpots - it's time for DPC's Cauldron Cook-off! Come one and all to enjoy DPC's best soups, stews, chilis, and desserts! We'll have all the fixins' for a feast. Join us as we sample the delicious flavors that fall has to offer.

No cauldron cook-off would be complete without a pumpkin parade! Pumpkins of all shapes and sizes are welcomed. To participate, simply have your pre-carved or painted pumpkin in place by 10:55am. Our judges will do the rest. We look forward to seeing your creativity on display!

## Waffle Shop 2022!

By now we hope you've heard that Waffle Shop is coming back to the fellowship hall. We can't wait for December 1st! We hope everyone will find at least one of the following ways to get involved!

### 4 Ways to Support Waffle Shop 2022

#### **Volunteer.**

Claim your favorite spot or try something new! Sign up online, or contact Erin Bell.

#### **Contribute to the silent auction.**

If you have something to donate or have a contact that might donate something, please reach out to Mary Skinner.

#### **Contribute to the bake sale & holiday shop.**

If you have baked goods, handmade crafts, or other items that you'd like to donate to the holiday shop, contact Glenda Harris.

#### **Spread the word!**

The more, the merrier is never truer than on Waffle Shop day!



*As a reminder, items donated to the auction, bake sale, & gift shop are recognized as charitable contributions to Downtown Presbyterian Church. We are happy to provide you with a receipt of in-kind donation for tax purposes.*



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!





# COMMUNITY CHAT



**Tom Byl**

**Environmental Justice Issues**



**October 30th at 9:30**



***In the Art Room...***

Crochet with

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**MEL BEALL**

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**Sunday Mornings in October**

**9:30 AM**

Theology Study Group

# GOD - TALK

Medieval: Part 2

October 30th: 9:30

Rev. George Schmidt



## Children's Lesson: Zacchaeus



October  
30th  
9:30AM



The **Pastor Nominating Committee** has created a quick survey to get a sense of where the church community sees DPC right now. Your feedback will ensure the committee's work is fully aligned with the congregation.

Please take a few moments to complete the survey. Paper copies are located in the narthex, or you can fill it out online (link is sent in weekly newsletter and e-votion). **Please submit your responses by Saturday, November 5th.** The results and our conclusions will be shared with the congregation the following Sunday.

Please email [dpchurch.pnc@gmail.com](mailto:dpchurch.pnc@gmail.com) with any questions. Many thanks!

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Benediction adapted from writings by Rev. Dr. Howard Thurman  
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The Sacred Music Press.  
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Come, Humble Sinner. Music: Kayron Lee Scott, ©1978.  
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O Savior, in This Quiet Place. Text: Fred Pratt Green, ©1974.  
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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  
Dena Swoner, Office Manager  
Paulino Jarquin, Building Manager  
Rainwater Morehead, A/V Tech

Rev. Shannon White, Dir. of Education  
Dr. William Taylor, Dir. of Music  
Liv Thomas, Community Minister

## 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.