

**THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 9, 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                      A Gothic Prelude                      Gordon Young

(Please meditate quietly during the Opening Voluntary.)

WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: When we long for gentleness,

**P: You, oh God, are a Kind Grandparent.**

L: When we need to rage,

**P: You, oh God, are the Crashing Sea.**

L: When we yearn for freedom,

**P: You, oh God, are a Flung-Open Gate.**

L: When we need the sustenance of beauty,

**P: You, oh God, are the Rising Moon.**

L: When we wished we witnessed,

**P: You, oh God, take our face sweetly in your hands.**

L: You meet us where we are.

**P: You meet us here today.**

\*HYMN #179

“Ten Lepers Facing Constant Scorn”

## CALL TO CONFESSION (PEOPLE READ BOLD)

**Ancient God of even this Moment, forgive us when we place limits on your Radical Love. Forgive us when our imaginations are flattened into harm. Instead, lead us into the lush realms of soulful self-examination and courageous transformation in this moment of silence...**

(collective moment of silence)

Expand our acts of repair that they may be truly substantive. 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

Psalm 66:1-12

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

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 2:8-15

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

THIRD READING

Luke 17:11-19

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

WORDS OF WONDER

SERMON

“Where Many Worlds Fit”

## Responding to God’s Word & Call

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

Prayer of the People & Prayers of Intercession

God of Interlocking Worlds, in softness You protect from systems of harm

Help us continue to be surprised by joy, heartened by beauty,

and encouraged by relationships of care as we pray for:

(the people lift their prayers aloud)

Embolden us for the work of co-creating a way, even where there seems none.

We know the Way is in You, and offer up the prayer shared with our faith ancestors over millennia...

**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

Our communal resources are to be a living offering. Our shared spaces, a sanctuary. Our shared money, a tool for liberation. Our shared skills, expressions of dedication and love. We gather what we have that it may be so.

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

Praise to the Lord

W. Glen Darst

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation.  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
Join the great throng, Psaltery, organ, and song sounding in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
Surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore him.  
Joachim Neander

### \*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*)

Human rights activist, Rebecca Solnit, writes that “disaster shocks us out of slumber, but only skillful efforts keeps us awake.” Creative Spirit, on behalf of those experiencing disaster, we dedicate our offerings to skillful efforts. Keep us awake to the undergirding and evolving needs of our communities. Amen.

## Announcements & Invitations

\*Hymn #536                    “Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen”

### \*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

Jubilate

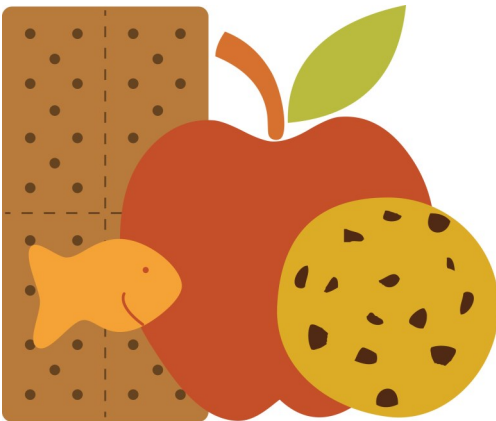
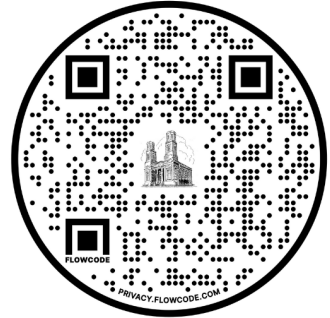
Gordon Young

(Please remain silently seated during the Closing Voluntary.)



# October

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



## 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!



# Brew Room

Community Chat with:

**Larissa Romero,**  
**Interim Pastor**

Coffee & Q&A

October 16th

9:30 am

Room 100

**THEOLOGY STUDY GROUP**

# **GOD-TALK**

**OCTOBER 16TH: MEDIEVAL TIMES**

**Sunday Mornings, 9:30 am**  
Education Parlor,  
next to Fellowship Hall, walk-ins welcome

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





*In the Art Room...*

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**MEL  
BEALL**

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



GAME  
Night

Fellowship Hall

October 15th

2-5 pm



## Congregational Conversation



Potluck & Budget

OCTOBER 16TH

Fellowship Hall

## 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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Wayne Leopold Editions. Music: Thomas Pavlechko, ©1994.

Hope Publishing Company.

Every Time I Feel the Spirit. Music: Melva Wilsen Costen, ©1990.

Westminster John Knox/Geneva Press.

Praise to the Lord. Music: W. Glen Darst, ©1956. H.W. Gray Company.

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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.