



# DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## **SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

Day of Pentecost (Year A)

May 28th, 2023 (Broadcast for FB Livestream)

**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**

### **WELCOME**

### **OPENING VOLUNTARY**

Veni, Creator Spiritus

Eric Near

Melody taken from Hymn 278 "Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire"

Emily Williamson and William Taylor, handbells

***(Please meditate quietly during the Opening Voluntary.)***

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP (PEOPLE READ BOLD)**

L: Come Holy Spirit—

**P: Speak in a dialect our hearts understand.**

L: Come Holy Spirit—

**P: Bless us with the gifts we need to co-labor towards justice.**

L: Come Holy Spirit—

**P: Make vivid our dreams about the ways of radical care.**

L: Come Holy Spirit—

**P: Pour your vitality over our lives.**

### **\*HYMN 282**

"Down Down, O Love Divine"

CALL TO CONFESSION (PEOPLE READ BOLD)

**P: God of Wind, God of Dove, God of Fire,**

**We do not always pay attention to your movement.**

**Help us sweep one another up as a mighty wind.**

**Do not baptize us with water alone.**

**Enflame us with the Spirit.**

**Speak the language of interdependence to our hearts,**

**that we might not be stuck in despair,**

**but empowered towards co-creating the Kin-dom of God.**

**Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: 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, for the entirety of the law is summed up in one word, in this, *“Love your neighbor as yourself.”*

PASSING OF THE PEACE (PEOPLE READ BOLD)

L: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

AFFIRMATION OF GOD IN THE GATHERING

HYMN 399

“God Welcomes All”

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;

God’s love is strong and it never ends. (3x)

***(Please return to your seats when the music begins.)***

# **Encountering the Living Word of God**

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

Acts 2:1—21

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

## **SERMON**

“Seeing Visions, Dreaming Dreams”

## **Responding to God’s Word & Call**

## **PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE & PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**L:** Take heart!

For the Holy Spirit does not abandon us—  
With us, She weeps, She rages, She dreams.  
She is With Us as we pray for:

(the people lift their prayers aloud)

Together, we are co-creators in the world to come.  
With fiery compassion, we pray...

## **THE LORD’S PRAYER (UNISON)**

**P: 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

L: Come! Look for signs and wonders—ways the Sacred is already revealing Herself in our lives— community gardens, mutual aid funds, coordinated actions to protect our collective dignity. A kinder world is already at hand, may we gather our resources for its unfolding.

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

- Use our mobile app by texting “dpchurch” to 73256
- Visit [www.dpchurch.com](http://www.dpchurch.com) and click "Click here for online giving"

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Come, Holy Ghost”

Leland B. Sateren

Come, Holy Ghost, in love, shed on us from above

Thine own bright ray! Divinely good Thou art;

Thy sacred gifts impart to gladden each sad heart. O come today!

Come, Light serene and still, our inmost bosoms fill,

Dwell in each breast. We know no dawn but Thine;

Send forth Thy beams divine on our dark souls to shine, and make us blessed.

Come, all the faithful bless, let all who Christ confess

His praise employ; give virtue's rich reward,

Victorious death accord, and, with our glorious Lord, eternal joy!

Amen.

Based on *Veni, Sancti Spiritus*, tr. Ray Palmer

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)

**P: Mysterious Spirit, we dedicate our offerings to the wonders of living—shared meals, shared stories, and shared lives. May simple signs and wonders offer us sustenance in a difficult world. And may the Holy meet us in surprising ways. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INVITATIONS

☆ Congratulations to our 2023 Graduates ☆

- Eliza Cheshire - Graduating from Maryville College
- Maxwell (Max) Mortimer Warrell - Graduating June 4, 2023 from McLean High School in McLean, Virginia. —Proud grandparents- Don and Vi Prosser —Son of Mark and Anne Prosser Warrell

PRAYER FOR TRANSITION BLESSINGS (UNISON)

**P: Oh God Who Labors on Our Behalf,  
Labor alongside us now as you bring this next, new and beautiful stage in the life of DPC to fruition. We are pushing our way to the next hopeful stages. Help us wait with patience and anticipation, as you teach us to prepare during Advent. Guide our rootedness and discernment, as we practiced in Lent. May we rejoice in these moments we can see the Resurrected Jesus in one another, right now. And help us continue to take up the call for working and witnessing, to be moved by the signs and wonders of the Spirit . . .**

**May we be the ministers of your church in all seasons of life.  
We know you are bringing someone incredible to our table  
soon. Bless the search committee, bless the leadership, bless  
the one to come, bless us all. Amen.**

\*HYMN 280

“Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (PEOPLE READ BOLD)

L: May the fire of the Holy Spirit alight in you!  
May you feel the flame’s generosity.  
May this great gift of  
    being heard in the place of your deepest silence,  
    being so seen within the blazing,  
Give you enduring hope.  
And may all God’s people say,

**P: Alleluia! Amen!**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Versets on *Veni, Creator Spiritus*: V. Doxology-Finale

Thomas Fielding

***(Please remain quietly seated during the Closing Voluntary.)***

Prayers by enfleshed, adapted by Rev. Larissa Romero.

Benediction adapted from the poem by Jan Richardson, originally published in “What the Fire Gives” in Circle of Grace: A Book of Blessings for the Seasons. Music used with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-736957. All rights reserved.



Join us next Sunday as we proclaim the mystery of our faith in the triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, One-in-Three and Three-in-One.

## *Chattanooga Girls Choir*

**Grace Moore Singers  
in Concert**

**June 4, 2023, 11:00 A.M.**



Downtown Presbyterian Church  
Nashville, TN

We look forward to a special time of worship through music with the Grace Moore Singers of the Chattanooga Girls' Choir!

The choir will be singing during our 11 a.m. service on Trinity Sunday - June 4th, 2023.

This auditioned choir consists of high-school age girls living in the Chattanooga area. The Choir will sing works by Rutter, Bouman, and Tullock.

You will not want to miss what promises to be one of our best Trinity Sunday celebrations ever!

June



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

## Kitchen Wish List

We need your help to gear up (literally) for our next season of ministry! If you can't make it downtown on a Saturday morning, there's another way you can get involved.

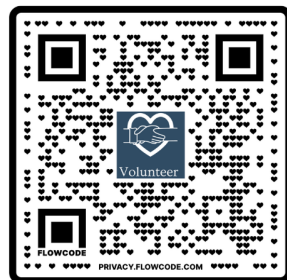
We have created a wish list of items we most need for our meal ministry. These are items that will reduce our costs and increase our efficiency. You can shop our online registry by scanning this QR code, visiting [dpchurch.com](http://dpchurch.com), or searching Downtown Presbyterian Church on Target's registry website.

Thank you helping equip us to  
serve our community.





# CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!



## Save the Date!



Our meal ministry will transition to the fellowship hall on June 10th. We are excited to reunite with familiar faces & meet new friends who will join us in service!

DPC will host an open house for our meal ministry volunteers on June 3rd from 10am-noon. A special blessing for our kitchen & fellowship hall will be offered at 11am. Complimentary parking provided.

Join us as we welcome our volunteer community back to DPC.

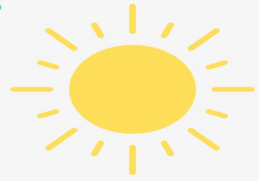
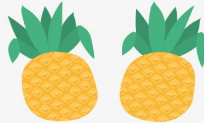
DPC offers complimentary parking for attendees in the SP+ garage at 147 4th Ave. North. The entrance to the garage is on 4th Ave. Take a ticket upon entering the garage and a DPC greeter will give you a voucher to use when exiting.

Parking tickets are validated for Sunday worship & Saturday morning's meal ministry.

**COMPLIMENTARY  
PARKING AT DPC**



# Hello SUMMER



Sunday School is out for the summer. Our Christian education series will resume in the fall. Plans are already in the works for our next season of faith formation!



## A DIFFERENT TOWN HALL DPC Artists-in-Residence

In A Different Town Hall: Artists in Residence at DPC artists (Richard Feaster, Hans Schmitt-Matzen, Rolin Smith, Sarah Hart Landolt, Mel Beal, Dana Jo Cooley and Janet Decker Yanez) take a new approach for filling The Browsing Room Gallery this summer.

We invite you to visit with us and view our work at The Browsing Room and come to your own conclusions.

**June 3rd: 5-8 pm**  
**Browsing Room Gallery**

An idea circulated of curating the work of our neighboring studio mates, instead of picking our own work to exhibit. Simply letting someone else determine which artworks are shown quickly developed into a full-fledged democratic process.


The works chosen span from paintings to pen and ink, along with the use of recycled materials and textiles for a versatile selection from a hung jury."



# LOVE OFFERING

If you would like to give in support of the Mburu family, please give online via the love offering link, or send a check. Congratulations, Lucas!

Name Lucas MBuru

Cokesbury 

Our beloved Rev. Lucas Mburu has had a paper accepted for the annual meeting of the International Society of Biblical Literature! Taking place in South Africa, he will be traveling in July to present his paper.

Having not seen his family in years, he hopes to get to Kenya following the conference. Let's encourage this important family reunion with a love offering!

If you would like to give in support of the Mburu family, please give online via the love offering link, or send a check —  
or **Text "DPCHURCH Love" to 73256** to give using your mobile device.

**Congratulations, Lucas!**

## **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 LEADERSHIP**

### **Class of 2023**

Tom Wills  
Samera Zavaro

### **Class of 2024**

Betty McConnell  
Denny Harris

### **Class of 2025**

John Booth  
Tara Herbert

## **THE CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. Larissa Romero, Interim Pastor  
Paulino Jarquin, Building Manager  
Rainwater Morehead, A/V Tech

Dr. William Taylor, Dir. of Music  
Michelle Noles, Temp. Office Manager

## **PARKING FOR DPC ATTENDEES**

Parking for Sunday worship is in the SP+ garage at **147 4th Ave. N.** The entrance is on 4th Avenue. Parking in this garage is complimentary on Sundays from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

If you parked in the SP+ garage today, please ask a greeter for a voucher sticker.