

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday After the Epiphany

January 14th, 2024 (Broadcast for FB Livestream)

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

Gathering in God's Name

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY: "EIGHT INTERLUDES, SET II: NO. 7"

Eric H. Thiman

(Please meditate quietly during the Opening Voluntary)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We are precious to the Unfolding of the Cosmos.

P: We are important to the plan of Holy Love.

L: Each one of us, a universe in & of ourselves.

P: Each wildflower, a blessed life.

L: Can you feel how God delights in us?!— How God sighs, contently, when we mirror God's Compassion. How God dances with joy when we relish wonder. God's miraculous care permeates every cell. God's attentive delight shines through our very being.

P: We praise God because we are fearfully & wonderfully made!

***HYMN #702: "CHRIST BE BESIDE ME"**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***CONFESSION (*UNISON*)**

Merciful God, we would speak to you now of the things that separate us from you and one another. We name this separation as sin, and we confess to you now that we have sinned.

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We confess the sin that no one knows, and the sin that everyone knows; the sins that are a burden to us and the sins that do not bother us. (silent prayer)

O Lord forgive us and strengthen us, that we may have the power to live as you have called us to live; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: God knows the hearts of those who seek forgiveness,
and by grace we have been saved.

P: In Jesus' name, we are forgiven.

L: Your sins are no more. You are free to love as you have been loved!

P: Thanks be to God! Amen!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

L: May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

***HYMN #581: "GLORY BE TO THE FATHER"**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Encountering the Living Word of God

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Samuel 3:1-10

L: Holy Wisdom, holy word. **P: Thanks be to God.**

John 1:43-51

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

SERMON

Come See

Rev. Zach Sasser

Responding to God's Word & Call

***HYMN #720: "JESUS CALLS US"**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)

We believe in God: who created and is creating, who has come in the love of Jesus, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. God calls us to be the Church; to celebrate God's presence; to love and serve others; to seek justice and resist evil; to proclaim Jesus, crucified and now living Spirit; our hope. In life and death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God!

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE & PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of Delight, may our thoughts be like yours. Not once have you dreamed of a jail cell or a missile. Not once have you dreamed of constant distraction or mindless consumption. Your dreams have nothing to do with scraping for survival. Expand our imagination to be as wise and wild as yours. Make our dreams for collective thriving so vivid that they permeate each of our waking hours. Attune our hearts to beat with your rhythm, even as we pray for people whom you love and situations in which you are active. Here us as we pray for...

(The prayers of the congregation are given voice.)

With Christ we pray the words shared with us long ago...

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

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

When we feel scattered, the Holy hems us in. When we feel lonely, the Holy places their hand on our shoulder. And so, as reflections of Divine Love, we do the same for each other—picking up each other's pieces, showing up gently with compassion and presence. We gather our offerings this day, that it may be so.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "TARRY NO LONGER"

William H. Harris

Tarry no longer! Toward thine heritage
Haste on thy way, and be of right good cheer.
Go each day onward on thy pilgrimage;
think how short time thou shalt abide thee here.

Thy place is bigg'd above the starres clear;
none earthly palace wrought in so stately wise.
Come on, my friend, my brother most entere!
For thee I offered my blood in sacrifice.

John Lydgate

*DOXOLOGY #592: "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*)

Mysterious Love, we long to relax in the wonder of our own being, to feel the ways in which our life is tethered to the teeming splendor of all life. We dedicate our offerings to our inherent worthiness of wellbeing & to the truth that grief and joy can rest side by side. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INVITATIONS

***HYMN #749: “Come! Live In the Light!”**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Go forth you splendid creation of the cosmos, relishing how the Holy delights in you and tenderly treating life with the reverence it deserves, that God’s dreams of collective flourishing might be our own.

Closing Voluntary: “Postlude in C”

Henry Smart

(Please remain quietly seated during the Closing Voluntary.)

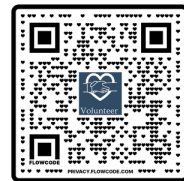
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VOLUNTEER
WITH US



You are invited to join DPC in ministry each Saturday morning from 8:30 to 10:30am. Help us serve a free meal and distribute essentials. Bring a friend, your family, co-workers or small group! Consider serving just one Saturday each quarter or perhaps once a month.

To donate directly to the ministry, text dpchurch to 73256, then select Fish & Loaves Meal Ministry from the drop-down menu.



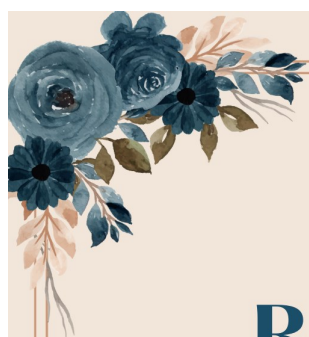
Presbyterian 101 Series:

January 21st and February 4th

9:30 am

Education Parlor

The Pastor is leading a series of classes, affectionally called Presbyterian 101, in the coming weeks. As the classes progress, the discussion will move from a broader understanding of theological perspective to a practical wondering of how we can live this faith together. Join the conversation Sunday at 9:30!



January 28th, 2024

A SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR

Rev. Zach Sasser

Reception 1 p.m. – Fellowship Hall

Service 2 p.m. – DPC Sanctuary



January 28th will be a very special Sunday in the life of DPC as we install our new pastor, Rev. Zach Sasser. Ruling Elders for the class of 2026 - Michael Arwood, Ruth Butler, and Dave Coleman - will also be ordained and installed during this worship service.

Please note: The 11 a.m. worship service will be cancelled on Sunday, January 28th, so that all may attend worship at 2 p.m. All Sunday morning activities will be cancelled. Nursery care will be provided in the afternoon (1:00-3:00 p.m.) for those 5 and under.

Join us on the 28th as we support and celebrate those whom God has called to serve The Downtown Presbyterian Church.

Sparkhouse Lesson: Teaching and Healing



The Holy Spirit is alive in all of us.
Mark 1:21-28

Sunday School is available for grades K-8.

Jan. 21st
9:30AM

Divine Lite

curated by Nashville Pantheon

Browsing Room Gallery

by appointment
now through January 27th

FEATURING ILLUMINATING WORKS

David Onri Anderson
Sophia Belkin
Joshua Edward Bennett
Heather Hartman
Calli Moore
Julian Rogers
Esther Ruiz
Benjy Russell
Karen Seapker
Jason Bard Yarmosky

Artists Shevy Smith and Gary Smith present:

Symposia

Pantheon Chapel at DPC
through February 29th



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

Erin Bell, Clerk of Session

Rachel Hayes, Church Treasurer

THE CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Zach Sasser, Pastor

Dr. William Taylor, Director of Music

Paulino Jarquin, Building Manager

Rainwater Morehead, A/V Tech

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.

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