

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany
February 4th, 2024 (Broadcast for FB Livestream)
(* Please rise in body or spirit as you are able.)

Gathering in God's Name

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY: "AIR VARIED"

Eric H. Thiman

(Please meditate quietly during the Opening Voluntary)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Inspiring Love,

P: **Awakening Life force,**

L: Heart-Opening Beauty,

P: **Surprising Wonder—**

L: Change us. Turn us around.

P: **Beckon us. Compel us.**

L: The Way of Life calls us towards transformation!

P: **The Way of Life asks us to fling wide the gate of possibility!**

L: Let us worship God!

***HYMN #331: "GOD OF THE AGES, WHOSE ALMIGHTY HAND"**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Eternal God, we confess that we are not always in touch with your will. You call us to proclaim your good news, but there are times when we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but too often we are idle. You call us to live faithfully, but minor matters distract us. In your mercy, forgive us. Hear us as we pray, and give us the courage to follow in your way.

(Silent prayer)

O Lord, hear our prayer and encourage us to live as you have called us to live; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: By grace, you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

P: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free in grace.

***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 READING:

Isaiah 40:21-31

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

Mark 1:29-39

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

SERMON:

Rev. Zach Sasser

Responding to God's Word & Call

***HYMN #515: "I COME WITH JOY"**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in

Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen. (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE & PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Cosmic Compassion, may the beauty we witness in the world awaken us to ordinary wonder. The Earth—wounded by extraction—offers us glowing sunrises, quiet snow, blackbird wings. Our communities—weighed down by death-dealing systems—show up for one another, plant gardens, and gather around your table. Our bodies—often achy & sick— make space for hospitality, create art, and make joyful noises.

Let these prayers be a duet of awe and sorrow between us, Oh God, as we dance towards liberation together...

(Prayers are offered for our congregation, community, and God's good creation.)

Having heard our petitions of prayer, hear us as we pray in the way Jesus instructed his followers, saying...

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

We gather our resources not out of scarcity, but out of love for one another and the world. There is enough for all! Greed, exploitation, resource hoarding, consumerism—we don't want you here! Here, we love investing in each other's thriving. Here, we practice being good ancestors. Let us gather our resources with hope that it may be so.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "DEAR LORD AND FATHER" C. Hubert H. Perry

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word,
Rise up and follow Thee.

Drop Thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire Thy coolness and Thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind, and
fire, O still, small voice of calm.

John G. Whittier

***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.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

ANTHEM DURING HOLY COMMUNION: “O Bone Jesu”

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

O bone Jesu! miserere nobis, quia tu creasti nos,
tu redemisti nos sanguine tuo praetiosissimo.

Translation:

O good (gentle) Jesus! Have mercy on us, because you created us,
you have redeemed us with your most precious blood.

***PRAYER OF COMMITMENT**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INVITATIONS

***HYMN #316: “Where Charity and Love Prevail”**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Closing Voluntary: “Gavotte: In the Style of Samuel Wesley”

Eric H. Thiman

(Please remain quietly seated during the Closing Voluntary.)

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Presbyterian 101 Series:

from theological perspective to a practical wondering

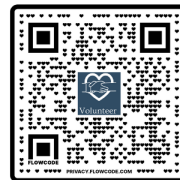
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Education Parlor

The Pastor is leading a series of classes, affectionally called Presbyterian 101. 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 us Sunday at 9:30!



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.

Children's Sunday School: Grade K-8

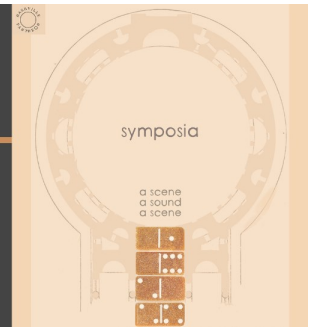


Sundays at
9:30AM

Artists Shevy Smith and Gary Smith present:

Symposia

Pantheon Chapel at DPC
through February 29th



Browsing Room Gallery Presents:

Jesse Hale

**on exhibit
through February**

**THERE,
IN THE
INFINITE
NOISE**



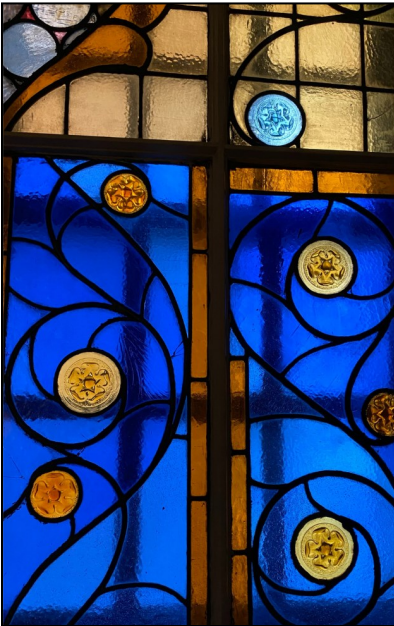
February 14, 2022

Ashes to Go

Noon - 1:00pm

DPC Front Steps

On Ash Wednesday, February 14th, DPC will have 2 options to receive the imposition of ashes. At noon, Pastor Zach will offer a come-and-go imposition of ashes in front of the main entrance to DPC on Church Street. Later, we'll gather in the fellowship hall for a very simple meal, followed by a brief chapel service.



Wednesday, February 14th

Ash Wednesday Service

Fellowship: 6pm

Chapel Service: 6:30

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 2024

Betty McConnell
Denny Harris

Class of 2025

Tara Herbert

Class of 2026

Michael Arwood
Ruth Butler
Dave Coleman

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

Allison Shearouse, Virtual Ministry Assistant

Rainwater Morehead, A/V Tech

PARKING FOR DPC ATTENDEES

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