

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

October 20th, 2024

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Gathering in God's Name

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY *PRAYER, OP. 118, NO. 4* W.D. ARMSTRONG
(Please meditate quietly during the Opening Voluntary)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSES IN BOLD)

In the midst of the storms we turn to God:

Storms of conflict and cultural change;

storms that reflect the woundedness of creation.

At this time and in this space, we await God's peace;

Peace that comforts, peace that disturbs.

Let us turn our hearts toward God that we may be restored.

*HYMN #282: *Come Down, O Love Divine*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Let us embrace this time of confession with honesty and humility.

*CONFESSION (UNISON)

Lord Jesus Christ, you know our sin. We want you to do whatever we ask of you, but we are unwilling to do what you ask of us. We want to sit beside you in your glory, but we fail to stand beside you in your suffering. We want to be first in your great kingdom, but we are among the last to serve the least. Hear the confessions of our hearts in prayerful silence.

(silent prayer)

Pour out your mercy upon us and wash us clean in your saving grace.

All this we ask in your holy name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

People of God, your sins are forgiven, for the Lord who made all things knows our weaknesses. Therefore, let us turn away from sin and become once again God's community of reconciliation.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

*HYMN #582: *Glory to God*

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen (3x)
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Encountering the Living Word of God

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON: Hebrews 5:1-10

Holy Wisdom, holy Word.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON: MARK 10:35-45

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

SERMON:

“BECOMING GREAT”

REV. ZACH SASSER

Responding to God's Word and Call

*HYMN #764: *For the Troubles and the Sufferings*
(choir vs. 1, congregation repeats)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Phillipians 2:5-11**

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

God of grace, nourish us this day through Word and worship. Strengthen our desire to discern and do your will. Focus us on your path of righteousness so we can walk steadily under your direction. Bend your ear to us, God of love, as we pray not only for ourselves but for people everywhere...

(The prayers of the congregation are given voice.)

...united as a family of faith and as the Body of Christ we lift these prayers up to you, God our creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

Finally, hear us pray the prayer Christ taught us, saying,

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

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP: FOCUSING ON BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

COLLECTION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

“I will not turn away from all the harrowing and beautiful ways our lives are interconnected”, writes artist Sarah Cap. In the wake of climate disasters and all that assails us, let us make our offerings as radical, beautiful practices of solidarity and hope.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Ye Servants of God* Henry Coleman

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad His wonderful name.
The Name all victorious of Jesus extol; his Kingdom is glorious and rules over all.
“Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!” Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son;
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces and worship the
Lamb.

Then let us adore and give Him His right: all glory and power, all wisdom and
might.

All honour and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never ceasing and infinite
love.

Charles Wesley

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

Holy God, we return to you a portion of that which is your own. We
gratefully present our gifts and entrust them to your work in this world.
May our gifts proclaim good news to those who are in need. May these
gifts be commitments to action as that accompany them. May these gifts
help unburden those with the heaviest of loads. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INVITATIONS

HYMN #262: *Since our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

May we leave this house of worship today, quick to listen, slow to speak,
open to hearing and responding to God’s truth. May God bless you and keep
you, be kind and gracious to you; may God look upon you with favor and
bring you peace. Amen.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Postludium, Op.118, No.3* W.D. Armstrong
(Please remain quietly seated during the Closing Voluntary.)



PRAY GROUND – A special table has been provided in the front of the sanctuary for all of God’s children to gather or color during worship. We invite parents of younger children to sit near the table in the event your child needs you. The sounds of infants and toddlers are welcome in this space as well!

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

- Text “dpchurch” to 73256
- Visit www.dpchurch.com and click “Giving to DPC”

WORSHIP TODAY — Our liturgy comes from various resources including Enfleshed.com, *Feasting On the Word*, and the PC(USA) *Book of Common Worship*. The Prayers of the People were written by Teri McDowell Ott, published in the *Presbyterian Outlook*, and used with permission.

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PUMPKIN CARVING & CONTEST — The Faith Formation committee has a special opportunity planned for Sunday, October 27th at 9:45! Tom Byl (*DPC's pumpkin expert*) will be leading a pumpkin-decorating project in the fellowship hall during the Sunday School hour. He will have 12-15 pumpkins prepped and ready for carving or painting. In addition to the pumpkins, all the decorating supplies will be provided.



You are welcome to bring your own pumpkins to decorate, but don't let this keep you from joining in the fun! Parents are encouraged to assist their children in decorating. Costumes are welcome, but not required. If you are carving, please dress accordingly as it can be a bit messy.

Those interested in additional pumpkin fun can join the annual pumpkin contest! Already carved your pumpkin? Take your chances and enter it in the annual pumpkin contest. Our judges are primed to give out a plethora of pumpkin prizes!

We look forward to seeing your pumpkin creations on October 27th!

Please note: Unfortunately, the cauldron cookoff has been canceled this year. We will not have our traditional potluck on the 27th. Your community engagement committee is planning an alternate activity for early 2025.



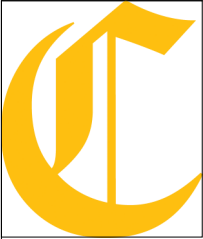
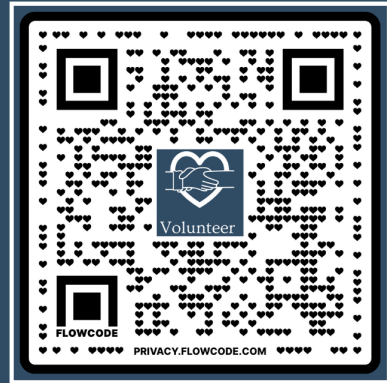
SAVE THE DATE! - Our beloved Pastor has sold his home in Louisiana and closed on a new home in Tennessee! On October 26th, we will gather in the home of Betty Harkness from 5-8 p.m. to celebrate this wonderful new chapter in the life of the Sasser family. An email was sent this week with more information and a link to RSVP. Please email info@dpchurch.com for more information.

CALLING ALL
VOLUNTEERS!

Serve Meals with us!

Saturdays 8:30-10:30

Scan here to sign up!



OCTOBER MISSIONS PARTNER : THE CONTRIBUTOR —This month, we are delighted to spotlight The Contributor. Housed at DPC, The Contributor is an award-winning newspaper sold with dignity by our homeless neighbors. The street paper’s content focuses on issues of poverty and homelessness. It is written by local journalists, as well as people experiencing homelessness or those working within the homeless community. Visit thecontributor.org to learn how you can be part of the solution.

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
Jim Hoobler

Class of 2026

Michael Arwood
Ruth Butler
Dave Coleman

Erin Bell, Clerk of Session

Debra Gentry, Church Treasurer

THE CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Zach Sasser, Pastor

Dr. William Taylor, Director of Music & Organist

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Sarah Hoehn, Administrative Assistant

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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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