

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

All Saints Day

November 3rd, 2024

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Gathering in God's Name

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY

ANGELUS

CHARLES GOUNOD

MARTHA LYNN THOMPSON, ARRANGER

The DPC Handbell Choir

(Please meditate quietly during the Opening Voluntary.)

***CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSES IN BOLD)**

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us lay aside every weight and the sin which easily distracts us.

And let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

Let us look to Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith,
**who endured the cross, and has taken his seat
at the right hand of the throne of God.**

***HYMN #326:**

For All the Saints

descant by Lois G. Fyfe

CALL TO CONFESSION

***CONFESSION (SPOKEN IN UNISON)**

Beloved God, who was known to our mothers and fathers, and even to our spiritual forebears, have mercy on us. We do not always love as you would have us love. We do not always do as you would have us do. In our stubbornness, we turn from you when we should turn toward you. Hold us, dear One - comfort us when we mourn the passing of friends and family, and help us to know that they are rejoicing in your presence. We praise you for the grace you shower on us, constantly forgiving our errors, especially the ones that we don't share with any but you. Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts. (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

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

*CHORAL RESPONSE (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 (Repeat 3 times.)
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

Encountering the Living Word of God

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS RUTH 1:1-18 AND MARK 12:28-34

The word within us. The word among us.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON: *A CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE SCRIBE AND RUTH*
REV. ZACH SASSER + CLAIRE K. MCKEEVER-BURGETT

Responding to God's Word and Call

*HYMN #517: *Here, O Our Lord, We See You*

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Peace Everywhere* Steve Heitzeg

May peace and peace and peace be everywhere.
- The Upanishads

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you.
Not as the world giveth, give I unto you.
Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.
-John 14:27

James Wood, cello Geni Skendo, flute

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

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE & REMEMBRANCE OF SAINTS

DAVID HARKNESS
JOHN BOOTH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Communion Anthem *Sing Me to Heaven* Daniel E. Gawthrop

In my heart's sequestered chambers lie truths stripped of poet's gloss.
Words alone are vain and vacant, and my heart is mute.
In response to aching silence, memory summons half-heard voices, and
my soul finds primal eloquence and wraps me in song.

If you would comfort me, sing me a lullaby.
If you would win my heart, sing me a love song.
If you would mourn me and bring me to God, sing me a requiem.
Sing me to heaven.

Touch in me all love and passion. Pain and pleasure, touch.
Touch in me grief and comfort, love and passion, pain and pleasure.
Sing me a lullaby, a love song, a requiem.
Love me. Comfort me. Bring me to God. Sing me a love song.
Sing me to heaven.

Jane Griner

*PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INVITATIONS

*HYMN #327 *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Closing Voluntary Highland Cathedral Charles Callahan

(Please remain quietly seated during the Closing Voluntary.)

Worship Today

Our liturgy comes from various resources including the PC(USA) Book of Common Worship and other sources in the public domain. Our Prayer of Confession was written written by Rev. Lucus Keppel, Ancho Community & Corona United Presbyterian Churches, New Mexico. Posted on LiturgyLink.net. All music used with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-736957. All rights reserved.

Notes for Today's Anthems

Peace Everywhere was commissioned in memory of Dr. Allan D. Kellar. His daughter, Holly, was a former DPC member. Dr. Keller served as Director of Music at First Presbyterian Church in Stillwater, Minnesota, from 2001-2022. When Dr. Kellar would visit his daughter in Nashville, he loved attending DPC services to hear the choir and organ. Holly has graciously gifted copies of the anthem to DPC and we are most honored to sing this commissioned work on All Saints Day. Soli Deo gloria.

Sing Me to Heaven. What a powerful text by Jane Griner along with a beautiful choral arrangement by Daniel Gawthrop. Published in 1991, more than half a million copies have been printed and has quickly become one of the most performed and recorded choral works in modern history. This anthem was a favorite of Gerald Arthur, a former DPC Director of Music, who had it sung at his memorial service.

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!

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YOU ARE NOT ALONE

on election night or any night

JOIN US ON **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5** FOR A TIME OF **GROUNDING OURSELVES IN THE LOVE OF GOD.**

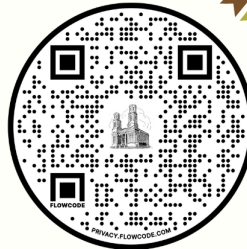
7:30 TO 8 | PASTOR ZACH + CLAIRE WILL LEAD EMBODIED SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

8 TO 8:20 | PASTOR ZACH WILL HOLD SPACE FOR ANY WHO NEED PASTORAL LISTENING AND CONNECTION

IF YOU WANT TO JOIN US, PLEASE EMAIL INFO@DPCHURCH.COM TO RECEIVE THE ZOOM LINK ON THE DAY OF. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.



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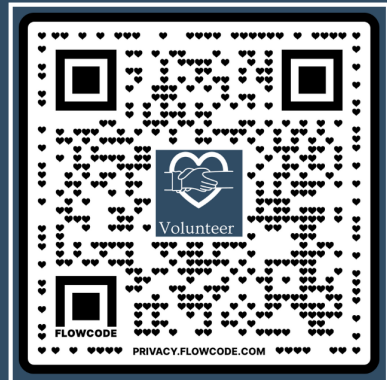
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CALLING ALL
VOLUNTEERS!

Serve Meals with us!

Saturdays 8:30-10:30

Scan here to sign up!



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

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Ruth Butler
Dave Coleman

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Debra Gentry, Church Treasurer

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