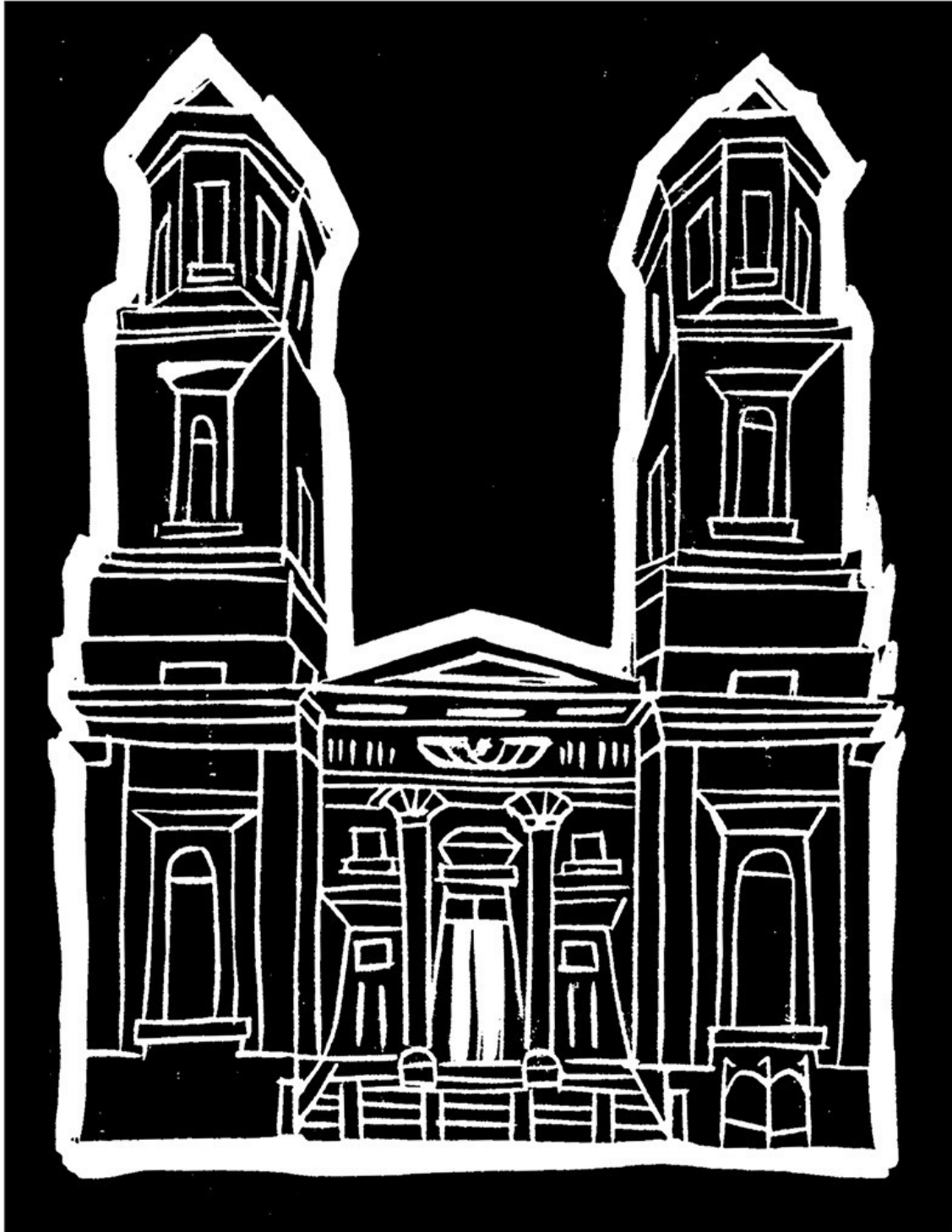


THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Second Sunday of Easter

April 12th, 2026



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Dave Coleman

Gathering in God's Name

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Soliloquy

Healey Willan

(Please meditate quietly during the Opening Voluntary.)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

With all that is within us, let us bless God,

Who forgives our sin and makes us whole.

Who lifts us and crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

With all that is within us, let us give praise and thanks to God.

*HYMN 233

The Day of Resurrection!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just

will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

*CONFESSION

Everlasting God, by your Spirit you raised Christ from the dead,
and by your Spirit you raise us to new life.

Forgive us for failing to remember that you are our Source and Sustainer,
and you show us the path to abundant living.

Renew us in faith, hope and love
in order that we may proclaim
with joyous words and integrity of life
the good news of your salvation,
through Christ, our risen Lord.

(silent prayer)

Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

As far as the East is from the West,
so far has God removed our sin from us.

As near as hands and feet and breath,
so near does God stand with us.

As close as the Spirit's tether can draw,
so close does God bring us together.

Beloved of God, believe the Good News;
in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

In Jesus Christ, we are loved and befriended by God.

Let God's people say
Alleluia! Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (*Hymn 240 Alleluia!, Alleluia! Give Thanks*)

*Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to God's name.*

SACRED CONNECTION WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

Encountering the Living Word of God

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 24:13-35 (NT p.90)
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Glory to you, O Lord.

SERMON

Rev. Stacy Rector

Responding to God's Word and Call

***HYMN 252**

Day of Arising

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We recognize the true church of Jesus Christ wherever the work of God's Spirit is evident: In preaching and sacraments, in the new life and continuous growth of believers, in the sharing of spiritual gifts and material things, in mission and service to the world.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Faithful God, as our journey continues into this year, hear our prayers today for people whom you love and situations in which you are active. Hear us as we pray for...

(The prayers of the congregation are given voice.)

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INVITATIONS

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

From the beginning, God's people have shared their resources for the benefit of others. Let us join in that tradition as an act of proclamation, as an act of gratitude, and as an act of generous hospitality. Let our gifts be given with joy, knowing they support ministries of grace, mercy, and hope.

OFFERTORY MUSIC Chorale Prelude on *Christ the Lord Is Risen Again* J.K.F. Fischer

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 607)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore.
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Equipped with the truth of your love, O God,
you send us into the world to radiate the joy of new life.
Accept our efforts and make them productive in fulfilling your will.
Enhance our gifts with the power of your Holy Spirit.
In all we do, challenge us to be obedient to the call of Jesus Christ,
to walk in faithfulness, and to respond to the tasks before us. Amen.

*HYMN 238 *Thine Is the Glory*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Chorale Prelude on *Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bonds* Samuel Scheidt
(Please remain quietly seated during the Closing Voluntary.)

Worship Notes: Our liturgy comes from various resources, including *the PC(USA) Book of Common Worship* and other sources in the public domain. All music copyrights are covered by ONE LICENSE #A-736957.

PrayGround: Worship is a time of faith formation for all ages that extends throughout our lives. The “PrayGround” is a place set apart, within our sanctuary, where young people and their parents may worship while expressing creativity and wonder. A nursery is also available for children under the age of 5. It is located through the History Room and to the right.

Guest Preacher: Thanks be to God for our guest preacher! The Rev. Stacy Rector is a native of Dyersburg, Tennessee, and a graduate of Rhodes College and Columbia Theological Seminary who served as Associate Pastor of Second Presbyterian Church in Nashville for nine years. In 2006, Reverend Rector became Executive Director of Tennesseans for Alternatives to the Death Penalty (TADP), an organization that works to honor life by abolishing the death penalty, preventing violence, and supporting those who experience harm. She also served as spiritual advisor to Steve Henley, an inmate on Tennessee’s death row, who was executed in 2009. Reverend Rector served as the vice-president of the national board of People of Faith Against the Death Penalty and on the boards of UKIRK Nashville (Presbyterian Campus Ministry) and Community Shares Tennessee.

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Staff
Time —
Off

Zach will be out for Continuing Education from Monday, April 6th to Monday, April 13th.

If there is a Hospitalization or other Pastoral Emergency, please call the church office and select Pastor Zach's extension to be forwarded to his cell phone. Zach will return from Continuing Education on Tuesday, April 14th.

Bible Study Buddies

A Lectionary Conversation for Real Life

Need a buddy? Email info@dpchurch.com for the link to sign up.



DPC BOOK GROUP

Patriot: A Memoir by Alexei Navalny

Join the discussion:
May, date is TBD

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March and April at the Browsing Room Gallery

The Browsing Room is very pleased to announce *Creature Comforts*, a solo Julia Martin exhibition.



Exhibit Dates: March 14th - April 25th, 2026

In case you missed the DADA Art Crawl, our exhibit is always available to you in the Browsing Room. Go and feast your senses upon the creativity of our Artist's In Residence!



APRIL MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT

Working to end homelessness through person-centered outreach, housing navigation, community education, and advocacy.

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THE
Date

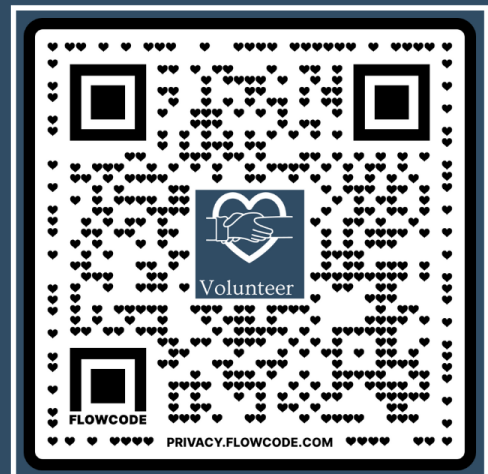
Woodland Sunday
Potluck Lunch
April 26th after Worship.

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 a 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 2026

Michael Arwood

Ruth Butler

Dave Coleman

Class of 2027

Matt Abfalter

Jack Henderson

Dixie Williamson

Class of 2028

Stephen Coleman

Glenda Harris

Dennis Shepard

Dixie Williamson, Clerk of Session

Rachel Hayes, Church Treasurer

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