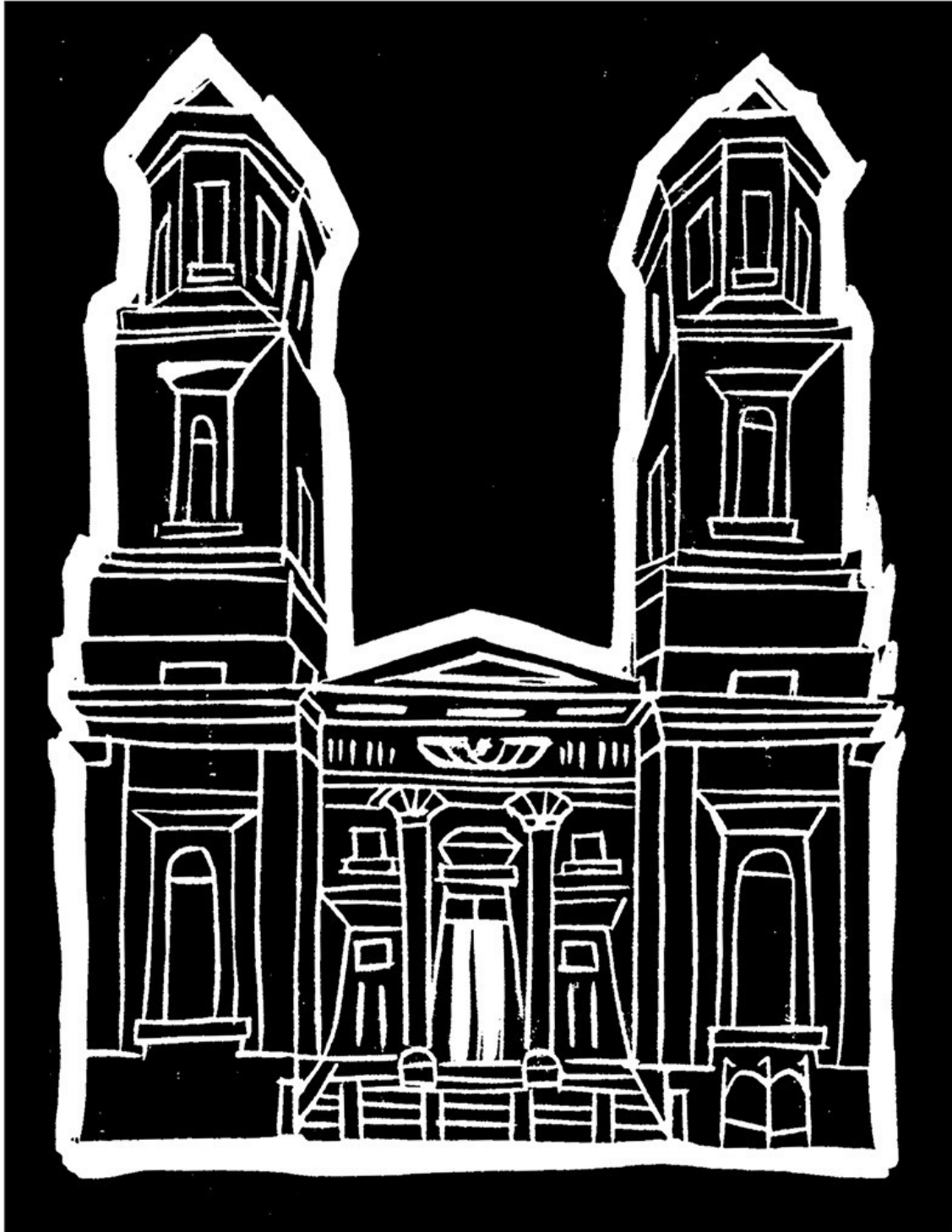


THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Trinity Sunday

May 31st, 2026



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Dave Coleman

Gathering in God's Name

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Can It Be

Dan Forrest

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain—for me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left His Father's throne above so free, so infinite His grace—
Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race:
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God, it found out me!
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No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.
Charles Wesley

(Please meditate quietly during the Opening Voluntary.)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 24)

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it,
for God has founded it on the seas
and established it on the rivers.

Let us rejoice in God, and God's good creation.
We shall rejoice in the Lord!

*HYMN 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

God calls us, again and again, to turn from all that separates us from the Divine and to return to God's path. Let us, then, name the ways we have sinned in wandering from God, relying on God's mercy to forgive and renew us.

*CONFESSION

Loving God, look deep and see us as we really are. We are a people who prefer our will to your will. We focus on things of the self and give little thought or care to others. We wander through our days giving little thought to our own discipleship, let alone our call to help others become disciples. Forgive us, God of grace. Forgive us and set us again on the path of your righteousness.

(silent prayer)

We make these confessions with grateful hearts, knowing that you hear us and love us.
Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (from Ephesians 2:8)

By grace, you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is by God's own choice that we are forgiven.

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

Thanks be to God!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

***GLORIA PATRI** (Hymn 581)

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.

SACRED CONNECTION WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

Encountering the Living Word of God

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Loving God, open our hearts and minds to what you would say to us this day. By your Spirit, we ask that you would speak, as we, your people, are listening. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 28:16-20 (NT p.34)

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Glory to you, O Lord.

SERMON

Become A Contributor!

Rev. Zach Sasser, Pastor of DPC
and Will Connelly, E.D. of The Contributor

Responding to God's Word and Call

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

God of Creation, how good and wonderful it is to see flowers in bloom and hear birds proclaiming your wonder! Even the rains remind us of our baptism, and your never-failing love for us. As Spring gives way to summer, keep us ever in your care. Keep us ever mindful that your acts of creation are ongoing, and they involve us and happen through us when we align ourselves with your will. Even as we seek to do so, we ask for your healing mercy in mind, body, and soul for those who are so dear to us, including:

(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

We speak of God as Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, and God is all of these, because God does all of these things. At the heart of it all, God is a generous provider. From the air we breathe to sun that provides warmth and light, God is a generous provider. As those created in God's image, let us generously provide for those in need, and for the proclamation of the gospel through the ministry of the church.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Come to Me

Dan Forrest

Come to Me, all you who labor, come to Me, and I will give you rest;
come to Me, you who are weary and burdened and you will find rest for your souls.

Come, My child, learn My heart: for I am gentle and lowly.

See how great My love for you that I have called you My child.

Adapted from Matthew 11:25, 28-29, 2 Cor. 6:18, 1 John 3:1

*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

Eternal God, we respond to you with joy as we share our tithes and offerings.

The opportunity to share is a blessing for which we are very thankful.

Your generosity encourages our generosity.

We give with the expectation that you will accomplish your purposes through these gifts and in our lives. Amen.

*HYMN 3

Womb of Life and Source of Being

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

How Great Thou Art

Dan Forrest

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hands hath made!
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!
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When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.
[Refrain]

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing he bled and died to take away my sin; [Refrain]

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim: "My God, how great thou art!" [Refrain]

(Please remain quietly seated during the Closing Voluntary.)

Worship Notes: : Our liturgy comes from various resources including the *PC(USA) Book of Common Worship*, *The Presbyterian Outlook Magazine*, and other sources in the public domain. Our Affirmation of Faith was taken from *A Brief Statement of Faith*, which you may find in entirety in the *PC(USA) Book of Confessions*. All music copyrights are covered by ONE LICENSE #A-736957. Many thanks to Tanner King for serving as our soloist and cantor today. Please give him your regards following the Closing Voluntary.

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.

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MAY MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT

The Contributor empowers our homeless neighbors to achieve income, dignity, housing, and community.



JUNE MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT

Providing health care for your neighbors in need



Guest Preacher:
Rev. RJ Robles (they/he) is a queer and trans Afro-Puerto Rican Disciples of Christ minister, devoted to co-creating healing practices and rituals for trans people. They seek to continue the strong legacy of trans people of color organizing and mobilizing mutual aid and collective care that supports trans liberation in our lifetime.

“YOU DESERVE JOY!”

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3RD AT 6:30PM
WEST END UNITED METHODIST
2200 WEST END AVE.



2026

**ECUMENICAL
PRIDE
WORSHIP**



SUNDAY, JUNE 7TH WEAR ORANGE FOR GUN CONTROL

June at the Browsing Room Gallery

The Browsing Room is very pleased to announce,

Rejoice! : *Abundance and Gratitude*

by Sarah Hart Landolt.

Opening reception on June 13th from 6-9 p.m.



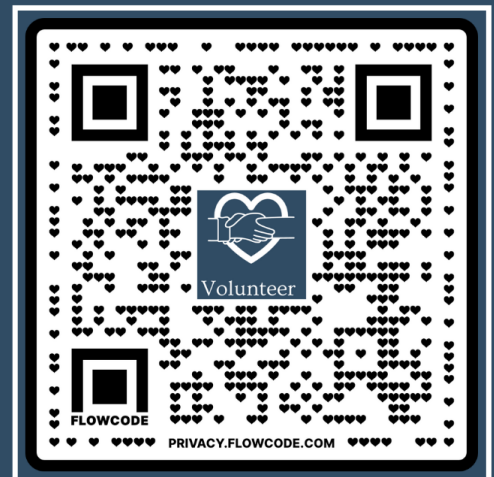
Browsing Room Gallery: In case you missed the DADA Art Crawl, our exhibit is always available to you in the Browsing Room. Go and feast your senses upon the creativity of our Artist's In Residence! Email events@dpchurch.com for more information. Sarah's artwork is for sale, check out her website for more information: <https://www.sarahhartlandolt.com/rejoice>

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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Rev. Zach Sasser, Pastor

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Allison Shearouse, Accountant

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If you parked in the SP+ garage today, please ask a greeter for a voucher sticker.

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