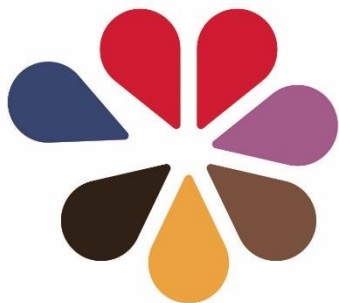




DOWNTOWN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Celebration of Worship

November 3, 2024, 11:00 AM

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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*If you have a joy or concern you would like to have lifted in prayer today, please complete a **Prayer Request Card**, including the name of the person (and pronunciation) or event, and additional information you'd like to share. Prayer Requests will be collected in baskets during the **hymn following the sermon** to share with the pastor and/or Deacons.*

Prelude

Meditation on Hanson Place

Words of Welcome
Announcements

Rev. Phil Davis, Sr.

Chime
Introit

Unity

Moone/Washington

Please join in the refrain:

"Unity, unity, God, we pray for unity."

*Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 146)

John DeHority

Leader: Praise the Holy One as long as we live.

People: Praise the Creator, who makes our days, who trails our paths, and who gives us breath.

Leader: Praise the Holy One with our whole selves—mind, body, and soul.

People: Trust in wisdom and honor, truth and love, grace and mercy.

Leader: Praise the Holy One for God is just, generous, compassionate, liberating, and near.

People: The Holy One reigns, lifting up the lowly, humbling, the proud, and sustaining the righteous from generation to generation.

Praise God!

***Invocation**

Leader: Loving God, what joy it is to know your name. To know that when we call, you answer. When we seek you, we find you. When we long for you, we discover that you are already with us. Anchor our lives in your presence. Encourage us beyond our fear. Remind us of your goodness and miraculous works. Reaffirm the power you have made available and at work within us. Fortify us as your people who give and receive your love to your glory. In your name, we pray. **Amen.**

***Hymn**

Shall We Gather at the River
(Music may be found on page 9.)

HANSON PLACE

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

All: Righteous One, write your commandments on our hearts... not as a list of do's and don'ts but as a vision of the people who can be, the lives we may live, and the world we may create. Write liberation of the oppressed, care and wholeness of those with unmet needs, and revelation and understanding to those oblivious to the truth. Emblazon your law of love in our hearts, on our lips, and in our journey. Transform us with your love so that we may reflect your love toward our neighbor and toward ourselves. Amen..

Words of Grace

Leader: Beloved, you are loved, and you have power to choose love in every moment and every encounter. Love has the power to lift, to heal, and to change. Let Holy Love move the mountains before you and the valleys within you.

Scripture

Psalm 146

Time with Our Children and Youth

Music for Reflection

Speak, Lord

Tom Trenney

"You are the way, the truth, and the life. You are our hope, our vict'ry o'er the strife.

You are our peace, our calm upon the sea.

Bringing good news to the oppressed, you call us to set the captive free!

*Ref: Speak, Lord, for your children are listening. Speak, Lord, how we need to hear from you.
Give us courage to speak, Lord, till injustice is silent. Speak your words of love in all we say and do.*

*You come to heal our broken heart, to comfort as we mourn, just mercy to impart.
You call us to preach the Gospel, dream the dream till justice rolls down like water,
Righteousness like a mighty stream. Ref.*

Give us sight to see the world through the eyes of a stranger.

Help us to hear the beauty of a language not our own.

Set our hearts to beat with compassion for our neighbor.

When we love each other, you are seen and known. Ref.

Evan MacMahon, soloist, Text: Tom Trenney

Scripture

John 6:1-15

Sermon

Be A Prophet

Rev. Phil Davis, Sr.

*Hymn

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

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(Verses 1-4, Music may be found on page 10.)

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

+Prayer of Jesus

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy

Spirit 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 Spirit, and the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music

Set Me as a Seal

René Clausen

*"Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death.
Many waters cannot quench love; neither can the floods drown it."*

Text: Song of Songs, 8:6a, 7a

*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Let songs rise up from earth below;
Let stars and galaxies enthrone;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One! Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Phil Davis, Sr.

*Hymn

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

(Verses 1 and 2. Music may be found on page 11.)

Service of Holy Communion

Pastor: Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God. Our Savior invites those who trust him to sit at the table in the kingdom of God. As we come to the Lord's table, let us humble our hearts and be open to the call of Your Spirit.

People: Compassionate God, have mercy on us, we pray.

Pastor: Let us examine ourselves: our thoughts, our actions, our motives, and our attitudes toward others.

People: O Holy God, have mercy and forgive us our shortcomings.

Pastor: Help us to remember our responsibility to our families and our neighbors, our stewardship to You, and the work You have given to our hands.

People: O Living God, we stand in need of Your grace, strength, and mercy.

Pastor: As we eat the bread which represents Your body, which is the True and Living Bread, open our eyes to recognize the intimacy that You yearn to share with us.

People: O Loving God, teach us to love You above all else.

Pastor: As we drink the cup which represents Christ's blood shed for us, we thank You for the new covenant, "Love ye one another," which is written in our hearts. Let us rejoice because our names are written in heaven.

People: Tender Father and Mother, may Your great sacrifice of redeeming love renew us for loving service and sacrifice for others.

Pastor: May this Lord's Supper energize every area of our lives and enable us to transcend our circumstances, our inadequacies, and our enemies.

People: God who sees us, touch and empower us so that our lives will be renewed.

Pastor: We praise You, O God, who made us Your own people through the death and resurrection of Your Son, our Lord.

All: Abide in us, Savior and Redeemer. Fill us with the life-giving power of Your Spirit, now and forever.

Prayer

The Words of the Institution

Pastor: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, And after giving thanks to God, He broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Pastor: In the same way, he took the cup saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, Shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Pastor: Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord. Now all the people say

People: Amen, Amen, and Amen.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Music at Communion

Cristo Redentor

Duke Pearson

Transc. G. Franklin

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

(Verses 1, 3, and 5. Music may be found on page 11.)

*Benediction

Postlude

Toccata

Eugène Gigout

*Passing of the Peace

Thank you to. . .

Liturgist: John DeHority

Chancel Choir Members

Soprano: Nicole Knickerbocker, Lindsey Puc, Carolina Sullivan, Joan Sussman

Alto: Cecelia Allchin, Isabella Apodaca, Leah Rosenman

Tenor: Olivia Anderson, Jason Cloen, Mark Darling, Evan McMahon

Bass: Rob Brown, John DeHority, Elijah Gebers,

Alan Jones, Stephen Lloyd, Sumner Tessier

Live Stream Team: Don Fairman, David McDowell, Jim Parks, Sally Allison

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SAVE THE DATE! FINAL JUBILEE CELEBRATION LUNCHEON

The final event of our Jubilee Celebrations will be an all-church luncheon **next Sunday, November 10th, following worship**, our First Supper Forward! We will have a delicious catered lunch in the Hallock Lounge featuring Chicken French, pasta with marinara sauce, green beans, garden salad, rolls, beverages, and desserts from Savoia Pastry Shoppe. We will also announce the donation of a special gift to the Rochester community in honor of our 50th Anniversary.

Please join us as we look forward to our future!

RSVPs are encouraged - call or stop by the front desk to sign up.

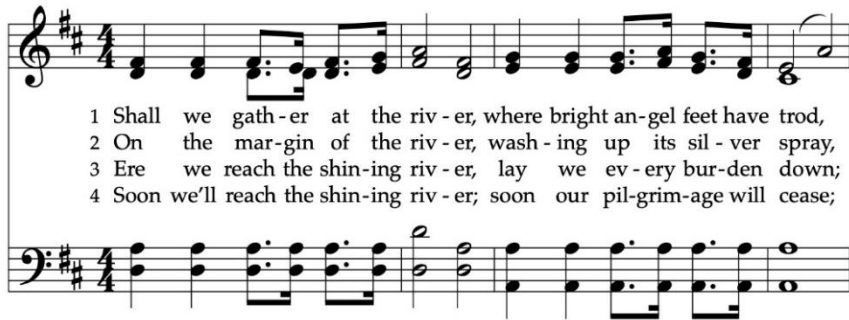
We can't wait to see you there!

Your 50th Anniversary Planning Team, Nancy Brown, Kim McConnell, Becky Parks, Carol Snook, Lee Wright.

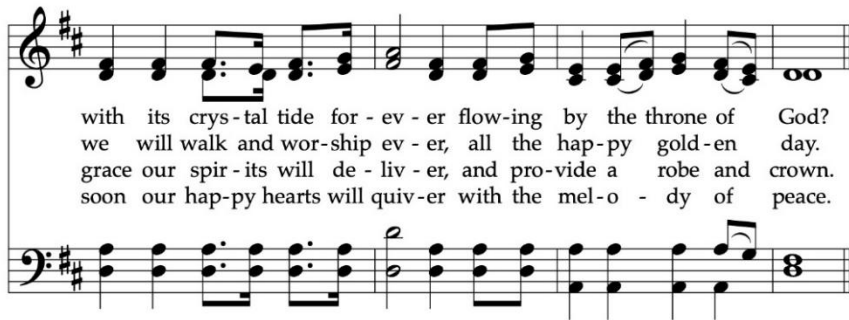
Forward from 50.... Lighting the Way!



375 Shall We Gather at the River



1 Shall we gath-er at the riv-er, where bright an-gel feet have trod,
2 On the mar-gin of the riv-er, wash-ing up its sil-ver spray,
3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv-er, lay we ev-ery bur-den down;
4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv-er; soon our pil-grim-age will cease;

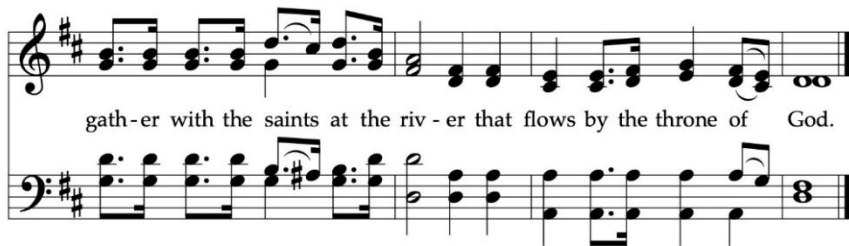


with its crys-tal tide for-ev-er flow-ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor-ship ev-er, all the hap-py gold-en day.
grace our spir-its will de-liv-er, and pro-vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap-py hearts will quiv-er with the mel-o-dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er;



gath-er with the saints at the riv-er that flows by the throne of God.

A Baptist pastor wrote this hymn while seated at his parlor organ. Created as an alternative to gloomy "river of death" hymns, it is a celebration of the "pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb" (Revelation 22:1 KJV).

722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my
 5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you

ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so
 and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that
 truths which you im - part. And wing my words that
 ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
 will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed

let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 I may feed your hun - gery ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.

TEXT: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1872, alt.
 MUSIC: Robert Schumann, 1839, alt.

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For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

Welcome Visitors!

Nursery Care for children up to 2nd Grade is available in the Library

Children not in nursery care will be invited forward during the “Time with Our Children and Youth” for a brief time with the pastor, and then will be taken up to their Sunday School room by their teacher. Parents are welcome to come up with their kids if they would like.

You may place your offering in the offering plates as they are passed. If you would like to donate online you can use the QR code to the right to make your contribution to the church.



+We seek to use diverse images and liberating language about divine presence in our services of worship. Please feel free to adapt the words in hymns and prayers as needed so that they express your faith.

This is a Hearing Loop equipped sanctuary – please switch your hearing aid to the “T” (telephone) position.

*** An asterisk indicates** “please rise in body or spirit.”

We hope you will join us after worship for conversations and refreshments! Cookies and drinks are available in the front of the sanctuary.

Joys and Concerns– If you have a joy or concern that you would like to lift in prayer today, please complete a Prayer Request card (available by the worship bulletins) naming the person(s), situation or event, and any other information that you would like to be shared. The prayer requests will be collected during the hymn following the sermon and provided to the pastor.

This Week at Downtown United Presbyterian

Sunday, November 3

9:45AM Sunday Forum-Rev. Phil Davis-
On the Third Day: How We Got Here
10:00AM Worship Music Rehearsal
10:45AM Nursery
11:00AM Worship -Rev. Phil Davis
11:15AM Sunday School
12:00PM Coffee Hour in Sanctuary

Tuesday, November 5

Election Day

10:30AM Bible Study via Zoom

Wednesday, November 6

7:00PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 7

7:15PM Worship Team Mtg via Zoom

Sunday, November 10

10:00AM Worship Music Rehearsal
10:45AM Nursery
11:00AM Worship -Rev. Phil Davis
11:15AM Sunday School
12:00PM **50th Anniversary Luncheon**

Tuesday, November 12

10:30AM Bible Study via Zoom
6:30PM Deacons Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, November 13

4:00PM DEIB Mtg via Zoom
7:00PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 14

5:00PM Finance Team Mtg via Zoom
7:30PM Property Team Mtg via Zoom



DUPC Sunday Forum
~ *November 2024* ~

“The Intersection of Religion and Politics”

November 3
**On the Third Day:
How We Got Here**

Rev. Phil Davis

November 10
No Sunday Forum
50th Anniversary Luncheon

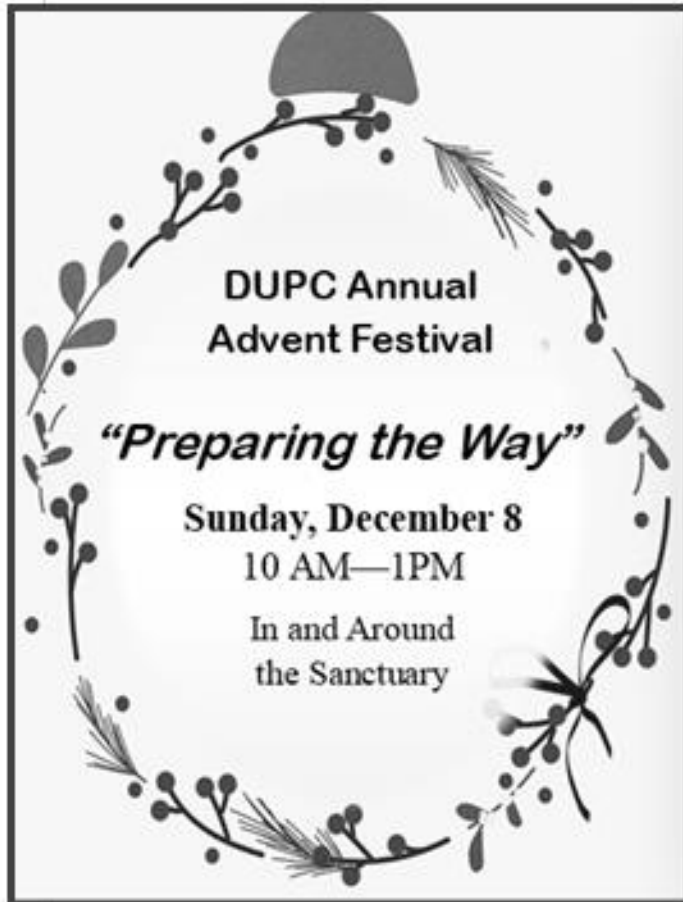
November 17
No Sunday Forum
Food and Kinship Worship

November 24
**Trying to Make Sense of
Christian Nationalism**

David Lee

Sundays, 9:45 AM ~ The Shaw Room

Save The Date!



More Details Coming Soon.

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