



DOWNTOWN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Earth Is the Lord's

November 10, 2024, 11:00 AM

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Prelude	What a Friend We Have in Jesus	Arr. Dale Wood
Words of Welcome		Rev. Phil Davis
Announcements		

Become so anchored in Christ that the chaos around you does not produce chaos within you.

Introit

Unity

Moone/Washington

Please join in the refrain:

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

*Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 146)

Amy Genge

Leader: From generation to generation, the Holy One has loved justice and righteousness, lifted the broken and bowed, and opened possibilities for the dejected.

People: Help, hope, and happiness are of the Holy One, who reigns forever. Trust the Holy One!

Leader: When the power brokers, corrupt systems, and tools of violence have failed us, the Holy One has remained faithful to abiding love and abundant liberation.

People: Help, hope, and happiness are of the Holy One, who reigns forever. Follow the Holy One!

Leader: Praise the Holy One with song and dance, in spirit and in truth, for God's glory and for life abundantly!

People: Help, hope, and happiness are of the Holy One, who reigns forever. Praise the Holy One!

Invocation

Leader: Living God, we offer you praise in your presence. We give you thanks for life in this community. Some come seeking. Others come assured. Some have questions. Others simply want company. Whatever our reasons for gathering, may they all lead us to an encounter with you, your grace, and your way. Infuse us with your power, forged in love, so that we might be encouraged and respond as agents of your kingdom on earth. Amen.

*Hymn

This Little Light of Mine American Negro Spiritual

1. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. . .

2. Jesus gave it me. . .

3. I've got the light of freedom. . .

4. All around the world. . .

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

All: God of mercy and possibilities, forgive us for clinging to the measures of success and security in our world rather than trusting in the abundance of your creation. Help us to recognize the kingdom coming and our role as participants in your realm. Liberate us from the bonds of consumerism, scarcity, and self-centeredness, and make us vessels of your love come alive in the world. Amen.

Words of Grace

Leader: Beloved, you are inheritors of the kingdom of God. You receive riches beyond compare. The Holy One journeys with you and enables you to grow in grace, peace, and contentment.

Scripture

Hebrews 9:24-28

Matthew 5:14-16

Time for Young Disciples

Music for Reflection

Even When God is Silent

Kim André Arnesen

"I believe in the sun even when it's not shining.

I believe in love even when I feel it not.

I believe in God even when God is silent."

Text: Anon. found written on a wall at a concentration camp following WWII

Scripture

Psalms 127:1-5

Sermon

The Earth Is The Lords'

Rev. Phil Davis

*Hymn

Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS

(Verses 1-2, 4-5, Music may be found on page 8.)

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

Draw Us Near: A Hymn for Peace

Joel Thompson

*"This song we sing is our hearts' vow to you, O God of peace.
Please send your Dove, your Spirit of Love, to help our torments cease.
The world is tired of war and blood and fear,
The tears we've cried, the pain inside: O Spirit, draw us near.
So keep us true to our hearts' vow to show the world your love.
May bias wane and joy remain as we sing to You above.
We pray, O God, You take away our fear,
The tears we've cried, the pain inside: O Spirit, draw us near."
Text: Joel Thompson*

*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

*Hymn

O God, Who Gives Us Life
(Music may be found on page 10.)

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*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Improvisation on This Little Light of Mine

*Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

Thank you to:

Liturgist: Amy Genge

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

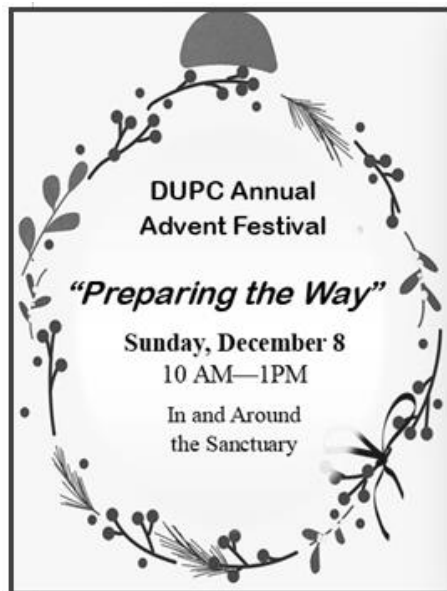
Bass: Rob Brown, John DeHority, Elijah Gebers,

Alan Jones, Stephen Lloyd, Sumner Tessier

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

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Save The Date!



More Details Coming Soon.

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.

Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)
C7 F C F B^b C Dm



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
F C F Dm7 Gm C



safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (F#m) (Bm)
Gm C7 B^b F Am Dm



how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

(Em) (A) (D) (G)
Gm C F B^b



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

Although it was written for a church dedication, this text is not about a physical structure but a spiritual one. The building is at best only a vessel for the essential love and hope, life and faith, peace and justice, hospitality and nurture that form the worshipping community.

Refrain

(D) (G) (F#7) (Bm) (Em) (Bm)
F B^b A7 Dm Gm Dm



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;
bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:

(F#m) (Em) (D) (Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
Am Gm F Gm C7 F B^b F



all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

This Week at Downtown United Presbyterian

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
6:30 PM 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

Friday, November 15

10:30AM Friday Book Group via Zoom

Sunday, November 17

10:00AM Choir Warm-up
10:45AM Nursery
11:00AM Worship -Food and Kinship
11:15AM Sunday School
7:00PM Sophia Circle via Zoom

53 O God, Who Gives Us Life

1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,
 2 O God, who calls your peo-ple out to ven-ture and to dare,
 3 O God of cov-e - nant and law, re - vealed in cloud and flame,

who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:
 to plumb the bleak a - byss of doubt and find you e - ven there:
 your might - y deeds e - voke our awe; we dare not speak your name.

de - liv - er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.
 when we de-spair in wan - der-ing through wastes of emp - ty lies,
 Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your peo - ple prove,

Help us to know your Spir - it still is mak - ing all things new.
 re - fresh us with the liv - ing spring of hope that nev - er dies.
 as on our hearts you write a - new the cov - e - nant of love.

Christians often fail to appreciate how much we can learn about God from the Hebrew Scriptures. This text draws on a variety of passages that call attention to God's faithfulness toward the Chosen People and the promise of a new covenant written on the heart (Jeremiah 31:31-34).



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

The Downtown Church Staff

Keisha Betts, Office Administrator
Cheryl Bittle, Weekend Receptionist
Jason Cloen, Associate Musician
The Rev. Philip B. Davis, Sr.,
Stated Supply Pastor
Eileen Dietsch, Director of Operations
Alan Jones, Associate Musician
Clifford Lampley, Shift Supervisor
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Robin Shultz, Sunday School Teacher
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Lee S. Wright, D.M.A.,
Director of Music Ministry

Parish Leaders

Mary Rees – Clerk of Session

Henry Ehindero, Cindy Hamilton, Jacque Hancock co-Moderators of Deacons

Session

The Rev. Philip B.
Davis, Moderator
Nancy Brown
David Lee
Bob Richane
Sally Allison
Sam King

Jim Vesper

Pat Tweet

Mary Rees

Deacons

Bob Carlisle
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