14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 29, 2021 9:30 am

Gathering as God's Family

Words of Welcome

Prelude Like a Shepherd

arr. Roger House

Call to Worship

Gracious God, forever seeking us:

open our minds to the truth of your care.

Open our hearts to the gentle power of your love.

Open our lips to share stories of faith.

Open our lives to do justice and show kindness.

Open our mouths to sing boldly and loudly your praises.

*Hymn 267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

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Prayer of Confession

Ever present God,

you set the rhythms of our life

yet we schedule them full leaving little or no time for you.

Free us from the things that busy our time

and take us away from our relationship with others,

with ourselves, and with you.

Guide our lives as we live not only for our survival,

but live a flourishing life and still have time for the well being of others around us.

Let our actions and our thoughts be a sign we are living out our faith.

(Moment of Silent Reflection and Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the Good News of the Gospel!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Proclaiming God's Word

First Scripture Lesson: Psalm 84

Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 543

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Anthem

The Lord is My Shepherd David and Janet Fryling

Henry Smart

Time with the Children

(Children watching at home are invited to approach the screen while young ones here may join the pastor on the chancel steps.)

Second Scripture Lesson: Daniel 6:10-18

Sermon "A Winsome Witness" Becca Bateman

Responding to God's Word

Concerns of the Church

(Persons nearest the center aisle are asked to sign and pass the Act of Friendship pad toward the outside aisle. Please keep the cover open as the pad is returned.)

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

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.

Offering of Our Gifts and Lives

(To give online or via text message, click the "Give" tab at the top of our website.)

Offertory

Entrance of the Queen of Sheba from Solomon G.F. Handel, arr. H.B. Fisher String Ensemble

*Congregational Response 607 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Going Forth in God's Name

*Hymn 291 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness SPIRIT

*Benediction

*Postlude Fugue in D major J.S. Bach

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Welcome to Worship!

Whether in-person or joining us from home, we are glad that you are with us!

Worship Notes:

- **Preaching today** is Becca Bateman, candidate for Associate Pastor for Education and Family Ministries. **Lay Leader:** Jay Stough. **Assisting Pastor:** John Willingham.
- Let's Connect! Do you have a Prayer Request? Would you like to share a joy or concern with the pastors, or other members of your DPC family? We want to hear from you! Visit www.dtownpc.org and click "Connect" at the top of the page to contact us or scan this QR code with your smart phone camera. This is also the place to learn more about our various ministries, programs, mission efforts and the many ways that you can get involved.



- The **flowers** are in loving memory of my mother, Marie Stough, by Jay and Jodi Stough.
- Today's Call to Worship is taken from UKirk Ministries, Evangelism and Church Growth, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Louisville, KY.

Congregational Meeting. The Session has called for a congregational meeting to take place immediately following worship service today. The purpose of the meeting is to act upon the recommendation of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee and extend a call for the position of Associate Pastor for Education and Family Ministries to the Reverend Becca Bateman. If you cannot be here in person, you can participate and vote via Zoom. direct link: bit.ly/DPCMeeting Meeting ID: 848 2645 6130, Passcode: 281714. Visit dtownpc.org/events/beccabateman for a glimpse of Becca's journey of faith.

To learn more about DPC, we invite you to visit our website at www.dtownpc.org where you'll find all the latest information on ministries and events including:

- Retreat to Sandy Cove, MD! Sept. 21-23. Join us as we enjoy the beautiful setting and spiritual growth at Sandy Cove a health-conscious, mask-optional environment. More are signing up for this wonderful all-ages getaway each day so reserve your spot today. Extended deadline is now September 10.
- Stay tuned for the exciting **new version of The Tidings** coming to your email and our website in the coming days. Included will be details of our wonderful programs, ministries, and classes set for the fall season.

NOMINATIONS for Ruling Elders and Deacons

The Nominating Committee will soon consider candidates to begin their service in June of 2022

It is essential the committee recommend individuals who reflect the diversity of our congregation as these new officers will join with current ones in seeking the will of Christ for all of the matters before us. As prescribed in the *Book of Order*, we seek able, gifted persons of strong faith and dedicated discipleship because of their trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, Your perceptions as to fellow members who possess such gifts are essential to the committee's work. If you have a recommendation of someone (including yourself), complete this form and place it in the offering plate, drop off at the church office or talk with any member of the Nominating Committee: Bill Bishop, Riley Blore, Mary Claire Jensen, Price Jones, Abby Kube, Holly Mullin, Dick Mumuagh, Mary Lee Reiff (moderator), or Deirdre Shaffer.

Candidate's name.
Consider for the office of:
Ruling ElderDeacon
Offices held at DPC and other committee,
activity or mission involvement:
Additional comments:
Your name:

We are grateful for your help in identifying the next group of faithful individuals whom God is calling to serve in our church.



Be a bridge for Christ and a beacon of His love

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