#### September 5, 2021

### Gathering as God's Family

Gathering Music

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Happy are those who meditate on wisdom and reflect in their heart on her ways and ponder her secrets.

Let me hear what you will speak when I turn to you in my heart.

Heed the counsel of your own heart, and above all pray to the Most High that you may be guided in the way of truth.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God! For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

Prelude

Love Medley

Marilyn Ham

Psalm 51

Prayer of Confession

Have mercy on me, O God, according to our steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone have I sinned, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Create in me a clean heart, O God and put a new and right spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth will declare your praise.

(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

Old Testament Lesson: Daniel 6:19-28 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**  Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 827

Anthem

Andante from Violin Concerto in E minor, Op. 64 Eileen Telly, violin; Jason Moore, piano

Felix Mendelssohn

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.)

\* Those who are able, please stand

New Testament Lesson: Acts 12:1-11

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 131

Sermon

"A Long Obedience in the Same Direction"

Pauline Sexton

# 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 Blessed Assurance with Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring arr. Cynthia Dobrinski Joyful Bells

\*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 Forch in God's Name

 \*Hymn 177
 I Will Come to You
 YOU ARE MINE

 \*Benediction
 \*Postlude
 Fugue in Eb
 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!

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

- Worship in the Street! Mechanics Street will be transformed into a setting of
  praise and song as we gather for outdoor worship on September 19 at 9:30 am! Our
  monthly food drive will also happen on this day so please bring your donations.
  There will be no "drive-by" collection.
- Season of Change! DPC's Fall offerings including adult and youth ministries, vocal choirs and musical ensembles are about to kick off! Check our website for all the details.
- We invite you to explore the **new version of The Tidings!** Check Saturday's email or visit <u>www.dtownpc.org/tidingsfall2021</u> for details of our Fall programming, conversations with new staff members Jason Moore and Pastor Becca Bateman, as well as updates on all upcoming events and happenings!

#### Worship Notes:

- Lay Leader: Peter Christianson. Assisting Pastor: John Willingham.
- New Life! The rosebuds on the Communion Table celebrate the births of Colette Marie Vandegrift, born on August 31, to Sunny and Austin Vandegrift, proud DPC grandfather, Craig Garretson; Aleksandra Rose Mamedov, born on August 31, to Vladimir and Natalia Mamedov, proud DPC grandparents Suren and Svetlana Mamedov; and Declan and Finley Van Wagner, born on September 1, to Ryan and Amanda Van Wagner, proud DPC grandparents Bill and Candi Van Wagner.
- Christian Sympathy. The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Craig Garretson on the death of his wife Gina Garretson on August 28. We hold this family in prayer during their time of loss.
- 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 <u>www.dtownpc.org</u> 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 mom, Mildred Dienert by Darlene Crumley.

### **NOMINATIONS for Ruling Elders and Deacons**

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

Candidate's name:

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 Mumaugh, Mary Lee Reiff (moderator), or Deirdre Shaffer.

Deacon
her committee,
ment:

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



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