

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 29, 2023

10:30 am

Gathering as God's Family

Words of Welcome

Prelude

*Largo from Winter
Festival Ringers*

arr. Martha Lynn Thomson

Call to Worship

Psalm 100:1-2, 4-5

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness;

come into his presence with singing.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,

and his faithfulness to all generations.

*Hymn 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

Prayer of Confession

God our Judge,

we admit we have double standards.

We seek forgiveness for ourselves,

but fail to forgive others.

We seek relief for ourselves,

but fail to seek relief for others.

We seek leniency for ourselves,

but fail to show that mercy to others.

Forgive us, Mighty God, and help us to forgive,

showing others the same grace and mercy

that you have generously shown to us.

(a moment for Silent Reflection and Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the Good News of the Gospel!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Congregational Response 581

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

**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.

** Those who are able, please stand*

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 6:7-15

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 5

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

(Ushers will collect prayer request cards following the lesson.)

Anthem

Beloved
Youth Choir

Mark Miller

Time with the Children

(After the message, children ages four through third grade may leave for Children's Worship Time. Parents may pick up their children in Room 207, across the bridge following worship.)

Sermon

“The Heart of Christianity”

Dr. John Mulder

*Hymn 169

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

REST

*Affirmation of Faith

From “The Confession of 1967”

God's reconciling work in Jesus Christ and the mission of reconciliation to which he has called his church are the heart of the gospel in any age. God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation. The Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which all persons are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables them to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves. The new life finds its direction in the life of Jesus, his deeds and words, his struggles against temptation, his compassion, his anger, and his willingness to suffer death. The teaching of the apostles and prophets guides persons in living this life and the Christian community nurtures and equips them for their ministries.

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

At the River
Riley B., Vocal Solo

Aaron Copeland

*Congregational Response 606

Doxology

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

*Hymn 720

Jesus Calls Us

GALILEE

*Benediction

*Postlude

God of Grace

P. Manz

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Assisting: Becca Bateman **Lay Leader:** Gavin Jones

We welcome to our pulpit today, the **Reverend Doctor John M. Mulder**. John is an honorably retired member of Mid-Kentucky Presbytery, having served for 22 years as the President of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. John and his wife, Mary, are now part of DPC and we look forward to his message.

Today's **Prayer of Confession** is taken from *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching and the Arts*, Volume 56.1, p. 162. The **Affirmation of Faith** comes from our denomination's "Confession of 1967" which, at the time, was the first new creedal statement adopted by the Presbyterian Church in more than three centuries. It proclaims the life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ to be the pattern for the church's mission, calling on all Christians to be reconciled to God and to one another.

New Life! The rosebud on the Communion Table celebrates the birth of **Delilah Lorraine Hosey**, born on January 26 to Jessie and Max Hosey. The proud DPC grandparents are Tom and Ann Petro.

Christian Sympathy. Our sympathy is extended to Janet Roberto on the death of her mother **Norma Hockenjos** on January 24. We hold this family in prayer in their time of loss.

The **flowers** are given today in loving memory of Katie Lamb, our precious daughter and sister, on the occasion of her birthday, by Rick Lamb and Jonathan and Megan Craig.

Congregational Meeting. The Session has called for a congregational meeting to take place on Sunday, **February 5** immediately following the 10:30 worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to:

- Elect Deacons and Ruling Elders to the Class of 2024 and the Class of 2026
- Approve changes in the pastors' Terms of Call for 2023
- Receive the 2022 financial report and the 2023 operating budget

We will extend our usual Sunday worship livestream to allow you to view the congregational meeting. Comments or questions during the meeting can be emailed to dpc@dtownpc.org. The Livestream can be accessed by visiting www.dtownpc.org/watch-us-live. Whether in person or online, we encourage you to join us for what should be a brief, but significant time together.

SESSION

Moderator - John Willingham **Clerk** - Doug Barnett

Class of 2023

Geoff Fisher
Melissa Hauser
John Heisey
Sherri Hoynak
Gavin Jones
Price Jones
Jim Kmetzo
Mary Lee Reiff
Sharon Sager

Class of 2024

Doug Barnett
Tanner Benson
Glenda Childs
Judy Chang Cody
Jenny Danzis
Greg Jensen
Janice Thomas
Katie Toner

Class of 2025

Dave Buday
Christo Claassens
DeeDee Cox
Amy Edenson
Honor Ford
Kim Keller
Bob Maxwell
Kristen Roland

BOARD OF DEACONS

Moderator - Kathy McQuate

Class of 2023

Craig Clemente
Kelly Huggins
Joe Jewusiak
Kathy McQuate
Peggy Moore
Brian Shadle
Connie Waters
Cole Young

Class of 2024

Mark Chaikin
John Gwynne
Mike Paradiso
Dennis Parenti
Linda Schumann
Krista Spadt
Eileen Telly

Class of 2025

Sharon Cummings
Dot Fabian
Trip Fisher
Alyssa Lewis
Nancy Nelson
Carol Tettermer

CHURCH STAFF

John Willingham, *Pastor*

Becca Bateman, *Associate Pastor for Education and Family Ministries*

Pauline Sexton, *Pastoral Care Assistant*

Kira Adelman, *Nursery Worker*

Mina Choi, *Director of Youth Choir and Bells, Organist*

Megan Craig, *Interim Youth Director*

Sharon Cummings, *Children's Worship Time Instructor*

Ed Davila, *Custodian*

Marco Derro, *Maintenance Engineer*

Taylor Distel, *Nursery Worker*

Chris Graham-Rawlings, *Member Engagement Coordinator*

Mary Claire Jensen, *Hospitality Coordinator*

Elaine Keckeissen, *Office Manager*

Geri McMullin, *Director of Sunshine Singers (volunteer)*

Christian Menno, *Director of Communications*

Jason Moore, *Director of Music and the Arts*

Linay Richards, *Director of Finances and Operations*

Erin Rizk, *Mission and Community Outreach Director*

Candi Young, *Children and Youth Connections Coordinator*

MISSION PARTNER

The Reverend Jed and Mrs. Jenny Koball, Peru



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