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Service for the Lord's Day

January 9, 2022

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE..... *“Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine”* arr. Berry

MEDITATION

“What is true of an individual is also true for the church. Not only is conversion a matter of catching on to what God is doing. It may also be catching up to what God is doing.”

–Stephen Farris

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please register your attendance.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, some of us are discouraged
and long for your embrace.

Wash us with your love.

Some of us are weary,
weighed down by the desperation of this world.

Wash us with your hope.

Some of us are anxious
and seek refuge from chaotic lives.

Wash us with your peace.

Some of us are restless,
yearning for renewal or transformation.

Wash us with your grace.

However we come into your presence,
pour out your Spirit upon us.

Let us come to the waters of baptism.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN *“God Is Here!”* 409

*CALL TO CONFESSION

The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord!
Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.

Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body
of Christ.
We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from one another.
We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,
and show reluctance to welcome one another.
We allow the past to hold us captive.
In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin.
Fulfill the promises of our baptism
so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.

*SILENT CONFESSION

And let the people say, Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF GOD’S PARDON

Friends, hear the good news of the gospel. Before the world was made, we were chosen in
Christ to be part of God’s family. God calls us to new life in Christ, not just once but over
and over again.
Friends, trust in the Good News:
in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI 581

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Isaiah 43: 1-7
The word of the Lord! Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22
Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON “The Missing Years” Rev. Neill S. Morgan

*HYMN “Baptized in Water” 482

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

We invite you to use your smartphone, tablet, or computer to go to
darnestownpc.org, and click on “Give to DPC.” Or, you can mail a check to:
Darnestown Presbyterian Church, P. O. Box 3070, Gaithersburg, MD 20885

OFFERTORY “Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God” arr. Bock

*DOXOLOGY & PRAYER 609

*HYMN “Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun” 265

*BENEDICTION & RESPONSE “Great Are You, Lord” 614
Great are you, Lord: you are holy and just; by your power we trust in your love.
Great are you, Lord: you are faithful and true; by your mercy you prove you are love.
Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory! Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great are you, Lord. We lift up our voice; we lift up our voice: great are you, Lord!
Great are you, Lord!
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POSTLUDE “O Zion, Haste” arr. Berry

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Worship Leaders: Rev. Neill S. Morgan; Eric Waggoner, Music Director. The Lay Reader
today is Sarah Henderson. Alan Munter is the A-V and Internet Technician, and Erin Reed is
our Facebook Live tech.

Rev. Neill S. Morgan, Pastor
Mrs. Terrie May, Program Assistant
Mr. Eric Waggoner, Director of Music
Rev. Dr. Henry J. Postel, Pastor Emeritus

HYMNS

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1 God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.

2 Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.

3 Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here, as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.

4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive:
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!

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1 Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
heirs of salvation,

trusting the promise,
faithfully now God's praises we sing.

2 Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our King;
one with his rising,
freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praises we sing.

3 Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our King;
born of the Spirit,
we are God's children;
joyfully now God's praises we sing.

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1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name, like sweet perfume, shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

3 People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to loose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

5 Let every creature rise and bring
honors peculiar to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt. Music:Attr. John Hatton, c. 1793.

SRIPTURES

Isaiah 43: 1-7

¹But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
²When you pass through the waters, I will be
with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not
overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be
burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
³For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
⁴Because you are precious in my sight,
and honoured, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
⁵Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
⁶I will say to the north, ‘Give them up’,
and to the south, ‘Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
⁷everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.’

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and
all were questioning in their hearts concerning
John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John
answered all of them by saying, ‘I baptize you
with water; but one who is more powerful than I
is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of
his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy
Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing-fork is in his

hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to
gather the wheat into his granary; but the
chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’

²¹Now when all the people were baptized,
and when Jesus also had been baptized and
was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and
the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily
form like a dove. And a voice came from
heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with
you I am well pleased.’

Calendar of the Week

Sunday, January 9

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service, Online only

Monday, January 10

7:00 p.m. – Session Meeting via Zoom

Tuesday, January 11

7:00 p.m. – Circle for All via Zoom

Thursday, January 13

7:00 p.m. – Membership & Outreach, via Zoom

Adult Education

Sunday Morning Newcomers Class, “How to Speak Presbyterian” scheduled to begin today at 9am. has been postponed with the hope and expectation that we will soon be able to meet in person.

If you or someone you know is interested in the class, please let me know soon. You can email me at neill.s.morgan@gmail.com or call or text me at 903.814.9343. Whether you are already a member or are thinking about joining Darnestown Presbyterian, this class will deepen your understanding of our mission and ministry.

The class will include general information about Presbyterian theology, history, and form of government and also some information specific to our congregation – traditions, history, and how to get stuff done around here – all questions answered. Attending this class does not obligate anyone to join the church, but it will prepare you to make an informed decision about membership and how you might best use your gifts for God’s purposes.

I am planning for **ten classes on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m.** Though we receive new members and baptize throughout the year, Easter (which falls on April 17, 2022) is a traditional time for baptisms and joining the church. For those who wish to join the church, this class will prepare you to make that decision by Easter.

– Neill Morgan (903.814.9343)

Adult Class: Sarah Henderson will continue with the curriculum “Follow Me,” with the next session “Confess.” Please join Sarah and others on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. - **on Zoom** until further notice.



The Youth Group will be on winter break through today, January 9. It is our hope and expectation to be back to in person meetings very soon. Please stay tuned for more information on January activities. Updates will come via email and the weekly bulletins. Happy New Year!

– Terrie May

Book Club:

Read, Think, Dessert...
the DPC Book Club



This month we are reading a very interesting story by Kate Quinn, "The Rose Code " please join us, all are welcome- so bring a friend! The New York Times and USA Today best-selling author of The Huntress and The Alice Network returns with another heart-stopping World War II story of three female codebreakers at Bletchley Park and the spy they must root out after the war is over.

Meeting Date: **Tuesday, January 25**

Location: Gathering Space Time: 7:30 pm
Peggy Gardner will lead our discussion and Toni Robison will provide a dessert to share, this is always a fun time.

The Book Pick for February: “Cloud Cuckoo Land” by Anthony Doerr

Officer Training & the Ordination and Installation of Officers have been postponed until February.



Mission opportunity:
Support the Families at
Butterfly Ridge Elementary
School

Please join the **Mission Committee and DPW** by providing children at Butterfly Ridge Elementary School in Frederick, MD with much-needed clothing. The winter is particularly hard on children without proper clothing; we will gather **all sizes of boys and girls pants, sweatshirts, and socks appropriate for the weather.** Butterfly Ridge Elementary is a Title One school in Frederick County, MD with 48% of the families living below poverty level. This clothing can be gently worn but freshly laundered and in good condition. The children's sizes range from 4 to an adult medium for both males and females. You can drop it off in the bins outside the church entrance at any time. Thanks for your support!

Junior Church:

Junior Church will be **postponed** until we can meet in person for Worship.

Each week the email with the bulletin will continue to include a bulletin for the children. Please print it out for your children to use during Worship or throughout the week. **Until that time, please join us on Zoom for the Children's message** with Rev. Neill Morgan. The Zoom link is the same each week.
Topic: DPC Children's Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82939531417?pwd=aG50S1VUYmlZRTlwZkpQTWl3NjB5QT09>

Meeting ID: 829 3953 1417

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