



DAVIDSON COLLEGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 9, 2025

The large banner in the front of the sanctuary was made by our Wednesday Kids' Club, under the direction of DCPC artist Betsy Hazelton. The images are Chrismons, meaning "Christ monograms." They are symbols that signify Christ and remind us of Christ's identity, his story, and of the Holy Trinity.

Did you know the banners that hang in the Narthex (back of the church) and the paraments (cloths that hang from the pulpit and lectern) were made by our own Pidge Osborn? We are grateful for her gift of fabric artistry!

Throughout Black History Month, many of our musical pieces will be from the African American worship tradition.

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude Scherzo on "Nettleton" James Brooks Kuykendall

* Call to Worship Jeremiah 29

One: Thus says the Lord, "When you call upon me and pray to me,

All: I will hear you.

One: When you search for me,

All: You will find me.

One: If you seek me with all your heart,

All: I will let you find me."

One: Gathered here, seeking God with all our hearts,

All: Let us worship God.

* Hymn 401 Here in This Place GATHER US IN

Prayer of Confession

All: You have told us, loving God, what you dream of for us: wholeness in our hearts, bodies, communities, and relationships with you and one another. You have called us to make your dream a reality on earth for all your children. Yet too often we choose the easy way out. We look out for ourselves instead of loving our neighbors. We give up when the path towards wholeness seems too difficult. Help us, O God, to remember that when one member of your body suffers, we all do. Help us to carry one another's burdens as we all journey together towards you.

Our prayer continues in silent personal confession.

Declaration of Love

One: The good news is this: God is always at work bringing wholeness where there is brokenness. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Response of Praise, Hymn 792 BALM IN GILEAD

All Sing:

**There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.**

* Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Time with Children

African American

All Sing:

**He's got all the little children in his hands.
He's got all the little children in his hands.
He's got all the little children in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.**

Scripture

Luke 5:17-26

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Can You Imagine?

Caitlyn Zold

Responding to the Word

* Hymn 766

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

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Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

Offertory

Draw the Circle Wide

Mark Miller

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide. No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side. Draw the circle, draw the circle wider still. Let this be our song, no one stands alone! Standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

* Doxology

GUIDE MY FEET

All Sing:

**Praise our God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise the Son, all creatures here below;
praise the Spirit, now and evermore.
Singing praise to our God whom we adore.**

* Prayer of Dedication

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Taking the Word into the World

* Hymn 306 Blest Be the Tie That Binds DENNIS

Welcome of New Members (11:00)

DCPC is blessed to welcome the following people as new members of our community of faith: Michael and Ann Alves, Adam and Elizabeth Beam, Michael and Morgan Caridi, Caroline Flur, Jet Hallett and Linda Austin, Joe Johnston, Echol and Theresa Marshall, Rob Mills and Martha Venter, Vance and Betty Morgan, Ginny Newell, Allen Reinke, Ryan and Davenport Robinson, John and Mary Rymer, Scott and Jen Steiger.

* Benediction

* Benediction Response Amen African American

All Sing:

Amen. Amen. Amen, amen, amen.

* Postlude Dix Craig Phillips

Worship Leaders

Preacher – Caitlyn Zold

Liturgists – Deborah Conner, Molly Duncan (8:45), James Dula (11:00)

Musicians – David Brinson, Sarah Allred, Chancel and Geneva Choirs, Soloists Julie Alexander and Chris Ahearn

Technology – Bill Hatfield (8:45), Brad and Trish Jones (11:00) and Ben Slay

Greeters – Peggy Pond, Van and Anne Crawford, Judy Grissom, Lin and Jeanne Snowa

Ushers – Lewis Barber, Steve and Susan Donnell, Matt and Holt Merrell

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Davidson College Presbyterian Church is part of the [PC\(USA\)](#). As a member of the [Covenant Network of Presbyterians](#), we are a welcoming, affirming, and inclusive faith community where all are one in Christ. We are a Matthew 25, Earth Care and Stephen Ministry congregation on the corner of campus and community. Our congregation celebrates partnerships in Christ with the Sigona Presbyterian Church in Kikuyu, Kenya; and the Kilambe communities in Jinotega, Nicaragua; and Blythe Elementary School in Huntersville, NC. Together we seek to grow in witnessing to Christ in a complex world and to learn more about how to respond as disciples to the great needs of the world. Our sanctuary stands on lands once occupied by the indigenous communities of the Catawba people and our first worship space was built with bricks made by enslaved people. We remember them to God as we honor and recognize them in worship.

Children in Worship

Children are always welcome in worship. Children's worship bags and bulletins are available at the entrances.

Childcare for infants through age 6 is available next door in the Watson building room 119 until our renovation is complete.

Hearing Assistance Devices

Our devices are available in baskets at each entrance to the sanctuary. Each receiver pack has one of two cords: a simple in-ear piece and a T-Coil neck loop. If you need assistance, please see a worship leader.

Pew Cushions

A limited number of pew cushions are available for worshipers with back issues in the narthex.

Narthex Bathrooms

The bathrooms in the narthex (the entry way from the campus, at the back of the sanctuary) are all-gender bathrooms.