



DAVIDSON COLLEGE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Service for The Worship Of God

1st Sunday of Christmas

January 1, 2023

11:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

PRELUDE Away in a Manger Betty Roe

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God of God, Light of Light, true God of true God,

All: We bless you.

One: Object of the Magi's search, subject of Simeon's song,
fulfillment of the Baptist's preaching,

All: We bless you.

One: Mary's son, Joseph's son, God's only Son,

All: We bless you.

One: Giver of all good gifts and companion on
our journey,

All: We bless you and worship you with great joy.

*HYMN 143 Angels from the Realms of Glory
REGENT SQUARE

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light
of the world, to reveal your love for all people.**

**We confess that our selfishness and pride
sometimes hide the brightness of that light. We
stay when you call us to go. We hold on when you
ask us to share. We think only of ourselves when
you invite us to serve others. As we unwrap your
presence and experience your love more and**

more in this new year help us know the joy of loving you by loving one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Time for Silent Prayer

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

One: God's mercy is like rain that waters the earth; like a blanket that covers us when we are cold; like a loved one who welcomes us home. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God for the gift of God's love!

SONG OF PRAISE Hymn 113, *Refrain

GLORIA

All Sing:

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: The gifts of the season remind us of God's abundance and care. In God's loving presence we have peace with God and with one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hearing the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Holy One, giver of all light, lift up our hearts and minds in Christ, the morning star that never fades. By the light of your Holy Spirit reveal to us your Saving Word and lead us to offer our lives to you in service and in love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Like a Child

All Sing:

like a child love would send to reveal and to mend, like a child and a friend, Jesus comes. like a child we may find claiming heart soul and mind, like a child strong and kind, Jesus comes.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-15

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Unwrapped Presence

Robert Alexander

Responding to the Word

HYMN 137

He Came Down

HE CAME DOWN

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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.

Words of Institution

Distribution of Elements

Musical Offering

Away in a Manger

CRADLE SONG

Prayer after Communion

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

*HYMN 134

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Angels From the Realms of Glory

Martin Setchell

Leading and Assisting in Worship:

Robert Alexander, preacher; Caitlyn Zold, liturgist;
Sarah Allred, David Brinson, Chancel Choir, music.

Life at DCPC **Worshiping**

Please let us know you are watching the service today by signing the fellowship pad or go to the QR code in the bulletin or at each entrance.

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.

Support DCPC



Fellowship Pad



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

Childcare for infants through kindergarten is available in room 14 weekly from 8:30 am – Noon. A comfort room is available next door for nursing, napping babies, and hearing the 11 am service on WDAV.

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

Narthex Bathrooms The bathrooms in the narthex (the entry way from the campus, at the back of the sanctuary) are now all gender bathrooms. This change will make them both more welcoming and inclusive and also more efficient.

Lingle Chapel Our chapel is open 24 hours a day for those who seek stillness.

Giving

10 Cents a Meal will be collected today. This is an important ministry of our presbytery to combat hunger in our area by supporting many local charities. If you will enjoy a nice lunch after church, please consider thinking of families who struggle with food insufficiency by adding your donation to the red baskets by the doorway. Thanks!

Thank you! If you gave to DCPC this year, you provided housing for homeless neighbors this winter, including two pregnant women. If you gave to DCPC this year, you provided a place where children and youth are supported during a time of unprecedented mental health struggles. If you gave to DCPC this year, you provided music that inspired someone to love more faithfully. And if you gave to DCPC this year, you built up our community in love at a time when so many things divided us. Thank you! If you would like to make a gift you may visit dcpc.org and find the giving tab or place a donation in the offering basket at the front of the sanctuary.

Learning

Sunday School for ages 0-110 at 9:45 am on Sundays. Children and adult classes are cancelled on New Year's Day. See you when we begin again on January 8.

4th & 5th Graders Join us on January 16, for a field trip to Hope House Foundation. 9 am – 1 pm. Sign up on Realm or by calling the church office. 704-892-5641.

1st Graders You are invited to the Worship & Sacraments Class which begins January 8 at 9:45 am. Registration is required so we can prepare materials.

2nd & 3rd Graders We will have special classes for you in February. 2nd grade Prayer Class and 3rd grade Bible Class. Mark your calendar and look for more details in soon.

Wednesday Afternoon Classes begin January 11. Kindergarten - 5th Graders meet at the church for music and Bible 4 – 6 pm. Please register on Realm or by calling the church office.

Winter Wednesday Bible Study – Jonah & Ruth: Lessons for Our Fractured World. Join learners on Wednesday Morning at 10:00 am in Room 216 or via Zoom for a 9-week study of Jonah & Ruth, starting Wednesday, January 11, 2023. Participant books are \$22.00. Contact jryan@dcpc.org to register.

New Year, New Insights It is often very hard to understand the situation in the Holy Lands when it comes to Palestinians, Israelis and the land they both claim. Join Peter Henry and John Ryan for a look at these competing claims and the historical reasons for them through a study of the book *We Belong to the Land* by Melkite priest and Israeli-Palestinian Father Elias Chacour. Let Peter (pHenry@dcpc.org) or John (jryan@dcpc.org) know of your interest. They will organize the study after January 22, based on the schedules of interested parties.

All Adult Sunday School The Adult Ministries Committee invites DCPC members to an all-church school event on Sunday, January 8 at 9:45 am in the Congregation House where Davidson College's Bob McKillop, in his new role as Leader-in-Residence, will talk about his faith, his basketball career and his new position at the college. All are welcome.

Serving

The Davidson Housing Coalition (DHC) works with our community to preserve and create affordable housing options, and to prepare families and individuals for financial stability and homeownership. Our congregation has a long relationship with DHC, providing significant financial support over many years. In addition, many DCPC members have been involved with DHC and some have served and continue to serve DHC in leadership positions. DHC provides several affordable rental housing units. One of these facilities that has gotten much attention recently is called the Bungalows where 32 families now live. These units are expected to go up for sale sometime in 2023. Uncertainty about the future of the property, recent rent rate increases, and other associated issues are causing anxiety among the residents living there. There has been reporting about this in the local press, including the Charlotte Observer, the Lake Norman Citizen and the College Davidonian. The Community Mission Committee invites members of DCPC to meet with DHC leadership to better understand what has been happening, and where things might be going. Please join us in the Congregation House at 3 pm on Sunday, January 8.

Volunteers Needed We are excited that DCPC has a regular monthly date to serve at Angels and Sparrows Community Table! We are scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month. We are responsible for providing seven volunteers. Please see the date, jobs, and time slots by clicking [here](#), and sign up for what works for you. If you have questions, please contact Holly Frisbie at (336) 918-6351 or hyfrisbie@gmail.com. Thank you for helping to provide our neighbors with a hot meal, personal conversation, and groceries for a few days!



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Davidson College Presbyterian Church is 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.