

11:00 a.m.

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 19, 2025
GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

The tall colorful banners in the Sanctuary and Chapel represent our international partnerships with the Sigona Presbyterian Church in Kenya and the Kilambe communities in Nicaragua. They have identical banners in their worship spaces. You can learn more about our partnerships at dcpc.org or scan this QR code.



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Nnung Yay Dah translates to "I believe, I believe, my mother's child, I believe."

Prelude

* Call to Worship

One: The ageless mountains are full of your glory, the vast seas swell with your might, the shining skies expand beyond our imagining, so we pause to praise, we wait in wonder, we listen to learn of the mountain glory within us, of the sea force in our veins, of love's shining infinity. Grant us the grace, O God, to serve this inner universe of soul among us. Amen.

* Hymn 645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above MIT FREUDEN

Prayer of Confession

Our prayer of confession includes the following call and response:

One: God of grace.

All: Forgive us.

One: For failing to love others as you have loved us . . .
For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods . . .
For plundering the earth and abusing the planet . . .
For fearing those who are strange to us and ignoring those in need . . .
For losing heart and abandoning hope . . .
For all the ways we turn from you . . .
We offer our prayers in the name of the One who saves us,
Jesus Christ.

Please continue your prayers in silence.

Declaration of Love

One: Hear the good news! As people born of water and the Spirit we have died to the old life, and a new life has begun. God's grace is poured out upon us day by day. Come to the water and remember your baptism. Be thankful, and live as one who has been raised to new life. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

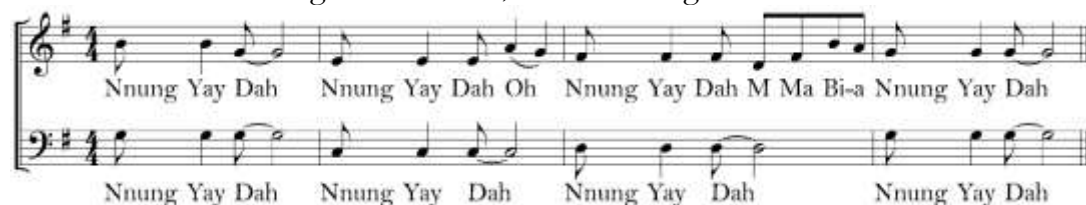
All: Thanks be to God. Amen!

Song of Praise

Nnung Ye Dah

Corey Nelson

Sing when invited; 4 times all together



The Belhar Confession is one of three statements of faith from the 20th Century in our Book of Confessions. It comes out of the apartheid-era in South Africa and speaks to the reconciliation and unity to which the Church is called. This is a translation of the original Afrikaans text of the confession as it was adopted by the synod of the Dutch Reformed Mission Church in South Africa in 1986. In 1994 the Dutch Reformed Mission Church and the Dutch Reformed Church in Africa united to form the Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa (URCSA). This inclusive language text was prepared by the Office of Theology and Worship, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).



- * Passing of the Peace
 - Lectern Side:** The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
 - Pulpit Side:** And also with you.
- Welcome and Announcements
- Minute for Mission
- Stewardship

HEARING THE WORD

- Prayer for Illumination, No. 283
- WA EMIMIMO
- All Sing:**
 - Wa wa wa Emimimo; wa wa wa Alagbara; Wao, wao, wao.**
 - Come, O Holy Spirit, come; Come, almighty Spirit, come;**
 - Come, come, come.**
- Time with Children
- All Sing:**
 - He’s got the whole world in his hands.**
 - He’s got the whole world in his hands.**
 - He’s got the whole world in his hands.**
 - He’s got the whole world in his hands.**

- Scripture
- Luke 18:1-8
- Musical Offering
- Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown
- Thomas Gibbs
- Scripture
- Genesis 32:22 - 33:9
- Sermon
- Wrestling with the Consequences
- Peter Henry

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

- * Hymn 833
- O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go
- ST. MARGARET
- * Affirmation of Faith
- Belhar Confession
- Section 3.1-2
- All:** **We believe: that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world; that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker; that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells that God’s lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity; that God’s lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.**



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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.

Childcare &

Children's Sunday School

Children are invited to Sunday School, 9:45-10:45 a.m. Come hear Bible stories, make friends, have fun, and learn! Classes for infants through Preschool are on the lower level. Children in TK/Kindergarten through fifth grade are on the upper level. Please check in at a kiosk prior to drop off to receive name tags.

Childcare for ages 0-6 is available in room 14 weekly from 8:15 am – 12:15 p.m. A comfort room is available in Room 13 for nursing, napping babies with a live stream of worship.

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.

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