

8:30 a.m.

Reformation Sunday

October 26, 2025

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

* Call to Worship from Psalm 65

One: O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas.

**All: By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded
with might.**

One: You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves,
the tumult of the peoples.

**All: Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your
signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening
shout for joy.**

* Hymn 401

Here in this Place

GATHER US IN

Prayer of Confession

**All: Holy God, we often resist your call to love our neighbors. We
judge others without acknowledging our own weakness. Our
judgment is often skewed by our fear and prejudice. We seek to
do good, but our efforts are thwarted by our lack of
compassion. We depend on your mercy as we confess the ways
we have hurt others, especially those closest to us. Please
forgive us for what we have done and what we have left
undone. Renew a right spirit within as we seek to follow you
and live as forgiven people.**

Please continue your prayers in silence.

Declaration of Love

One: Hear the Good News! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

All: The old life is gone; a new life has begun.

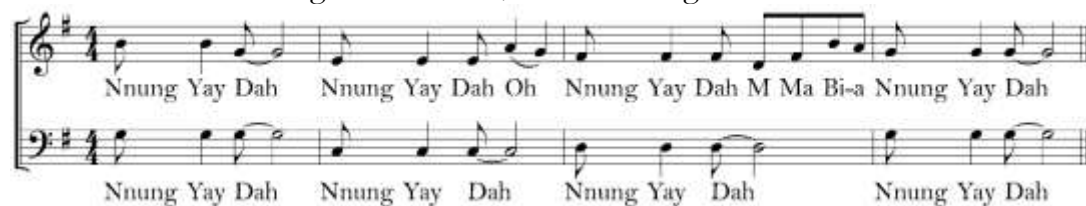
One: Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

All: Amen.

Song of Praise

Nnung Yay Dah

Corey Nelson

Sing when invited; 6 times all together

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.



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

Use this QR code to fill out the online friendship pad.



Today is Reformation Sunday, when churches in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and other members of the Reformed denominations celebrate the day in 1517 when Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany. This marked the beginning of the break between the Roman Catholic church and the Protestant churches. For more about the Reformation and Reformation Sunday, go to <https://pcusa.org/historical-society/history-online/history/reformation-sunday>

We are invited to make an offering in response to God's grace and love and to Jesus' call to care for one another. You can use the QR code below or place your offering in offering plate.

* Passing of the Peace

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

All: **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Stephen Ministry

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

All: **Lord of all, as scripture is read and proclaimed, open our ears, our minds and our hearts to hear what you have to say to us today. Humble us in your presence so nothing stands in the way – not pride, not distraction, not weary hearts. May your Word reach us and transform us. Amen.**

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 18:9-14

Sermon

Depending on God's Mercy

Deborah Conner

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People and 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.**

Minute for Mission

Congregational Care

Offertory

Rain Down

Graig Kingsbury

*Rain down your love on your people. Rain down you love, God of life
Faithful and true is the word of our God. All of God's works are so worthy of trust.*

God's mercy falls on the just and the right; full of God's love is the earth.

God will protect us from darkness and death; God will not leave us to starve.

*God of creation, we long for your truth; you are the water of life that we thirst. Grant
that your love and your peace touch our hearts, all of our hope lies in you.*



Why do you give?
 What member,
 ministry or
 moment motivates
 you to support
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 Committee know
 why you give to
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 out a slip of paper
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 and putting it in
 the offering plate.
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 Links** for things
 like worship
 greeting and
 ushering,
 fellowship event
 registrations,
 service
 opportunity
 information and
 registrations, and
 more.

* Doxology
 All Sing:
 Halle, halle, hallelujah!
 Halle, halle, hallelujah!
 Halle, halle, hallelujah!
 Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

HALLE, HALLE

* Prayer of Dedication

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* Hymn 275 A Mighty Fortress EIN’ FESTE BURG
 * Benediction
 * Postlude

Worship Leaders
Preacher – Deborah Conner Liturgists – Margie Utley, Ed Wadsworth and Caitlyn Zold Musicians – David Brinson, Sarah Lynch, Geneva Choir Greeters/Ushers – Doug Fitzpatrick Tech – Bill Hatfield, Ben Slay The Bibles in our pews are the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV), originally produced in 1989 as an update to the 1952 Revised Standard Version (RSV). The pastors and readers are now using the New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition (NRSVue) in worship. Published in 2021, the NRSVue incorporates new manuscript discoveries, particularly for the Hebrew Bible, and the latest insights from biblical scholarship. It features clearer, more inclusive language and greater cultural sensitivity compared to prior versions, with over 12,000 substantive revisions to the original NRSV. You can learn more about the NRSVue with this QR code.



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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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