



DAVIDSON COLLEGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

8:45 and 11:00

Epiphany

January 5, 2025

The banners in the Sanctuary 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. Learn more about our partnerships at our website or use this QR code.



Tomorrow, January 6, is Epiphany. It was the earliest of the Christian holidays to celebrate the birth of Jesus. It was originally a day to celebrate the revelation of God's light to the Gentiles through the visit of the Magi and then later to remember the birth and baptism of Jesus, as well. Christmas did not arrive as a separate holiday until the 300s CE, several centuries after the birth of Jesus.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude O Little Town of Bethlehem Wilbur Held

* Call to Worship

One: Arise, shine; for your light has come!

All: The glory of God has risen upon us.

One: Tell the good news throughout the earth:

All: the saving grace of Jesus Christ is for all.

One: Come and adore the Savior of the nations.

All: We offer the gifts of our lives to the Lord.

* Hymn 150

As with Gladness Men of Old

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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 sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and pour out the gifts of your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

Our prayer continues in silent personal confession.

Declaration of Love

One: Light dawns on the weary soul, declaring that in Christ, everyone is a new creation. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Response of Praise, Hymn 110, vs. 3

Love Has Come

All Sing:

Love has come and never will leave us!

Love is life everlasting and free.

Love is Jesus within and among us.

Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.

Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas.

Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

* Passing of the Peace

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

All: And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

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



Please use this QR code to make an online gift to support our ministries. When you do so, you are impacting the lives of neighbors near and far, including Cuba, Nicaragua, Kenya as well as Huntersville and Cornelius.



Our communion bread is all gluten-free and our juice is non-alcoholic. All who seek a taste of grace are welcome to receive communion today.

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

All: Holy One, giver of all light, lift up our hearts and minds to 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 Children

Away in a Manger, vs. 3

MUELLER

All Sing:

**Away in a manger no room for a bed.
The little Lord Jesus lay down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky look down where he lay.
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

Scripture

Ephesians 1: 3-14

Scripture (11:00)

John 1:1 9-14

Sermon

All Means All?

Peter Henry (8:45)
Bishop Will Willimon (11:00)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Offertory

* Doxology

What Child is This (verse 3)

GREENSLEEVES

All Sing:

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, one and all, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high.
The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary!**

* Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to Communion

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

If you are interested in learning more about our technology ministries, please contact David Brinson. If you are able to operate a mouse or a joystick, you would be perfect. If you are interested in learning more scan the QR code.



One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

TAKING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

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| * Hymn 151 | We Three Kings | KINGS OF ORIENT |
| * Benediction | | |
| * Postlude | God Rest Ye Merry | Wilbur Held |

Worship Leaders

Preacher – Peter Henry (8:45), Bishop Will Willimon (11:00)
Liturgists – Robert Alexander (8:45), Van Lear Logan (8:45) and Carol Pagelson (11:00)
Musicians – Sarah Allred, Chancel (11:00) and Geneva (8:45) Choirs
Technology – Bill Hatfield (9:00), Brad and Trish Jones (11:00) and Ben Slay
Greeters – Bev Mitchell
Ushers – Lewis Barber, Steve and Susan Donnell, Joel Ritchie

Our guest preacher today is the Rev. Dr. Will Willimon, Professor of the Practice of Christian Ministry at Duke Divinity School. A bishop in the United Methodist Church, Professor Willimon served as the dean of Duke Chapel and professor of Christian ministry at Duke University for 20 years. He returned to Duke after serving as the bishop of the North Alabama Conference from 2004 to 2012. He has taught in Germany, Singapore, New Zealand, and Australia in various seminaries. He is a trustee of Wofford College, Emory University, and serves on the Dean's Committee of Yale Divinity School.

Willimon is the author of over 70 books. His *Worship as Pastoral Care* was selected as one of the 10 most useful books for pastors in 1979 by the Academy of Parish Clergy. More than a million copies of his books have been sold. His articles have appeared in many publications including *Theology Today*, *Interpretation*, *Liturgy*, and *Christianity Today*. He is editor-at-large for *The Christian Century*. His book *Pastor: the Theology and Practice of Ordained Leadership* is used in dozens of seminaries in the United States and Asia.

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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.