



Davidson College Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

Today is Palm Sunday in the worship season of Lent, a period of reflection in preparation for the celebration of Easter. Purple is the worship color for Lent. Worship services during this season often include elements like a kyrie (see bulletin) and special liturgies (words used in worship).

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. Learn more about our partnerships at our website or use this QR code.



Gathering Around the Word

Prelude (8:45)	All Glory, Laud, and Honor	Johann Pachelbel
(11:00)	Palm Waltz	David Brinson

* Call to Worship

One: On this day, Jesus marched

All: in between the city walls and the temple, in between joyful Hosannas and doubtful whispers, between oppressive poverty and greedy power, between rampant fear and hope unfurled.

One: On this day, Jesus marched between what had been and what could be.

All: So may we meet Christ in that liminal space. May we lay down our coats in that messy middle.

One: Hosanna in the highest.

All: Hosanna in between!

* Hymn 196

All Glory, Laud and Honor

VALET WILL

Prayer of Confession

All: Great Creator, forgive me when I speak before listening, when I speak over my neighbor, when I speak with barbed words. Creator God, forgive me when I listen to society, when I listen to my friends, when I listen to the news, but I do not listen to you. Creator God, forgive me when I shout out, but do not shout your name, when I listen, but do not listen for your voice. Forgive me. Create in me a heart like yours.

Our prayer continues in silent personal confession.

Kyrie, Hymn 437 You are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!

WAYFARING

All Sing:

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

You are the Christ, giver of mercy!

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

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Declaration of Love

One: Friends, whether or not you stuck to your Lenten goals this year, whether or not this is your first time in church or your thousandth time, whether or not you know to speak to God or listen for God's voice, God listens to you. God is merciful. God is abounding in steadfast love. There is nothing you could do or leave undone that could keep God from loving you. So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

All: We are seen. We are heard. We are loved. We are forgiven. Not a day goes by that we ever walk alone. Hosanna in the highest!

* Passing of the Peace

One: Jesus Christ has broken down the walls that separate us, so that we might meet with one another in the middle. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

One Great Hour of Sharing

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

One: Speaking God, most days we are inundated with noise. Some of it is good—laughter, music, storytelling. Some of it is hard—arguments, slurs, the sound of bomber planes. Every day we live between silence and shouting, rotating through quiet and noise. So in the midst of this messy middle, help us to hear what is yours. Help us to hear your song, your story, your good news. Help us to hear your voice, your Spirit, your will. And show us how to release the rest. We are listening. Amen.

Time with Children

JESUS LOVES ME

All Sing:

Jesus loves me, this I know. For the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong. They are weak but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.

Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.

Musical Offering (11:00) Filled with Excitement

David Brinson

Scripture

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Peter Henry

Responding to the Word

* Hymn 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

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* Affirmation of Faith

All: We believe that many years ago a peaceful parade wove its way through the streets of Jerusalem. We believe that on that day the people cried out, longing and praying for a better world. We believe that these longings came from a place of deep hope, and we believe that hope cannot be silenced. So we listen for the Spirit. We sing Hosanna. We pay attention. For in between the silence and the song, we believe the Spirit is speaking. Amen.

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.

Offertory Lift Up Your Head, O Ye Gates William Mathias

* Doxology, Hymn 35, v. 3

LOBE DEN HERREN

All Sing:

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore him.

* Prayer of Dedication

Taking the Word into the World

* Hymn 215

What Wonderous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

A Ministry of Hospitality (11:00)

* Benediction

Dedication of the Burris Space (11:00)

* Postlude

Worship Leaders

Preacher – Peter Henry

Liturgists – Marguerite Williams

Minute for Mission–Rick Britton

Musicians – David Brinson, Sarah Allred, Chancel and Geneva Choirs, Panbyterians

Technology – Bill Hatfield (8:45), JD Densmore, Ben Slay (11:00)

Greeters – Anne Crawford, Judy Grissom, Bev Mitchell,

Mary Muchane (11:00)

Ushers – Ann Alves, Holt Hathaway and Matt Merrell, Joel Ritchie (11:00)

Our art, theme and words for worship during this season of Lent come from A Sanctified Art.

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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.

We provide free childcare for ages 0 to 6 in Room 14, which is in the lower level of the Main Building.

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.