

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER 1, 2024

LIFE AT DCPC

Welcome We are delighted you are worshipping with us today. If you would like more information about our ministries, read below or visit dcpc.org.

Please let us know you are worshipping with us. Sign the friendship pad or scan the QR code.



WORSHIPING

For Our Children Worship bags and children's bulletins are available at each entrance. Older children and youth are invited to use the Worship Notes sheet. In the middle of the sanctuary, we have a table with quiet supplies to keep young hands busy while listening. Children may stand at the table with parents sitting behind or in front. Clipboards give the option to take something to another location. Please help leave spaces and materials tidy.

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

Advent Crafts You can find at-home Advent craft supplies in the Burriss Welcoming Center this Sunday, December 1. There is something for children, youth and adults!

Hearing Assistance Devices are available in baskets at each entrance to the sanctuary. If you need assistance, please see a worship leader. We also have Bluetooth capability.

Coffee, Cocoa and Tea We have free refreshments, including Summit Coffee, available Sundays after worship in the Burriss Gathering Space. Those drinks and conversation are through the doors at the front of the sanctuary.

LEARNING

Adult and Children Sunday School Classes resume meeting in the main church building and Congregation House. Adult Sunday School rooms are: Connections – 201, Covenant - Congregation House ABC, Jubilee – 216, Maloney – 215. Meanwhile, the Pines Class meets in the Davidson Room at the Pines while Screen and Scripture meets in the Youth Lounge of the Congregation House.

Children's Sunday School Faith formation for children is at 9:45 a.m. Maps with room locations are throughout the building. Grades 1-5 are on the upper level and birth through Kindergarten/TK are on the lower level.

Youth No Youth Group tonight, but we are watching *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever!* Check out dcpcyouth.org to find out where and when.

Advent Studies There are two different Advent study opportunities for you in November and December.

- **Monday evenings**, at 6:30 pm (in-person only), join Sarah Allred, David Brinson, Peter Henry and John Ryan for an Advent study of Handel's Messiah. Register via Realm by scanning the QR code.



- **Saturday mornings**, starting Nov 30 at 10:15 am in the Davidson Room, The Pines. This study is OPEN to all, not just Pine's residents. Contact John Ryan to register.

LOVING

Advent Lunch The Fellowship Committee is hosting a soup, salad, and sandwich luncheon at noon on December 15 including a cookie-decorating station. Adults are \$6, children \$3 with a family maximum of \$15. RSVP by calling the church office, Realm or with the QR code here.



Service of Remembrance and Hope Join us for a service to remember loved ones and to hear words of hope through scripture, music, and prayer today, December 1st, 3:30 pm, in Lingle Chapel.

GIVING

Countless Gift of Love- 2024 Stewardship

Season Thank you to the 261 households who have made a pledge for 2025. Over half of our pledges are increases. Thank you! Is this your year to step up your plans to give? Or maybe this is the year to make your first gift? Thank you to everyone who supports our ministries. Extra pledge cards are in the Narthex (back of the church) and online at dcpc.org.

Planned Giving Thank you to the members and friends of DCPC who have made our future ministries part of their estate planning. If you would like to learn more about joining our Legacy Endowment Fund, contact Trish Jones in the office. pjones@dpc.org.

SERVING

Angel Tree Snow Angels - Bless a senior member of our community with a holiday gift basket/box. The contents should not exceed \$50. Pick up a card on the Angel Tree in the Burris Gathering Space and deliver back there by December 13.

Alternative Gifts to Western NC or Sigona Academy in Kenya

Give a gift in honor of a loved one to bless a family recovering in Western NC and/or our partners in Kikuyu, Kenya. [Click Here](#) or scan the QR code for more information or visit www.dcpc.org. Gift cards are available for recipients.



2024-25 Room in the Inn Season Is About to

Begin Our Room in the Inn Season begins Friday, December 13th. We partner with Roof Above in Charlotte to host 10 guests every Friday night in the Congregation House. We pick them up in Charlotte and bring them back to a home-cooked meal, warm beds, laundry, breakfast, and



a bag lunch. Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to learn more and to sign up for one of the weekend spots between December 13 and March 28. Reach out to Robert Alexander at ralexander@dcpc.org to learn more.

Christmas Decorations The church will be decorated with flowers and fresh greenery for the Advent season beginning on December 6. If you would like to make a gift in honor or memory of someone to help purchase these decorations, please fill out the form located in the narthex and return it to rboggs@dcpc.org or the church office, along with your check no later than Monday, December 13. An acknowledgment of all gifts will be included in the bulletin on December 22.

Dec. 15 Gift Service Christmas Pageant The Gift Service is a beloved, annual worship service led by our middle and high school students. They tell the Christmas story through Scripture, song and drama. This year the Gift Service is once again a musical pageant. It is at 11:00 a.m. on December 15. and worshipers are invited to bring canned goods for local food pantries. This tradition of gifts for hungry neighbors is decades old and a reminder that to love Jesus is to love our neighbors. **Priority needs are:** Canned Meat – tuna, chicken, salmon; Canned Fruit – no sugar added or in juice; Canned Vegetables – no salt added or low sodium; Pasta – canned or dry boxed; Cereal – whole grain. We cannot accept food items that are unsealed, expired, loose, without a product name and ingredient label, or in glass.

Confirmation Projects Several of our recent confirmands are collecting items for our neighbors as their confirmation projects. From Katherine Worley- I am collecting **blankets to send to Montreat Presbyterian Church for hurricane relief**. From Margot Tate and Allison Martin- we are partnering with the Odd Sock to collect new and gently used socks. The Odd Sock's mission is to bring love and hope to heart's, warmth and protection to the feet of the poor, orphaned, widowed and homeless. Collection bins for both groups are in the Main Building and Congregation House. Thank you for your generosity!