



Davidson College Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

10:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 2, 2025

This is US Sunday and Children's Sabbath

Gathering Around the Word

The banner in the Sanctuary reminds us of our partnership with the Sigona Presbyterian Church in Kenya, including its elementary school.

We also have a banner made by our Wednesday Kids' Club, under the direction of DCPC artist Betsy Hazelton. The images are Chrismons, meaning "Christ monograms." They are symbols that signify Christ and remind us of Christ's identity, his story, and of the Holy Trinity.



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Prelude

* Call to Worship

One: Come to worship everybody!

All: **Let's worship God because he created us and loves us.**

One: Our parents told us to worship.

All: **Let's pray, sing, listen, and give as we were taught.
Let's worship God.**

* Hymn 611

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

Prayer of Confession

All: **God, we confess our sins. We are not perfect, and we can't be, but we can definitely do better. Jesus, help us not disobey the Lord. Holy Spirit, help us to help people who are homeless and in need of love.**

Our prayer continues in silent personal confession.

Declaration of Love

One: When we say "I am sorry," Jesus says "I forgive you." Which means it is time to stand taller and work harder. Jesus needs us to be ready to love more. We are forgiven.

All: **Hooray! Thank you, God.**

Response of Praise, Hymn 188

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.

* Passing of the Peace

One: There are a lot of angry and scared people in the world. When we are part of the life of Jesus, we can have peace instead of that anger and fear. The peace of Jesus be with you.

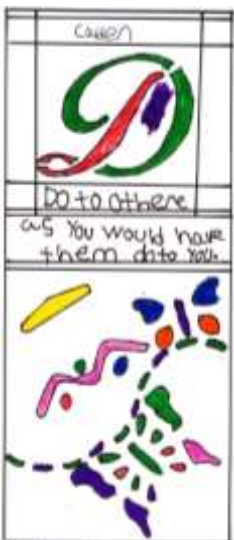
All: **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

Today we are presenting Bibles to some of our third graders. They are taking a special class in February to learn about where the Bible comes from, who wrote it and more. Did you know the oldest biblical manuscripts were discovered in the 1940s and 1950s? And the first Christian book of the Bible is 1st Thessalonians?

Throughout Black History Month, many of our musical pieces will be from the African American worship tradition.

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Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

All: O Great Teacher, thank you for letting us learn from the Bible, especially about being respectful, kind, and a good helper. Help us to be good leaders in the world. Help us to use our abilities to do good in the world. God, help us to figure out right from wrong. Thanks and amen.

Time with Children

All the Little Children

African American

All Sing:

**He's got all the little children in his hands.
He's got all the little children in his hands.
He's got all the little children in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.**

Presentation of Third Grade Bibles

Musical Offering

O How I Love Jesus

Frederick Whitfield

DCPC Children's Choir and Weekday School

Scripture

Luke 4: 16-19 and Luke 10: 25-28

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Scripture

Luke 10: 25-28

Sermon

Bathrobes and Wardrobes

Peter Henry

Responding to the Word

Sacrament of Baptism

Offertory

The Lord is My Shepherd
Children's Choir

Anonymous

* Doxology

Guide My Feet

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All Sing:

**Praise our God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise the Son, all creatures here below;
praise the Spirit, now and evermore.
Singing praise to our God whom we adore.**

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

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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.

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.