



DAVIDSON COLLEGE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Service for The Worship Of God

Baptism of the Lord

January 8, 2023

8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

PRELUDE Communion on "ADORO TE DEVOTE" John Barr

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the beginning, at creation, the Spirit hovered over the waters of the deep.

All: In the waters of the flood, God cleansed the earth and humankind.

One: God caused the waters to part so that Israel could cross from slavery to liberation.

All: God formed Jesus in the waters of Mary's womb.

One: Jesus taught us how to live by washing his disciples' feet in water.

All: Drinking water from a well, Jesus met a Samaritan woman, the first person to recognize that he was the Christ.

One: Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus, the Christ. God meant for Jesus to be the firstborn in a large family. Praise be to God!

*HYMN 757 Today We All are Called to Be Disciples

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God, you show no partiality, yet we are not always as tolerant and accepting. Forgive our intolerance, and help us to see as you see, that we may be found acceptable in your sight through Jesus our Christ. Amen.

A Time for Silent Prayer

***DECLARATION OF LOVE**

One: God's mercy is like rain that waters the earth; like a blanket that covers us when we are cold; like a loved one who welcomes us home. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Praise God's holy name.

***SONG OF PRAISE**

Glory to God

All Sing:

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall
be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever
shall be. Amen.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: After creation, stillness lay upon the earth and God rested. Peace came upon all. At our new creation, God's gifts came upon us. Peace is among those gifts. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hearing the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Still-speaking God, as these words from Scripture are read, may it be to us as if the heavens are opening, and we see your Spirit descending on us like a dove, revealing your love for us as your children. Amen.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 42: 1-9

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Light-Hearted Service

Peter Henry

Responding to the Word

(11:00) *HYMN 432

How Clear is Our Vocation Lord

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Today the Session of Davidson College Presbyterian Church ordains and/or installs the following members as officers at DCPC and in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). As deacons: Crissie Abell, Kristin Clark, Fahad Firdausi, Will Frisbie, Whittier Henry, Diedre Litzenberger, Graham Todd, and Amanda Wheeler. As elders: Ann Browning, Marjorie Burris, John Cock, Jr., Emma Dulin, Mike Hogan, Mary Muchane,

Tina Piephoff, Laurie Sepulveda, Ron Sewell, and Elizabeth-Ann Wieber.

OFFERING

(8:45)

Take My Life

Chris Tomlin

(11:00)

The Gift of Love

Hal Hopson

*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

All sing:

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

***Bearing and Following the
Word into the World***

*HYMN 69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Finale

Janet Correll

Leading and Assisting in Worship:

Peter Henry, preacher; Robert Alexander, liturgist;
Sarah Allred and Chancel Choir with Sue Britton (11:00)
and Geneva Choir (8:45), music.

About Ordination and Installation of Officers

When members become officers at a local Presbyterian Church (USA) congregation, they become officers in our denomination. The ordination and installation of offices is the conclusion of a process that begins with the Nominating Committee and includes election by the congregation and examination by the Session (ruling elders). As part of that process, they profess their faith with affirmative answers to the following questions:

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline?

Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

(Ruling Elder) Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

(Deacon) Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Officers are elected by and serve the local congregation. Therefore, the following questions are asked of members of the church in worship:

Do we, the members of the church, accept these fellow members as ruling elders or deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

Life at DCPC

Worshipping

Please let us know you are watching the service today by signing the fellowship pad or go to the QR code in the bulletin or at each entrance.

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.

The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Lois James by her family.

Children are always welcome in worship. Children's worship bags and bulletins are available at the entrance.

Childcare Care for infants through kindergarten is available in room 14 weekly from 8:30 am – Noon. A comfort room is available next door for nursing, napping babies, and hearing the 11 am service on WDAV.

Pew Cushions A limited number of pew cushions are available in the narthex for worshipers with back issues.

Narthex Bathrooms The bathrooms in the narthex (the entry way from the campus, at the back of the sanctuary) are now all-gender bathrooms. This change will make them both more welcoming and inclusive, as well as more efficient.

Lingle Chapel Our chapel is open 24 hours a day for those who seek stillness.

Loving

Wednesday Dinners are Back beginning January 11. Buffet-style dinner starting at 5:45 pm in the congregation house. Sign-up on Realm (go to the QR code) or call the church office. Reservations must be made each week by Tuesdays at noon.



Organ at Davidson Our organ series continues with Katie Ann McCarty and David Brinson. This recital is free in-person and online on January 16, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. Visit www.OrganAtDavidson.org for more information.

Learning

4th & 5th Graders Join us on January 16, for a field trip to Hope House Foundation. 9 am – 1 pm. Sign up on Realm or by calling the church office. 704-892-5641.

1st Graders You are invited to the Worship & Sacraments Class which begins January 8 at 9:45 am. Registration is required so we can prepare materials.

2nd & 3rd Graders We will have special classes for you in February. 2nd grade Prayer Class and 3rd grade Bible Class. Mark your calendar and look for more details in soon.

Wednesday Afternoon Children's Classes Will resume January 11. Kindergarten - 5th Graders meet at the church for music and Bible 4 – 6 pm. Please register on Realm or by calling the church office.

Winter Wednesday Bible Study – Jonah & Ruth: Lessons for Our Fractured World. Join learners on Wednesday Morning at 10:00 am in Room 216 or via Zoom for a 9-week study of Jonah & Ruth, starting Wednesday, January 11, 2023. Participant books are \$22.00. Contact jryan@dcpc.org to register.

New Year, New Insights It is often very hard to understand the situation in the Holy Lands when it comes to Palestinians, Israelis and the land they both claim. Join Peter Henry and John Ryan for a look at these competing claims and the historical reasons for them through a study of the book *We Belong to the Land* by Melkite priest and Israeli-Palestinian Father Elias Chacour. Let Peter (pphenry@dcpc.org) or John

(jryan@dcpc.org) know of your interest. They will organize the study after January 22, based on the schedules of interested parties. Books for this study are free.

All Adult Sunday School The Adult Ministries Committee invites DCPC members to an all-church school event **today, January 8, at 9:45 am in the Congregation House** where Davidson College's Bob McKillop, in his new role as Leader-in-Residence, will talk about his faith, his basketball career and his new position at the college. All are welcome.

Youth Group We're back! We're starting with dinner at 5:30 pm and Youth Group 6-7 pm, both in the congregation house. High schoolers are reconnecting to check in on the end of '22 and start of '23 while middle schoolers will be starting our mental health conversations by talking about anxiety. Get more details at dcpcyouth.org

Serving

The Davidson Housing Coalition (DHC) works with our community to preserve and create affordable housing options, and to prepare families and individuals for financial stability and homeownership. Our congregation has a long relationship with DHC, providing significant financial support over many years. In addition, many DCPC members have been involved with DHC and some have served and continue to serve DHC in leadership positions. One of these facilities that has gotten much attention recently is called the Bungalows where 32 families now live. Uncertainty about the future of the property, recent rent rate increases, and other associated issues are causing anxiety among the residents living there. The Community Mission Committee invites members of DCPC to meet with DHC leadership to better understand what has been happening, and where things might be going. **Please join us in the Congregation House at 3 pm on today, January 8.**

Volunteers Needed We are excited that DCPC has a regular monthly date to serve at Angels and Sparrows Community Table! We are scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month. We are responsible for providing seven volunteers. Please see the date, jobs, and time slots by clicking here, and sign up for what works for you. If you have questions, please contact Holly Frisbie at (336) 918-6351 or hyfrisbie@gmail.com. Thank you for helping to provide our neighbors with a hot meal, personal conversation, and groceries for a few days!



Giving

Thank You! Thank you to everyone who helped a neighbor in need, supported mental health for children and teens, provided resources and connections for parents, and who helped support a community that embodies love. You did all of this and more when you gave to DCPC in 2022. We will share more about our year-end giving but in the meantime, thank you for your acts of discipleship through faithful, generous giving.

Support DCPC



Fellowship Pad



Join us every
Friday/Saturday
through March.

Scan the QR Code
or visit dcpc.org
to learn more.

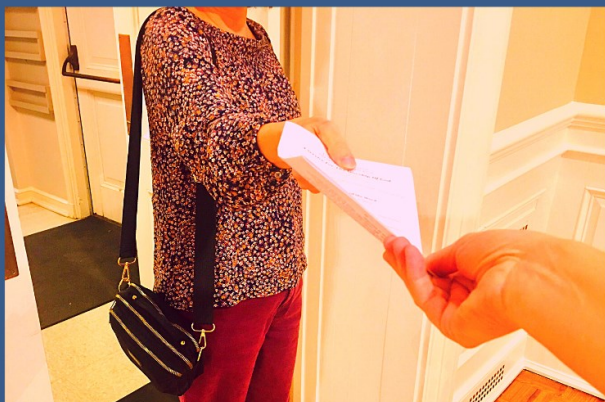


We need Ushers!

USHERS NEEDED for the 9:45 and 11:00 services.

Ushers hand out bulletins, help people find seating, and pass the offering plates.

If you are interested (we will train you),
please contact Rhonda Boggs at
rboggs@dcpc.org or 704.892.5641.



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Davidson College Presbyterian Church is 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.