



Davidson College Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025

Today is the first 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 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 Christ, Lamb of God J.S. Bach

Introit, Hymn 399 God Welcomes All THEMBA AMEN

* Call to Worship

One: Here in this place, we can ask big questions.

All: Who is my neighbor? How can I help? What do I have to learn? Where is God in it all?

One: Here in this place, we can ask big questions.

All: So may we listen. May we learn. May we stay curious, and may we look for God.

One: This is our invitation to lean in. Let us worship our holy God.

* Hymn God, You Meet Us in the Middle BEACH SPRING

Prayer of Confession

All: Holy God, you have told us to love our neighbors as ourselves, but we get tripped up on logistics. We want to know: who is our neighbor? Do we have to love the stranger? Must we have compassion for our enemy? Forgive our human tendency to create exceptions in the face of love. Rewire our hearts so that we might see the face of a neighbor in every stranger we pass. With hope we pray.

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!

Declaration of Love

One: Family of faith, when we set limits on love,

All: God loves extravagantly.

One: When we forget that we are neighbors,

All: God claims us as God's own.

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.



One: When we judge, hold back, or harm,
All: God surrounds us with grace.
One: There is nothing we can do or leave undone that could separate us from the love of God.
All: This is the good news of the gospel. Thanks be to God! Amen.

***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

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

One: Gracious God, we love to ask you questions. We love to throw our wonderings at the sky, to bring our curiosity to your feet, to examine, beseech, and imagine all day long. But when the answers come, we don't always like what we hear.
All: Awaken a curiosity in us. Awaken a penchant for listening, and make room in our spirits for your Word to land. With hope we question, we wonder, we dream, we listen. 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) The Travelin' Man Nancy Strang

Scripture Luke 10: 25-37

One: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn I Saw a Stranger KINGSFOLD

Sermon John Ryan

Responding to the Word

*** Affirmation of Faith**

One: Church, if God asked you, "Who is your neighbor?" what would you say?
All: We would say, every child, every person, every weeping willow, and every morning lark. Every freckled face, every wrinkled pair of hands, every tail-wagging dog, and every crisp ripe apple. We

would say, we are connected— to one another, to all of God’s creation. There are no strangers in God’s house. We are all family here.

One: I think God would delight in that answer. For it is said, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,

All: with all your soul,

One: with all your strength,

All: with all your mind,

One: and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

All: We believe. Help our unbelief. 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 (8:45)
(11:00)

The Travelin’ Man
Drifting

Nancy Strang
Jordan Morrison

* 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 769

For Everyone Born

FOR EVERYONE BORN

* Benediction

* Postlude

Breslau

Brian Solomans

Worship Leaders

Preacher – John Ryan

Liturgists – Peter Henry, Colleen Bosak (8:45), Matt Walt (11:00)

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

Technology – Bill Hatfield (8:45), Gordon Clark, Ben Slay (11:00)

Greeters – Sue Farina, Bev Mitchell, Mark and Nancy Siljander (11:00)

Ushers – Lewis Barber, Lyn Dodillet, Beth and Gus Succop (11:00)

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

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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.

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