



DAVIDSON COLLEGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

8:45 and 11:00

First Sunday of Advent
Light Dawns on a Weary World

Dec. 1, 2024

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

The banners in the Sanctuary 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.



Prelude Adeste Fidelis Charles Ives

Lighting the Advent Candle- Hope

All Sing:

**The trees shall clap their hands;
the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy,
and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.**

*Hymn 88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel VENI EMMANUEL
Sing verses 1,2,6,7

Prayer of Confession

All: God of hope, your voice calls across the centuries and echoes through the ages. Yet we often miss your call because we are too busy. We allow the noise of our lives to cover the sound of your voice. Forgive us for cluttered, noisy lives. Have mercy on us for choosing distraction over discipleship. If we would quiet all other voices, we would hear your word of hope. And having been strengthened by that hope, we would assist the weary and weak. Help us to be people of hope, so that others would see the light of your love.

Our prayer continues in silent personal confession.

Declaration of Love

One: Light dawns on the weary soul, declaring that in Christ, everyone is a new creation. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Response of Praise, Hymn 100 Refrain

My Soul Cries Out

All Sing:

**My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.**

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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.



- * Passing of the Peace
One: 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: **Send your Spirit, O God, to illumine our path and light our way. Strengthen us to follow Jesus, so that we will run and not be weary, walk and not faint. Amen.**

Time with Children Prepare the Way of the Lord Jacques Berthier
All Sing:
Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord, and all people will see the salvation of our God.

Scripture Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Sermon Your Time is Coming Peter Henry

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Offertory Of the Father's Love Begotten Robert Lind
For lyrics, see hymn 108.

- * Doxology What Child is This (verse 3) GREENSLEEVES
All Sing:
**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, one and all, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high.
The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary!**

* Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord**

If you are interested in learning more about our technology ministries, please contact David Brinson. If you are able to operate a mouse or a joystick, you would be perfect. If you are interested in learning more scan the QR code.



One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.**

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

TAKING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

- * Hymn 87 Comfort, Comfort Now My People GENEVAN 42
- * Benediction
- * Postlude Prepare the Way, O Zion Paul Manz

Worship Leaders

Preacher – Peter Henry
Liturgists – Robert Alexander, Susan Manning (11:00) and Elizabeth Mills (8:45)
Advent Candle Lighters – The Parker Family (8:45), Bill DuBose and Will DuBose (11:00)
Musicians – David Brinson, Sarah Allred, Chancel and Geneva Choirs
Technology – Bill Hatfield (9:00), Brad and Trish Jones (11:00) and Ben Slay
Greeters – Jennie Clifton
Ushers – John Byer, Jane McLean, and Joel Ritchie
DCPC Instrumentalists – Marty Metzker, Robert Alexander, Merle Schuh, Graydon Tate, John Tate, Rick Britton, Bill Dodds, Van Crawford, Al Sudduth

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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.