

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER 15, 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.

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 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 Tonight is the last Youth Group of 2024! We'll be winding down the year and the holidays and saying goodbye. Small group leaders will let you know more, since they're keeping Matt in the dark. It's happening tonight in the Congregation House 5:30-7 pm.

The Christmas Eve Rehearsal and

Party Elementary children are invited to join us Wednesday December 18 from 4-6 p.m. in the choir room. This is an opportunity to help lead worship during the 3 p.m. family-oriented service. We have roles for children to speak and to sing in the children's choir. Please sign up on Realm so we can get a count for pizza. Contact Jenny Alexander or Sarah Allred.



First Grade Worship & Sacraments Class Why and how do we worship? What is so important about baptism and communion? Children will explore these topics and make their own keepsake clay chalice to use in communion. Sign up today on Realm or by calling the church office. This is the Milestone class for our first graders, a special DCPC tradition. Contact Jenny Alexander with questions. We begin January 5.



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**, 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.

GIVING

Countless Gift of Love- 2024 Stewardship

Season Thank you to the 281 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? Thank you to everyone who supports our ministries.

Extra pledge cards are in the Narthex (back of the church) and online at dcpc.org.

Year-End Giving DCPC relies on robust year-end giving to fulfill our commitments to our neighbors and one another. In addition to cash, checks and credit cards, members also give through stock transfers and IRAs. Yes, IRAs. The IRA charitable transfer is a great way to make a gift. Consider making the most of your IRA as you plan your required annual minimum distribution. Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) are gifts to charities made directly from an individual retirement account. This is an easy, tax-advantaged way for you to bless others through the ministries of DCPC. Your giving goes as far away as Kenya and as close as your fellow worshiper on the pew. Thank you for your generous giving. Contact Trish Jones (pjones@dcpc.org) for more information about stock and IRA transfers and go to www.dcpc.org to give online.

LOVING

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 Our Room in the Inn Season has begun. 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.



SERVING

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. Today at 11:00 a.m. 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 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!