



DAVIDSON COLLEGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

8:45 a.m.

Third Sunday of Advent
Light Dawns on a Weary World

Dec. 15, 2024

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.



Thank you to Jane Avinger, Stephanie Glaser, and Linda Griffith and everyone who helped decorate our sanctuary. Greenery is an ancient, pre-Christian holiday form of decoration. It connects us to ancestors who sought signs of life in the darker months of the year.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude O Come, O Come Immanuel Henry S. Coffin

Lighting the Advent Candle- Joy

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 92 While We are Waiting, Come WAITING

Prayer of Confession

All: In your presence, Holy God, we confess that we need repentance. We have broken your commands against idolatry. We do not live in peace with your creation or your people. We have not trusted your word, and we are afraid. Forgive us, restore us, and turn our shame into praise, for the sake of the One who proclaims the Good News and for the sake of all the world.

Our prayer continues in silent personal confession.

Declaration of Love

One: There is so much good news to be shared! And what God wants you to know the most is that you are loved, now and forever.

All: Rejoice! Rejoice! God's love is here.

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.**

* Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

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.



Minute for Mission

Caring for the Caregiver Class

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

All: Holy Word, you are our guide and ultimate assurance. By your Holy Spirit, open us to your promises and commands and shower us again with the fire of your love. Amen.

Time with Children Merry Thank You Christmas Gus Succop

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 Luke 3: 1-9

Sermon Commas Save Lives Peter Henry

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* Hymn 100 My Soul Cries Out STAR OF THE COUNTY

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our prayers of the people includes the following call and response.

One: God, you are in our midst.

All: Renew us in your love.

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 Miracle of Love Chris Tomlin
Members of Sunday Union

* 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

TAKING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* Hymn 134

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

* Benediction

* Postlude

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.



Worship Leaders

Preacher – Peter Henry

Liturgists – Robert Alexander

Advent Candle Lighters – Members of Sunday Union

Minute for Mission – Cambria Nielsen

Musicians – Sunday Union

Technology – Bill Hatfield, Ben Slay

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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.

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.