



# DAVIDSON COLLEGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

8:45 & 11:00 a.m.    Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost    Sept. 15, 2024

### In the Garden of the Holy Spirit

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Galatians 5: 22

### TILLING AND WEEDING THE SOIL

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.



#### Question:

How do you fix a cracked pumpkin?

*Answer on page 3.*

Prelude (8:45)	Prayer	Léon Boëllmann
(11:00)	Introduction-Minuet	Léon Boëllmann

#### \* Call to Worship

One: Come, while the dew is still on the grass.

**All: We are here, Lord Jesus.**

One: Come, as the flowers open to the sun.

**All: Strengthen us, O God.**

One: Come, join the chorus of creation.

**All: Teach us to sing your praises, Holy Spirit.**

* Hymn 15	All Creatures of Our God and King Verses 1, 2, and 4 only	LASS UNS
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#### Prayer of Confession and Silent Confession

**All: Your call is clear, O God. Do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with you. It sounds good. And it is. It sounds simple. It is. And it sounds hard. Which it is. So rather than dig deep and seek your strength for the hard work of kindness, we choose to make it easy on ourselves. We look away, we keep silent, and we think, "Someone else will be kind this time." Forgive us for being kind-of-kind. Have mercy on us for mediocre mercy.**

*Please continue your prayer in silence.*

#### Declaration of Love

One: Come taste and see that the Lord is good. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**All: Praise be to God. Amen.**

#### Response of Praise

CANTEMOS AL SEÑOR

#### All Sing:

**We lift our praise anew, our hearts again rejoicing.**

**With joy and peace we sing, for your grace you are employing.**

**O Spirit fruit you bring, with kindness gently leading.**

**In faithfulness and love, with our thanks your ways we're**

**heeding. Alleluia, alleluia. Let's sing unto the Lord, alleluia!**

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\* Passing of the Peace

One: God’s kindness is full and faithful. In the light of such love, we can be at peace and share it with others. May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

*Please exchange greetings with one another.*

Welcome and Announcements

## PLANTING AND WATERING THE SEED

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Ephesians 4: 29-32

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.**

Song I’m in the Vine Robert Alexander

I’m in the vine with roots and a trunk and branches and leaves.  
When I make fruit oh which kind will it be?  
Will it be the kind of fruit I want people to see.  
Here’s the kind of fruit I want it to be.  
I want love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,  
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Musical Offering (11:00) Gracious Spirit, Dwell in Me K. Lee Scott  
Chancel Choir

Scripture 2 Samuel 9: 1-13

Sermon The Legacy of Kindness Peter Henry

## RETURNING THE FIRST FRUIT

\* Hymn 749 (11:00) Come, Live in the Light! WE ARE CALLED

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.**

Today's prelude, offertory, and postlude come from Léon Boëllman's Suite Gothique, Opus 25, written in 1895.

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.



Answer:

With a pumpkin patch.

Offertory (8:45) Best of All Friends K. Lee Scott  
Geneva Choir  
(11:00) Prayer Léon Boëllmann

\* Doxology Praise to God the Father DA N'ASE

**All Sing:**

**Praise to God the Father; praise to God the Son;  
praise to God the Spirit: praise to the Three-in-One.  
Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.  
Praise to God Almighty; praise to the Holy One.**

\* Prayer of Dedication

## SHARING THE HARVEST

\* Hymn 300 We are One in the Spirit THEY'LL KNOW

\* Benediction The Aaronic Blessing (Numbers 6)

\* Benediction Response The Trees of the Field

**All Sing:**

**You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;  
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;  
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field  
will clap, will clap their hands.  
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;  
the trees of the field will clap their hands;  
the trees of the field will clap their hands  
while you go out with joy.**

\* Postlude Toccata Léon Boëllmann

*I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower....  
I am the vine, you are the branches. -John 15: 1,5*

### Worship Leaders

Preacher – Peter Henry

Liturgists – Robert Alexander, Lyn Dodillet (11:00), and Haley Todd (8:45).

Musicians – David Brinson, Sarah Allred, Geneva Choir (8:45) and Chancel Choir (11:00)

Technology – Rich Byrd (11:00), Fahad Firdausi (11:00), and Ben Slay

Greeters – Marjorie Burris, Van Crawford, Judy Grissom and Anne Wright

Ushers- Christy and Fritz Kramer, Jane McLean, and Catherine Tingelstad

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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.