



DAVIDSON COLLEGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

11:00 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.



We are now in the season of Advent. Advent is a season of waiting as we proclaim the hope, peace, joy and love we have in Jesus Christ. The worship color for Advent is blue and the season is often marked with candle lighting, as with our Advent wreath.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

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| Prelude | Away in a Manger Silent Night Go Tell It on the Mountain Preschool and Children's Choirs | MUELLER STILLE NACHT GO TELL IT |
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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.**

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| * Hymn 121 | O Little Town of Bethlehem | ST. LOUISE |
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Opening Prayer

All: God of Joy, help us to smile with delight and shine brightly with joy. In a world where so many faces look down, lift ours up so that we can see those who need joy. After seeing them, help us to share the joy we have in Jesus.

Our prayer continues in silent personal confession.

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| Prayer Song | Away in a Manger, v. 3 | MUELLER |
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All Sing:

**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay.
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us for Heaven to live with thee there.**

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.

* 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.



The annual presentation of the Christmas story by our youth, including the collection of canned goods for neighbors in need, is a long-standing tradition at DCPC. It has gone by many names and has taken many forms, but at its heart it is a

Minute for Mission

Caring for the Caregiver Class

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Today's prayer for illumination is a body prayer. When invited, please join the person speaking in doing the motions of the prayer.

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.**

Thanksgiving for Ministry

Peter Henry

Reading from the Bible

Luke 2: 1-7

Unison Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

All: The Bible calls us to rejoice, O God. So we shout our "hoorays" and sing our "thank yous." For all of the reasons we have to praise you; for the many ways we know we are loved, thank you. All-giving God, the greatest gift has already been given, and nothing can match it. All we can do is try to live as your son lived; to shine our light into a dark world, to share the gift of love and to let others know they are not alone. Hooray, indeed. We rejoice! We pray for courage to do those things, as our gifts to the Christ Child, this Christmas season and every day.

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.

Offering

Today we are collecting donations of non-perishable food items for Nourish Up, a local food bank and one of our mission partners. Members of our youth group will come up the aisles and collect those food items. Please pass them to the center or side for collection.

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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.