



DAVIDSON COLLEGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

8:45/11:00 a.m.

Epiphany

January 7, 2024

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Yesterday, January 6, was Epiphany. It was the earliest of the Christian holidays to celebrate the birth of Jesus. It was originally a day to remember the birth and baptism of Jesus, as well as the revelation of God's light to the Gentiles through the visit of the Magi. Christmas did not arrive as a separate holiday until the 300s CE, several centuries after the birth of Jesus.

The banners in the Chapel and Sanctuary represent our international partnerships with the Sigona Presbyterian Church in Kenya and the Kilambe communities in Nicaragua. An identical banner is in their worship spaces. Learn more about our partnerships at our website or use this QR code.



Prelude (8:45)
(11:00)

Fairest Lord Jesus
Beautiful Savior

Don Phillips
F. Melius Christiansen

*Call to Worship

One: Arise, shine; for your light has come!

All: The glory of God has risen upon us.

One: Tell the good news throughout the earth:

All: The saving grace of Jesus Christ is for all.

One: Come and adore the Savior of the nations.

All: We offer the gifts of our lives to the Lord.

*Hymn 145

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

*Prayer of Confession

All: God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and pour out the gifts of your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

Please continue your prayers in silence.

*Declaration of Love

One: The mercy of the Lord is like rain, like showers that water the earth. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Song of Praise

Halle, Halle, Halle

HALLE, HALLE

All Sing:

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

*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

Use this QR code to fill out the online friendship pad.



Prayer for Illumination

All: Holy One, giver of all light, lift up our hearts and minds to Christ, the morning star that never fades. By the light of your Holy Spirit reveal to us your saving Word and lead us to offer our lives to you in service and in love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Time with Children

Anthem (11:00) Sing We Now of Christmas Mark Schweizer
Sing we now of Christmas, Noel sing we here. Lift our grateful praises to the child so dear. Angels called to shepherds, "Leave your flocks at rest; Journey forth to Bethl'hem, find the baby blest." "Glory to God," the angel voices tell. In the stall they found him; Joseph and Mary mild, Seated 'round the manger, watching the holy child. Sent from the Father now with us to dwell, From the eastern country came the kings afar, Bearing gifts to Bethl'hem, guided by a star. Costliest treasure for Emmanuel, Sing we now of Christmas, sing we all Noel!

Scripture

Matthew 2: 1-12

Sermon

Magi-cal Thinking

Peter Henry

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Offering

Offertory

Light of the World Daigle, Duncan, Mabury

*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

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

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All are welcome to receive communion. There is a gluten-free option, and our juice is non-alcoholic.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is truly right and our joy to give you thanks, O God...
One God, now and forever. Amen.

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

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn 150 As with Gladness Men of Old DIX

*Benediction

*Postlude (8:45) We Three Kings of Orient Are Ron Bound
(11:00) Fugue in C Major Dietrich Buxtehude

If you are interested in learning more about our technology ministries, please contact David Brinson (dbrinson@dcp.c.org). If you are able to operate a mouse or a joystick, you would be perfect. You can sign up by using this link or the QR code below



Worship Leaders	
Preacher – Peter Henry	
Liturgists – Robert Alexander, Genny Bosak (8:45), and Mary Muchane (11:00)	
Musicians – David Brinson, Sarah Allred, Geneva Choir (8:45), and Chancel Choir (11:00)	
Sound, Technology and Livestream: Ben Slay, Bill Hatfield (8:45) and Fahad Fridausi (11:00).	

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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 Care for infants through kindergarten is available in room 14 weekly from 8:30 am – Noon. A comfort room is available in Room 15 for nursing, napping babies, and hearing the 11 am service on WDAV.

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. We also have Bluetooth capability. If you need assistance, please see a worship leader.

Pew Cushions

A limited number of pew cushions are available for worshipers with back issues. They are at the entrances to the worship spaces.

Narthex Bathrooms

The bathrooms in the narthex (the entry way from the campus, at the back of the sanctuary) are all-gender bathrooms.