



DAVIDSON COLLEGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

8:45 a.m.

5th Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

The tall colorful banners in the Sanctuary and Chapel 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.



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Prelude

*Call to Worship

One: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

All: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

One: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

All: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

One: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

All: He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

*Hymn 239 Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing GELOBT SEI

Prayer of Confession

All: Loving God, you call us to your merciful, gracious love, freely given without expectation or strings attached, like the unconditional love of a bridegroom. While we are eager to experience your mercy and grace in our own lives, we are quick to make our extension of your mercy and grace conditional for others, holding court in our own hearts. We would rather show mercy to those we judge worthy, forgetting the new commandment to love as you have loved us. We would rather extend grace to those who will show us grace in return, missing the trustworthy and true nature of your boundless forgiveness. Forgive us, Redeeming God. And transform our hearts with your amazing grace and unconditional love so that our relationships and your world are transformed.

Please continue your prayers in silence.

Declaration of Love

One: Behold: The former things have passed away, and God's grace flows like a river of new life. Friends, hear the good news: through the grace of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! You are made anew!

All: Thanks be to God!

Please use this QR code to make an online gift to support our ministries. This last winter, your giving enabled DCPC, with other partners, to host 142 guests for Room in the Inn. You provided a safe place when our unhoused neighbors needed it most, including at least one expecting mother.



We are invited to make an offering in response to God's grace and love and to Jesus' call to care for one another. Our offerings include things that can be counted and measured, but also prayer, our time and other gifts. The ritual of passing offering plates, and touching them as they pass, is not just a way to collect money from those who give in worship. It is also a reminder that we are all able to give something,

Song of Praise Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks ALLELUIA NO. 1
**All: Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.
Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.**

*Passing of the Peace

One: If we are in Christ, we are one with Christ and Christ is with us.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

All: Gracious and Loving God, as you once declared, "See, I am making all things new." So now, through your Holy Spirit, open our hearts and minds to your transforming word in Scripture. Grant us a new vision of the height, depth, and breadth of your trustworthy and true love, that we may be inspired to live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, reflecting the new creation you have begun in us. Amen.

Time with Children

All Sing:
Praise the Risen Savior singing: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the Risen Savior singing: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Scripture Acts 11:1-10

Scripture Acts 11:11-18

Sermon Nobody Likes Changes John Ryan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Sacrament of Baptism

The Apostles' Creed (see pg. 17 of the hymnal)

Prayer over the Water and the Lord's Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

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

**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**

whether that is financially online or by the sharing of our time and talents.

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.

*Hymn 250 In the Bulb There Is a Flower PROMISE

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer
Our prayer today includes the following call and response:
One: O God of love,
All: **Raise us to new life in Christ.**

Offertory He’s the Lily of the Valley William S. Hays

*Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow LASST UNS
All: **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*Prayer of Dedication

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD
INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn 238 Thine Is the Glory JUDAS MACCABEUS

*Benediction

*Postlude

Worship Leaders
Preacher – John Ryan Liturgists – Caitlyn Zold and William Lee Musicians – David Brinson, Sarah Allred, Geneva Choir Greeters – Bev Mitchell Tech – Bill Hatfield, Kline Pepper and Ben Slay

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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. 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.

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