



## DAVIDSON COLLEGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### **Blessed with a Privilege and Mission: Campus Ministry at Davidson College Presbyterian Church**

*Inspired by a rich history, a vibrant current ministry, and a vision for new and exciting possibilities, an initiative is underway to sustainably fund Presbyterian (USA) ministry to the campus of Davidson College.*

#### **An invitation into the life of the Church**

*"At Davidson, faith and reason work together in mutual respect and benefit toward growth in learning, understanding, and wisdom."  
Davidson College Statement of Purpose*

For many students, college is a formative time for exploring novel ideas in the classroom, considering vocational opportunities, and making crucial decisions about their values. Offering opportunities to consider and renew their faith is critical to the development of the whole person. Davidson College Presbyterian Church (DCPC), through its UKirk campus ministry program, invites Davidson students into the life of the Presbyterian Church and encourages them to explore, develop and deepen their relationship with God.

DCPC is a faithful and engaged PC(USA) congregation located on the campus of Davidson College, an institution rooted in the Reformed Tradition with a distinguished history of cultivating clergy and lay leaders. With support from a loving congregation, Presbyterian campus ministry at Davidson is led by a DCPC associate pastor who provides pastoral care, inspiration, leadership development, support with vocational discernment, and connections between spirituality and community.

#### **Uniquely positioned**

*"We are a PC(USA) congregation in the heart of Davidson, NC committed to being a witness for Jesus Christ on the corner of the Davidson College campus and the community of Davidson."  
DCPC Statement of Purpose*

Davidson UKirk is the only PC(USA) affiliated ministry offered to Davidson students. It is distinctive as an inclusive, welcoming community of faith with theologically sophisticated programming and deep connections to a multigenerational congregation.

Many alumni will remember when the Davidson College Chaplain ministered directly to Presbyterian students on campus. The Chaplain is now responsible for addressing the breadth of student spiritual interests. Davidson UKirk is one of sixteen different student religious groups supported by the Chaplain's Office, most of which draw funding from sources outside the College.

## Answering a call

*"The inclusive, theologically educated, and biblically grounded perspective that PC(USA) campus ministry brings to the overall religious and spiritual landscape at Davidson is deeply needed."*

*Rob Spach '84, Davidson College Chaplain*

DCPC's campus ministry position has grown from being a part-time, sometimes shared position, to a full-time post led by an ordained minister. With assistance from short term grants, campus ministry has flourished, but a more sustainable funding model is needed.

As we imagine a ministry that is well resourced and forward looking, DCPC and Davidson College alumni and friends are coming together to ensure durable funding for a full-time, ordained Associate Pastor for Campus Ministry position. The goal of this shared venture is a \$1.5 million endowment which will supplement the church's contributions through its annual budget. The DCPC Session has specified campus ministry as a mission component of its current Opening Doors capital campaign, with a target of \$750,000 towards the endowment goal. Alumni leaders and committed friends are conducting a parallel campaign to raise a matching \$750,000.

### **If not here and now, then where and when?**

*"How are you raising up the next generation of leaders for the church through the campus ministry? Because that's what we need. We need DCPC to find and nurture the heck out of people who will keep the church alive in the next couple decades and transform it."*

*Betsy Lyles Swetenburg '11, Pastor, Northridge Presbyterian Church, Dallas TX.*

It is our privilege to be a community of faith occupying the corner of the Davidson College campus, sharing God's love with those who come there to learn and grow. Our leadership team is eager to talk with you about being a part of this vision through your personal gift, your connections to others who may be inspired by our mission, and your ideas about how we might further engage alumni in support of our students. Will you join us as we call students into transformative lives of worshipping, learning, serving, loving and giving, seeking to realize God's vision for the world?

For more information, visit [www.dpc.org/campus-ministry-endowment-fund](http://www.dpc.org/campus-ministry-endowment-fund) or contact Ann Browning at [annhbrowning@aol.com](mailto:annhbrowning@aol.com)

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