DAVIDSON COLLEGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service for the Lord's Day

11:00 a.m. | Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost | October 18, 2026

The banners in the Sanctuary and Chapel represent DCPC's international partnerships with the Sigona Presbyterian Church in Kenya and the Kilambe communities in Nicaragua. Identical banners are in their worship spaces. Learn more about our partnerships at our website or use this QR code.

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Gathering around the Word

Prelude — Trio in a — Gottfried Heinrich Stölzel

* Call to Worship

One: The leaves may fall and the fields grow bare,
All: but the faithfulness of our God is forever.
One: The temperatures may drop and the seasons change,
All: but the warmth of God's love never fades.
One: Fads come and trends go,
All: but Jesus is our North Star. Let us worship God.

* Hymn 767 — Together We Serve — SAN ANSELMO

* Prayer of Confession

All: God of love, every day we make choices, some that are faithful and some that are not. With words and actions, online and in-person, with what we say and do and with what we do not say and do, we are declaring which god we follow. Help us to follow Jesus, who was faithful in his choices and invites us to the same. Enable us to always choose love and kindness, which is the way of Jesus.

Please continue your prayers in silence.

Declaration of Love

One: Hear the good news! It may be that we have sometimes turned away from God and toward other things that seek our attention and our loyalty. The good news is that God has never turned away from us. From the beginning, in Jesus, God chose you.
All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Response of Praise, Hymn 659 — MUNGU NI MWEMA

All Sing:

Mungu ni mwema, mungu ni mwema,
mungu ni mwema, ni mwema, ni mwema
Know that God is good. Know that God is good.
Know that God is good. God is good. God is good.

Summary of the Law

One: Our Lord Jesus said:
All: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.
One: This is the greatest and first commandment.
All: And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbor as yourself.
One: On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Use this QR Code to go to a document which contains all of our current Sign-Up Links for things like worship greeting and ushering, event registrations, service opportunities and more.

We are invited to make an offering in response to God's grace and love and to Jesus' call to care for one another.

Scan here to send a prayer request.

* Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

Minutes for Mission — The Common Good — Jon Ridgway

Day of Service — Lisa Combs

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Our prayer for illumination is a body prayer. The prayer leader will teach you the hand motions.

Time with Children

All Sing:

Come into God's presence singing "Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia."

Scripture — Matthew 4: 1-11

After each reading

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Musical Offering — Serve the Lord — Rollo Dilworth

Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before his presence with singing, glorious singing. Praise the Lord, O praise ye the Lord. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Know that the Lord is God. It is he that hath made us. We are the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and praise: give thanks and bless his name. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below. Praise him, above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Scripture — Joshua 24: 1-15

Sermon — You Do You — Peter Henry

Responding to the Word

* Hymn — How Deep the Father's Love for Us — Stuart Townsend

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Our prayers of the people today includes the following musical refrain. The prayer leader will offer a short, spoken petition, followed by a brief time of instrumental music for silent, personal prayer. At the end of that time, the music will invite you to join in singing the refrain. As we begin, the choir will sing it one time for us, we will sing it together, and then we will begin the series of petitions and refrains.

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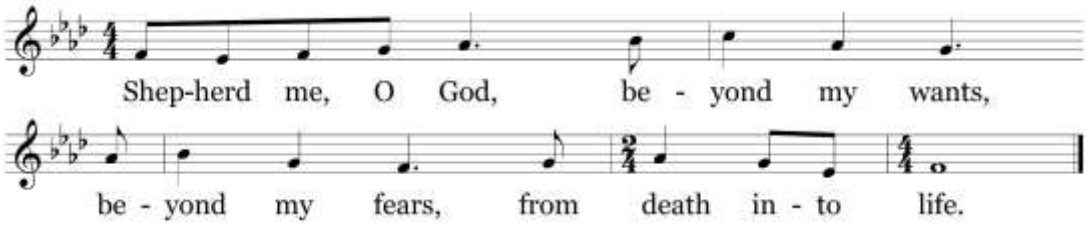
Small Groups of the Week

Mahjongg Join members and friends for monthly mahjongg in the Parlor on the first Thursday of each month from 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. Experienced and beginning players welcome. Contact Susan Frankum for more information.

Grief Group The DCPC pastors lead a 6-week grief group each quarter. Using the book "Good Grief," the pastors facilitate conversation around important topics and moments as we mourn our loved ones. Contact John Ryan (jryan@dcpc.org), our pastor leading the fall group, for more information.



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.

Offertory — Organ Hymn — Raymond Haan

* Doxology, Hymn 605 — 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

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

* Hymn 749 — Come, Live in the Light — WE ARE CALLED

* Benediction

* Postlude — Come, Christians, Join to Sing — Carolyn Hamlin

Today's Worship Leaders:

Preaching – Peter Henry

Liturgists – Deborah Conner, Susan Manning, Jon Ridgway, Lisa Combs

Musicians – David Brinson, Sarah Lynch, Chancel Choir

Greeters – Janet Webb

Ushers – Gordon Barber

Technology – Terry Pardue, Ben Slay

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Childcare & Children's Sunday School

Childcare for ages 0-6 is available on the lower level, room 14, every Sunday 9:45-11:15 a.m. during the summer. A comfort room is available in room 15 for nursing or a break from the worship service (for adult and child) with a livestream of the worship service.

Children's Sunday School (for ages 0 and up) resumes on September 13th at 9:45 a.m.

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

Pew cushions are available near each entrance for our worshipers with back issues.

Narthex Bathrooms

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

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