



DAVIDSON COLLEGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service for the Lord's Day

11:00 a.m.

Reformation Sunday

October 25, 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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This fall, as we have followed the Narrative Lectionary, we have moved from stories about Abraham to King David. A biblical timeline is at the end of the bulletin.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Prelude on "Hyfrydol"

Linker/McFadden

* Call to Worship

One: We gather here to worship God.

All: We are here, with heart, soul and mind.

One: We gather here as Christ's body.

All: We are neighbors, learning how to love each other.

One: The Holy Spirit gathers us in to be sent out again.

All: We are here to worship and to be transformed.

One: Let us worship the Triune God!

* Hymn 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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Prayer of Confession

All: Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you. In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have. I am poor; you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; you are upright. With me, there is an abundance of sin; in you is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore I will remain with you, of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give. Martin Luther (1483-1546)

Please continue your prayers in silence.

Declaration of Love

One: Hear the good news!

All: The grace of God is deeper than our failures. The mercy of Christ is wider than our fear. The Spirit continues to renew the church and call the world toward life. In Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and sent again as a covenantal Communion. 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.**

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



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 middle hymn was written in celebration of the 70th anniversary of the ordination of the first female minister, the Rev. Margaret Towner, in what became the PC(USA), our denomination

To learn more about our banners today, use this code.



- * Passing of the Peace
One: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

The Common Good

Cecil Clifton

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

All: **Holy God, by the power of your Spirit, help us meditate on your law and commandments. As your Word is read today, help us be fully present – heart, soul, and mind – and show us your way of love. Amen.**

Time with Children

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

Scripture

2 Samuel 6:12-23

After each reading

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Scripture

Romans 12:9-21

Sermon

Be Like Melanchthon

John Ryan

Responding to the Word

- * Hymn O God, We Give Thanks for Brave Women of Old Carolyn Gillette
The lyrics to this hymn will be on the screens.

Commissioning of Hurricane Relief Team

Robert Alexander, Ann Brindisi, Steve D'Erasmus, Mark DiPietro, Bill Hatfeld Eric and Nancy Johnson, Kim Morrison, Greg Moton, Beth Succop, and Wayne Utley.

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

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

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

Michael Larkin

Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin; from earth born passion set me free, and make me pure within. Lord Jesus, think on me, with many cares oppressed; let me thy loving servant be, and taste your promised rest. Lord Jesus, think on me, nor let me go astray; through darkness and perplexity point thou the heavenly way. Lord

Small Groups of the Week

New Parent Group

Our new Sunday evening parent group starts November 1. Register on realm or by calling the church office. It's a great place to get connected, find support in parenting, and be encouraged in raising faith-filled children! Child care is available and it is during the children's choir and youth group time (5:00 – 6:30). Signup on Realm; contact Jenny Alexander (jalexander@dcpc.org) for more information.

UKirk Campus Ministry

UKirk is the PC(USA) campus ministry for Davidson College students. We meet weekly for a homecooked meal, fellowship, and a program ranging from Bible study to worship and game nights. 7:00 p.m. on Mondays in the DCPC Student Center. Contact Caitlyn Zold (czold@dcpc.org) for more information

Jesus, think on me, that when my life is past, I may the eternal brightness see and share thy joy at last.

* 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 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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Welcome of New Members (*Names are listed in the announcement insert*)

Benediction

* Postlude

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

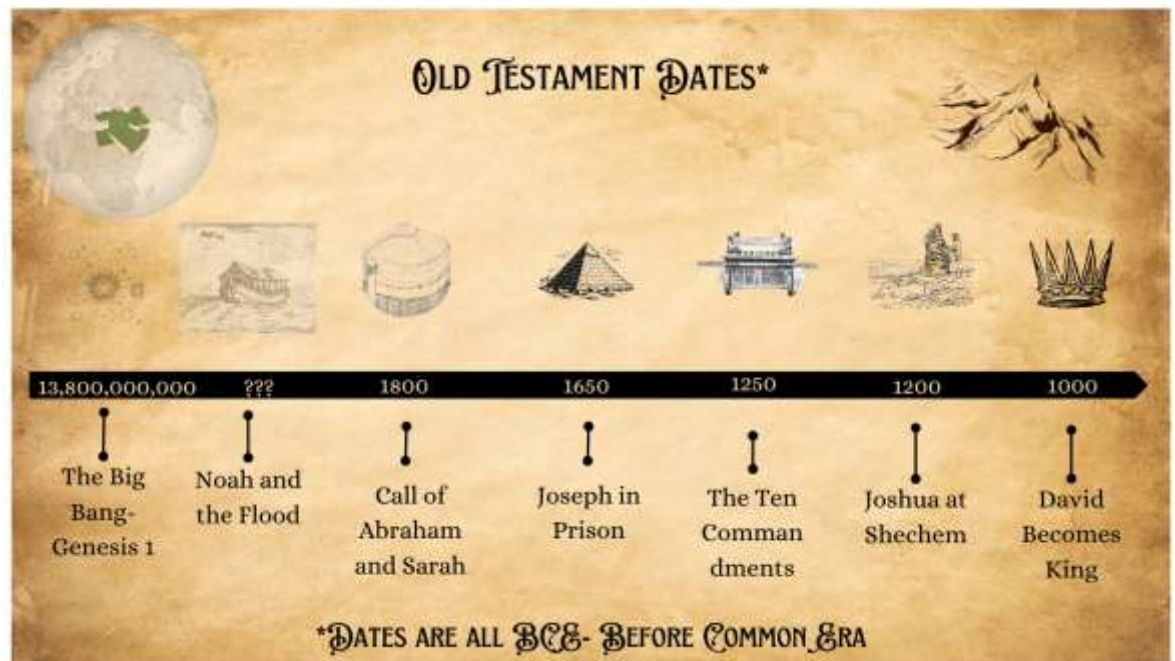
J.G. Walter

Today's Worship Leaders:

Preaching – Susan Manning, Mary and Mur Muchane, John Ryan

Liturgists – Caitlyn Zold, Cecil Clifton, Alex Rankin

Musicians – David Brinson, Sarah Lynch, Chancel Choir



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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.

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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