



Davidson College Presbyterian Church
and
Davidson Presbyterian Church



10:00 a.m.

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2026

The banners in the Sanctuary 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.

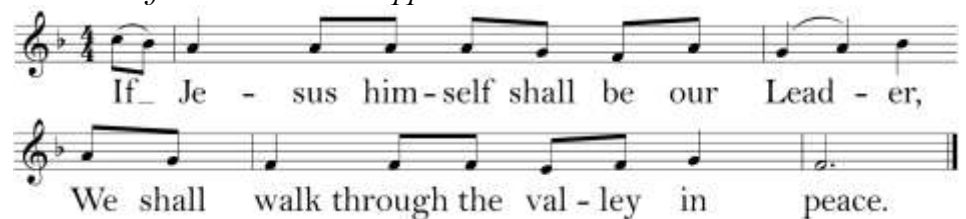


Your bulletin includes a small slip of paper on which you can write down any prayer joys or concerns. An usher will come down the side aisles during the announcements to collect those slips of paper. Please pass the slips down the row to the ends. If yours is not read in worship or abbreviated for time, it will be raised in various settings at DPC and DCPC throughout the week.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

- * Call to Worship We Shall Walk through the Valley A.L. Hatter
The combined choirs of DPC and DCPC will be leading our call to worship this morning. The text is based on Psalm 23. The choir will sing the refrain below and then the conductor will invite the congregation to sing it. Following that, the choir will sing a verse and the congregation will be invited by the conductor to respond using that same refrain. This will happen three times.



- * Hymn 839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine! ASSURANCE

Prayer of Confession

All: Spirit of the Living God, your fruit includes love, peace, patience, and kindness, but we are a divided, hateful people. We turn to violent means and violent words to settle our disputes. We are impatient with each other and fail to honor your commandment to love. Our idols fascinate and distract us from your rightful path. Forgive us and turn us from our sinful ways. Set us free in Jesus Christ.

Please continue your prayers in silence.

Declaration of Love

One: Hear the good news. Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ Jesus, who died for us, rose for us, reigns in power for us and prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone, the new life has begun. Be at peace and know you are forgiven.

All: Alleluia! Amen!

Response of Praise, Hymn 600

AMEN

All Sing 2 times:

Amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.

* Passing of the Peace

One: The Apostle Paul says that to the extent it is up to us, we should live peaceably with all. It starts with the peace that Jesus gives. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

We are invited to make an offering in response to God's grace and love and to Jesus' call to care for one another. Today's offering will go to the Ada Jenkins Center in West Davidson, a mission partner of both DPC and DCPC.



Our affirmation of faith comes from the PC(USA)'s Book of Confessions (BoC). It emerged during the apartheid years of South Africa and was added to our BoC in 2016. About this confession the BoC says: "The Uniting Reformed Church of Southern Africa (URCSA), the church that succeeded the Dutch Reformed Mission Church after apartheid, has offered the Confession of Belhar to the global Reformed family as a gift, believing that the themes of unity, reconciliation, and justice issue a call from God to the whole church toward holy action, transformation, and life."

Welcome and Announcements

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

All: Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Time with Children

JESUS LOVE ME

All Sing:

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

* Scripture Deuteronomy 6: 1-9 and Leviticus 19:18b

After each reading

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

* Scripture Luke 10: 25-37

Sermon

You Say You Want a Revolution

Rodney Sadler

Responding to the Word

* Hymn 649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound *Columbian Harmony*

* Affirmation of Faith The Confession of Belhar Section 10.5

All: We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells; that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world;

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.

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



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.



Offertory

*Time is filled with swift transition,
naught of earth unmoved can stand;
Build your hopes on things eternal,
hold to God's unchanging hand!*

*Hold to his hand,
God's unchanging hand!
Build your hopes on things eternal,
hold to God's unchanging hand!*

*Trust in Him who will not leave you,
whatsoever years may bring;*

Hold to God's Unchanging Hand

*If by earthly friends forsaken,
still more closely to Him cling.*

*Covet not this world's vain riches
that so rapidly decay;
Seek to gain the heav'nly treasures,
they will never pass away!*

*When your journey is completed,
if to God you have been true,
fair and bright the home in glory,
your enraptured soul will view!*

Jennie Wilson

* Doxology, No. 606

OLD 100th

All Sing:

**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. Amen**

* Prayer of Dedication

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

* Hymn 306

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

* Benediction and Postlude

Our guest preacher today is the Rev. Dr. Rodney Sadler. Rodney is an Associate Professor of Bible and Director of the Center for Social Justice and Reconciliation at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte, NC. He is a graduate of Howard University and Howard University School of Divinity and has a Ph.D. in Hebrew Bible and biblical archaeology from Duke University. He is an ordained Baptist minister who has served in pastoral supply roles at several Presbyterian congregations. Rodney will return to DCPC this fall to teach the Jubilee class on September 27.

Today's Worship Leaders:

Preaching – Rodney Sadler

Liturgists – Ryan Atkinson, Art Gooray, Peter Henry, Barbara Wilson

Musicians – David Brinson, Sarah Lynch, Mitzi Nelson, the combined choirs of Davidson Presbyterian Church and Davidson College Presbyterian Church.

Greeters – Ann Pardue

Ushers – John Byer, Odessa Cunningham, Steve Donnell, Doug Fitzpatrick, Stanley Jordan, Gus and Beth Succop

Technology- Bill Hatfield, Terry Pardue, Ben Slay

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

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