

11:00 a.m.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

The banners in the Chapel and Sanctuary represent our international partnerships with the Sigona Presbyterian Church in Kenya and the Kilambe communities in Nicaragua. An identical banner is in their worship spaces. Learn more about our partnerships at our website or use this QR code.



Our sanctuary decorations continue to highlight the season of Easter, with white paraments (cloth in the pulpit and lectern, our flowering tree and the colorful flowers from our preschoolers.

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



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude Enigma Variations IX Nimrod Edward Elgar

* Call to Worship

One: In a world with noise to spare,

All: we can find peace in the presence of God.

One: In a world with opinions to share,

All: we can find counsel through the Spirit of God.

One: In a world that clamors for us to like and follow,

All: we find a savior worth loving and following in Jesus.

One: For all that we receive and know through the One who loves us,

All: let us worship God.

* Hymn 366 Love Divine All Loves Excelling HYFRYDOL

Prayer of Confession

All: We come to you in the season of Easter, O God. A time when we talk about the fullness of life in you. Yet our minds are easily distracted as we seek after things that are temporary, rather than eternal. Our world tempts us to follow after vanity, and we often see ourselves as falling far short in the process. So we despair and we languish. Forgive us, O God, for focusing on the wrong things. Help us to see where you are at work, in our lives and in the lives of others. Inspire us to join in the abiding work of love.

Please continue your prayers in silence.

Declaration of Love

One: Whatever judgment the world has rendered, there is one Advocate and one Judge: the Spirit brings us into the presence of Jesus, who says we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

Response of Praise, Hymn 240

ALLELUIA NO.1

All Sing:

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.

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We are invited to make an offering in response to God's grace and love and to Jesus' call to care for one another. You can use the QR code or place your offering in an offering plate.



Today we say farewell and ask God's blessing upon Davidson College seniors who have been part of the life of DCPC during their time at Davidson. From being part of our campus ministry, UKirk, to serving in our preschool, providing childcare, playing in our bell choir and more, Davidson students make a difference at DCPC. We are grateful that we were able to be part of their lives during these last four years.

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

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Planned Giving

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

All: O Holy Spirit, put the world on mute for a moment. Silence our lives and help us to block the things that distract us. Stop our doom scrolling and focus us on the word of life Jesus brings, that we might be signs of life in him. Amen.

Time with Children Come into His Presence Singing

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

Scripture John 14: 1-14

After each reading

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Musical Offering Ain-a That Good News William Dawson

*I got a crown up in-a that kingdom, Ain-a that good news!
I'm-a gonna lay down this world, gonna shoulder up-a my cross.
Gonna take it home-a to my Jesus, Ain-a that good news!
I got a robe up in-a that kingdom...
I got a Savior in-a that kingdom...*

Scripture John 14: 15-31

Sermon The Right Filter Peter Henry

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* Hymn 624 I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art TOULON

Celebration of Graduating Davidson College Seniors

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Our prayer today includes the following call and response.

One: Our Advocate and Friend,

All: renew us in hope.

We welcome new members Anna Fritz, Carol Fritz, Gary Fritz, Kelly Jensen, Amanda Kusters, Sam Kusters, Andrew Murphy, Chris Weekes, and Sarah Weekes.

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.



The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) practices infant baptism, wherein parents present their children for baptism. Those children are invited to make their own profession of faith, called confirmation, often around the end of middle school or the beginning of high school. Confirmation is an opportunity for students to focus on what it means to be called to follow Jesus Christ, culminating in a

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 I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry WATERLIFE

* Doxology, No. 609 LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All Sing:

**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 543 God Be the Love to Search and Keep Me GREEN TYLER

Welcome of New Members

* Benediction

Worship Leaders

Preaching – Peter Henry
Liturgists – Deborah Conner, Elizabeth-Ann Wieber, Caitlyn Zold
Musicians – David Brinson, Sarah Lynch, Chancel Choir, Penelope Hobbie ('26)
Greeters – Margo Alfieri, Sue Farina, Bev Mitchell
Ushers – Ann Alves, Lewis Barber, John Byer, Joel Ritchie
Technology- Rich Byrd, 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
Children are invited to Sunday School, 9:45-10:45 a.m. Come hear Bible stories, make friends, have fun, and learn! Classes for infants through Preschool are on the lower level. Children in TK/Kindergarten through fifth grade are on the upper level. Please check in at a kiosk prior to drop off to receive name tags.
Childcare for ages 0-6 is available in room 14 weekly from 8:15 am – 12:15 p.m. A comfort room is available in Room 13 for nursing, napping babies with a live stream of worship.

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.