DAVIDSON COLLEGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service for the Lord's Day

11:00 a.m. November 8, 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.

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude — Passacaglia in g minor — G.F. Handel

* Call to Worship

One: Votes were cast and leaders will vacate offices.
All: Yet God remains the same.
One: Policies may change and parties may adapt.
All: Yet God remains the same.
One: Hopefully we all become more like Jesus.
All: His mercy and grace remain the same. Let us worship God.

* Hymn 610 — O for a Thousand Tongues — AZMON

Prayer of Confession

All: Forgive us, Lord Jesus, for wanting you to dislike our enemies as much as we do. Have mercy on us for wanting you to curse others as we do. Grace is a good thing, as long as it is for us, at least that is the way we seem to think. Forgive us. Your arms are open wide. Ours should be the same.

Please continue your prayers in silence.

Declaration of Love

One: There is some good news. Jesus most definitely does not view you and your actions the same way you want him to view others. He forgives you, just as he has forgiven them. Hold tight to that promise: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Response of Praise, Hymn 658, v. 1 — GOD IS SO GOOD

All Sing:
God is so good; God is so good; God is so good; God's so good to me.

* Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

All: Come, Holy Spirit, and help us to hear something other than the noise of this world. Help us to listen for your still, small voice, calling us to live like Jesus. Amen.

Time with Children

All Sing:
Come and see, come and see. I am the way and the truth, said he. Follow me, follow me. Come as a child, O come and see.

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

Fall is a season of change and new hope; take a moment to look at the leaves in our worship spaces the children of our church FF classes and our preschool created, some with messages of thanksgiving. Our community of faith is strengthened by the creativity and joy our children share with us.

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.

Scripture Luke 4:16-30

After each reading

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Musical Offering Sometimes a Light Surprises Craig Courtney

"Sometime a light surprises the child of God who sings; it is the Lord who rises with healing in his wings; when comforts are declining, he grants the soul again a season of clear shining to cheer it after rain. In holy contemplation, we sweetly then pursue the theme of God's salvation and find it ever new; set free from present sorrow, we cheerfully can say, "Let the unknown tomorrow bring with it what it may." It can bring with it nothing but he will bear us through; who gives the lilies clothing will clothe his people, too; beneath the spreading heavens no creature but is fed; and he who feeds the ravens will give his children bread. Though vine nor fig tree neither their longed-for fruit should bear, though all the fields should wither, nor flocks nor herds be there, yet God the same abiding, his praise shall tune my voice; for while in him confiding, I cannot but rejoice."

Scripture 2 Kings 5:1-15a

Sermon (Not So) Funny Family History Peter Henry

Responding to the Word

* Hymn 435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy IN BABILONE

Sacrament of Baptism

Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

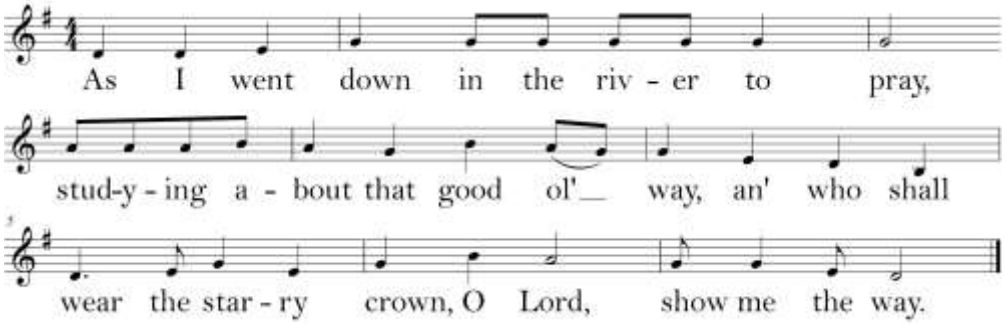
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

As we pray, you are invited to sing the response below. We will sing this two times to begin and once in between prayer petitions.

All Sing:



Small Groups of the Week

Shalom This group for women meets on Mondays from 10-11 a.m. in the Parlor for study and fellowship. Contact Donna Hatfield for more information.

Grief Group The DCPC pastors lead a 5-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. This group meets Nov. 10, 17, 24 and Dec. 1 and 8 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 209. You can register on Realm.

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 — Consolation no. 3 — Franz Liszt

* Doxology, Hymn 37 — DA N'ASE

All Sing:

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.

* Prayer of Dedication

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

* Hymn 832 — Here on Jesus Christ — KWAKE YESU

* Benediction

* Postlude — Postludium — Ernõ Dohnanyi

Today's Worship Leaders:

Preaching – Peter Henry

Liturgists – John Ryan, Ben Council, Caitlyn Zold, Elyse Stevenson

Musicians –Sarah Lynch, the Chancel Choir, Andrew Murphy

Greeters – Marjorie Burris, Jennie Clifton, Judy Grissom, Bev Mitchell, Sharon Quimby, Janet Webb

Ushers – Ann Alves, John Byer, Jane McLean

Technology – Rich Byrd, Ben Slay

The Bibles in our pews are the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV), originally produced in 1989 as an update to the 1952 Revised Standard Version (RSV). The pastors and readers are now using the New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition (NRSVue) in worship. Published in 2021, the NRSVue incorporates new manuscript discoveries, particularly for the Hebrew Bible, and the latest insights from biblical scholarship. It features clearer, more inclusive language and greater cultural sensitivity compared to prior versions, with over 12,000 substantive revisions to the original NRSV.

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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

Childcare for ages 0-6 is available on the lower level, room 14, every Sunday during worship hours. 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.

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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